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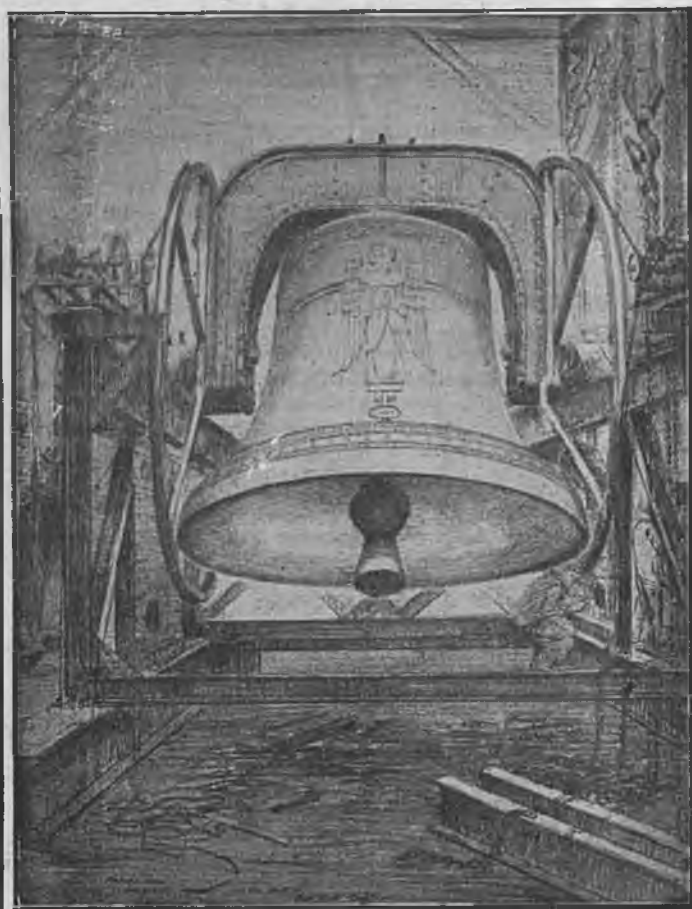
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THE FUTURE.

Our first privilege and pleasure at the opening of the New Year is to wish all our readers health, happiness and prosperity throughout 1931. In the depression and gloom which spread over the year that has just closed many ringers, unfortunately, shared, and the prevailing industrial conditions have hit them severely. We hope that for all the members of the Exercise who have thus suffered and for their families the coming year will bring a speedy return to better fortune and a brighter future.

Broadly surveyed, the year 1930 was no less progressive from a ringing point of view than its predecessor, although in some respects the general condition of affairs throughout the country and the financial straits of many ringers have restricted their participation in the art in various directions. We hope, however, that the 'turning course' has been reached and that with returning prosperity they will soon be able to participate as fully in ringing as their hearts desire.

Except for the lessons that may be learned from it, there is little to be gained from a contemplation of the past. It will serve a better purpose if we look to the future and plan for the days to come. Ringers, individually, and as bands and associations, can do this, and there is useful work at hand in all directions. The determination to progress and to make, and not to wait for, the opportunities to advance; the filling of gaps where companies are not up to full strength; the widening of the scope of methods practised; more efficient service ringing; more regular practice; more loyalty to one's association or guild. These are some of the ways in which ringers can help. There is room for improvement everywhere; let 1931 see a determination made and acted on to effect it.

And while all this is being done, what about the social side? Sometimes we wonder whether ringers make enough of this phase of their association one with another. It is usually in those districts where ringers enjoy fraternal intercourse outside as well as inside the tower that the relations are happiest and the wheels of progress turn fastest. Those who know nothing of the social side of ringing, have missed half the pleasure which the art can provide. The man whose only connection with the Exercise is to rush into the belfry, ring and rush off again, may find a satisfaction in his achievement at the rope-end, but he does not enter fully into the pleasures which ringing can give, and which are got from the more intimate association with kindred spirits by a half-hour spent, after ringing, over a cup of coffee or a glass of something more potent, or by rubbing shoulders with

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scores of others like minded at one or other of the great gatherings held from time to time in various parts of the country. Let one of the new year's resolutions be an endeavour on the part of all to extend the fraternal spirit among ringers outside as well as inside the belfry, and the art, as well as the brotherhood of the Exercise, will be the better for it in the days to come.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5807 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
CHARLES MEE 2	HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	JOHN W. WARD 9
PERCY MAY 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 10
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 11
GEORGE A. FLEMING 6	* CHARLES CLARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal on twelve bells, and hails from Grundisburgh. Mr. J. W. Ward belongs to Melbourn, Cambs.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES;

HARRY PHELPS Treble	FRANK COLE 7
JESSE GILLET 2	WILLIAM HALE 8
WILLIAM IERLAND 3	ALFRED HANNIS 9
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	GEORGE CONDICK 10
JOHN AUSTIN 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	HAROLD BIRT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a golden wedding peal for Mr. Thomas Wright, who has been a member of the Painswick Youths for 52 years, also to celebrate Mr. W. Hale's 50 years as a change ringer.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
* WALTER LAGO 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal on twelve. First peal of Cinques as conductor. Rung for the Christmas festival and as a birthday peal for C. Wallater.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... 7
JAMES F. DOFFIELD 2	NOLAN F. GOLDEN 8
BERTIE J. HOUGHIN 3	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... 9
GEORGE HOUGHIN 4	FRANK H. DAVEY 10
GEORGE MAYERS 5	GEORGE BAILEY 11
* WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6	WILLIAM L. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method, except of Doubles. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the hand except the ringers of the 4th and 9th. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. H. Davey.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MRS. PATTENDEN Treble	*CYRIL W. A. BROWN 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	*WILLIAM BUTTON 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	†KENNETH PATTENDEN 8
†LOUIS HEAD 4	†STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
†FREDERICK LEESON 5	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	FRED HAWKES 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING Treble	HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 6
JOSEPH ROWELL 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 3	JESSE B. TYLER 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the building of the tower. This composition in 82 courses contains the 6th the extent (40 courses) each way in 5, 6, and contains 330 bobs and 2 singles. Mr. J. B. Tyler is from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

LESTER L. GARY Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 6
THOMAS W. GILMORE 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
JOHN WILKINSON 3	TITUS BARLOW 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT 9
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

First peal on the bells since recast and augmented from eight to ten. This is the 50th peal rung together by Messrs. H. Davenport and W. Horan. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Ensor) for his hospitality after the peal.

BECCELES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK R. BORRITT Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
CLAYTON PARNELL 2	*ERNEST BAILEY 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	†JAMES SPALDING 8
ERNEST WHITING 4	WALTER BARRETT 9
*CHARLES BAILEY 5	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Royal.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN FERRY Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	ROBERT PICKERING 7
JOSEPH PIGGOTT 3	JOHN C. ADAMS 8
SIDNEY ELTON 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 5	JOHN WARRILOW Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 6
JOHN BEAMS 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
*RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on ten tower bells. E. J. Dobbie was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. J. H. B. Hesse's 450th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR HOME Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
*HARRY ALLEN 2	JOHN WOOD 6
ERNEST RONTIER 3	EDWARD KEMP 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	LESLIE J. CLARK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE J. CLARK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*A. WATTS Treble	W. KEEBLE 5
†A. G. BARTHOLOMEW 2	G. GREEN 6
T. LINCOLN 3	P. GREEN 7
†H. E. PENNACK 4	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by W. KEEBLE.

Conducted by DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to commemorate the dedication of the lych-gate erected to the memory of the Crabb family, which took place on December 3rd.

BOW, STRATFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	ALFRED PRIOR 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

* 100th peal for the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Butler.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

IVOR DAVIES ... Treble	GEORGE COOK ... 5
HAROLD CASSELLS ... 2	ARTHUR MARTIN ... 6
PERCY JONES ... 3	ALBERT SLATTER ... 7
WILLIAM PIKE ... 4	PHILLIP TREW ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT SLATTER.

Rung to commemorate the dedication of a new organ and altar cross, which took place on December 2nd, by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth, Dr. G. C. Joyce.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

DAVID WRIGHT ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 5
HERBERT J. SKELT ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
*EDWARD G. TALBOT ... 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 7
*FRANK JENNINGS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Amos W. Clark upon his recent marriage.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY W. GRICE ... Treble	LEONARD W. JOHNSON ... 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
WILLIAM G. BROOKER ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A welcome peal to the new Rector of Seals, the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, who was inducted the previous evening. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, M.A., J.P., patron of the living and donor of three bells, and to Mr. J. W. Cotton, of the local society. The band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Cotton after the peal, and were joined by the new Rector.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 12.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 2	ALBERT H. WARD ... 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, patron of the living, and also to Miss Joan Radclyffe, his granddaughter, whose birthday falls on the same date. It was also a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, who was inducted to the living the previous evening.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	*WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 5
*THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 2	JOHN BROWN ... 6
*EDWIN JENNINGS ... 3	†JAMES MARSH ... 7
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Oxford Major. † 50th peal for the association. Rung as a 60th birthday peal to Mr. Thomas Calderbank.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
*WILLIAM FLATT ... 2	CHARLES LOOME ... 6
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
EGBERT BORRETT ... 4	WALTER BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM PARKINSON ... Treble	*FRED COLLEY ... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... 2	JOHN MYLES ... 6
*LEONARD E. BROOKES ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
NORMAN HEAPS ... 4	*JOSEPH STIMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Potter, brother of the conductor, and Amos Heaps.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	KENNETH KNOWLES ... 5
ARTHUR HAWKINS ... 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
JOHN BULLEN ... 3	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS ... 7
DONALD CLIFT ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially arranged and rung for P.C. Charles Davis, of the Metropolitan Police, who was on a visit.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN ... Treble	†ERNEST MINGAY ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*CHARLES W. BURTON ... 6
*REGINALD W. PYE ... 3	STANLEY PYE ... 7
*JOHN NASON ... 4	FREDERICK J. FLUDDER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Humm, of Feering. Mr. Humm was for many years a regular service ringer at All Saints', Feering. The peal was rung at Galleywood owing to serious illness near Feering Church, where the wedding took place on December 25th, 1880.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On December 27th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: *A. J. Boyce 1, *V. E. Swift 2, G. Winter 3, W. A. Swift 4, G. Swift 5, *H. A. Gummer (conductor) 6, F. Green 7, *L. Swift 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM COOK Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First Surprise peal as conductor. Mr. George A. Cook's 50th peal on the bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANCES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
SIDNEY W. CORDEN 2	*EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WM. WELLING.

* First attempt for a peal in this method. A peal of welcome to the Rev. A. E. McCaig, M.A., inducted as Vicar of Old Windsor by the Rural Dean.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HENRY GEORGE OWEN 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
MRS. C. C. MAYNE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

Mr. Owen's first peal in this method, and rung on the 37th anniversary of his marriage at St. John's Church, Windsor. His longest touch of Stedman was scored at Brighton 38 years ago, conducted by George Williams. He was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal of Stedman Triples.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES.

CARTER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TEN-PART, No. 81. Tenor 20 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 5
JOHN A. VAUGH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	*P. C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method, and elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM DURHAM Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*HARRY BAKER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	*THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (51). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 75th peal together. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality before and after the peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	*NELSON ELLIOTT 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 100th peal.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ALBERT E. CHEESMAN Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal of New Cambridge by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

UFFCULME, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES HUNT Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
*SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM H. COLES 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Tuesday, December 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. T. J. Roberts (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, H. L. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, H. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. Wrigley 8.—On Thursday, December 18th, at the Parish Church, for the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, H. Gassor 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis, sen., 5, H. L. Cook 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON 5
JAMES INGHAM 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
JOHN CAVANNAGH 3	JAMES PARR 7
WILLIE AARON 4	FREDERICK COCKSHOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung with 7.8 covering. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band, who are all service ringers, and the first peal of Cambridge for Blackburn Branch.

MORETON-ON-LUGG, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores, six 240's of Pitman's and five of Morris'. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*THOMAS C. DAVIES Treble	JOHN BOURNE 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	GEORGE R. HANKS 5
IVOR J. RAWLINGS 3	SIDNEY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. With the exception of the treble and third, the ropes fall within four inches of the wall, making it anything but an ideal ringing chamber.

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

On Monday, December 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
CHARLES YOUNG 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
JOHN ROWLATT 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

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

On Wednesday, December 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Treble	† ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... 4
*ERNEST DODD 2	JAMES S. REDHEAD 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	† ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

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

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY, CRAWLEY.)

On Wednesday, December 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle Surprise, London Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
*ROBERT SWIFT 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* 50th peal.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*WILLIAM GAYES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JACK TIPPER 2	ERNEST BENNETT 5
ALBERT V. REES 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty of Grandsire, with fourteen different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.)

*SIDNEY ROWE Treble	HAROLD E. BLACKER 4
†CECIL MOGFORD 2	JEFFREY TOSSELL 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	†PERCY BATH Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal, and elected a member of the association before starting.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Old Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRED ROBBINGS Treble	A. PALMER 4
*STAN REES 3	F. WILCOX 5
J. WILLIAMS 4	C. H. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN POWELL Treble	*LESLIE EVANS 4
*THOMAS E. STEAD 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE 5
CHRIS LAW 3	THOMAS G. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal. Ringers of treble, second and fourth are local men, third from Kingsland, and fifth and tenor from Kimbolton.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY 4
JAMES WATTERSON 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

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On Saturday, December 20, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Primrose, London, Wells, Cambridge, Ipswich, and Norwich. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. BLACK Treble	WILLIAM ROSE 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
FREDERICK W. FRENCH ... 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thirty six-scores of Grandsire (ten different callings), and 12 of Plain Bob (four different callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD SEAMARK Treble	LEONARD PATRICK 3
AMOS SMART 2	ALBERT MINNEY 4
EDWARD JONES Tenor	

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... Treble	*ALBERT MASON 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ERNEST MASTIN 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal, and proposed a member of the association before starting the peal.

PECKLETON.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

L. G. JORDAN Treble	†H. A. KNIGHTS 4
*S. L. POCOCK 2	T. M. JORDAN 3
*F. R. DEACON 3	*N. STATHAM Tenor

Conducted by T. M. JORDAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 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, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*WILLIAM E. ALLEN Treble	COTTBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4
*JOHN E. ALLEN 2	HARRY GIBBARD 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	†HERBERT LOUTH Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Ringers of treble and 2nd are father and son. The latter is 16 years of age, and believed to be the youngest ringer to ring seven methods 'inside' in his first peal.

A FAREWELL.

On Boxing Day, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, 1,477 Stedman Caters, rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal: L. L. Gray 1, W. H. Fisher 2, G. R. Newton 3, E. Jones 4, G. R. Edwards 5, T. Hammond 6, E. Caunce 7, C. I. Davies 8, P. W. Cave (conductor) 9, E. Birkett (longest length) 10. Rung as a farewell to Mr. P. W. Cave, who is leaving Liverpool for Derby. His departure is regretted, but he takes with him the good wishes of his ringing colleagues for his future success.

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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.

Our best thanks to all the many correspondents who have sent us their good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Since we went to press last week we have received reports of over 90 peals. We have devoted as much space as possible to them, and the rest will appear in due course.

On Sunday evening, Mr. F. Warrington, of Over, Cambs, rang his 235th 720 for the year.

At Kington Magna Church, Dorset, on Christmas Day, a selection of carols was played by little boys on handbells at evensong, and handbells were used with the organ to accompany the singing of the Magnificat.

An interesting lecture on 'Bells, their uses and abuses, legends and traditions,' was given to Earl Shilton C.E.M.S. on December 16th by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. Handbell selections were given by the Earl Shilton quartette, who are to broadcast on December 31st.

On January 4th, 1784, a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hrs. 24 mins.

Eighty years ago next Tuesday, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques was rung at Cripplegate. At that time it was the longest peal in the method.

Henry Johnson, the famous old Birmingham ringer and composer, died on January 7th, 1890, at the age of 80 years.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques at Cirencester, where the second peal of twelve bells in the country—York being the first—was installed, was rung on January 7th, 1767.

The delays in the Christmas posts caused several notices of meetings to reach us too late for last week's issue. To-morrow's meetings include the following:—

Sheffield and District Society at Killamarsh.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Curry Rivel.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Bristol Branch) at Brislington.

The report of a peal of Bob Major rung at Crayford appears elsewhere. There is no footnote to it, but readers will probably look twice at the time occupied. Two hours seventeen minutes is good going for 5,008 Bob Major on a 12½ cwt. peal.

Nine peals were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, in 1929, viz.: Stedman 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Forward 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1. In 1930 also nine peals were rung, viz.: Stedman 2, Cambridge Surprise 1, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Pudsey Surprise 3. In addition three peals were rung on handbells. Is eighteen peals in two years a record for a 12-bell tower?

A FIRST 720.

On December 23rd for practice, at St. John's, Bournemouth, a 720 Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Childs (first 720) 1, Miss M. White 2, H. R. Bennett 3, F. Frampton 4, H. Mitchell 5, F. Cole (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 Bob Minor on the bells. All are local ringers with the exception of the conductor, who comes from North Stoneham.

SYSTON BELLS RESTORED.

ANOTHER LEICESTERSHIRE RING MADE PEALABLE.

Syston bells rang out once more on Monday, December 22nd, after their temporary silence. Their voices are no longer hard and harsh as hitherto, but have a sweeter and mellower tone after their rejuvenation at Messrs. Taylor's Loughborough bell foundry, where they had been for retuning and rehanging.

The old order of things left much to be desired, the bells being hung in an old wood frame with one above the others. In the ringing chamber a huge clock case formed an admirable knuckle-cracker for the tenor man, who stood beneath it, and the second rope went up an inclined spout which tended to pull the ringer backwards. For several years ringing on them was a question of grit and stamina, and 'one' declared a peal impossible. To prove him wrong, the then 'Leicester firsts' went and rang 5,040 Stedman Triples, whereupon

he felt he must come personally and congratulate the local ringers on their fine achievement, and heartily shook hands with Mr. E. Payne, the leader, on behalf of the band. He also shook hands with 'Mary,' on behalf of the ladies, and wished them all God-speed, a happy Christmas and a glad New Year.

Ringling over, the party adjourned to try another 'bell,' according to the sign over the door, a 'blue' one, owned by one of the local celebrities, Mr. A. Mansfield. A certain well-known tenor man was overheard to remark, 'This is the sort of peal I like. Where's the bell?' The Croftonian had brought his handbells, which were soon in requisition, and selections by Messrs. C. H. Webb, H. J. Poole and E. Morris were boisterously encored. 'J. O.,' by special request, then joined in and gave his famous 'Grandsire quick Triples,' and also a course of Rugby Triples Major!

Everyone was delighted with the restoration of Syston bells, and it was suggested that in the near future an open ringing meeting should be held, which will be duly advertised in these columns.



SYSTON CHURCH.

'one' exclaimed, 'I meant Major!' Then the aforesaid team went again and rang an excellent peal of Bristol, and the writer thus had the pleasure (?) of ringing the tenor to the only Surprise peal on the bells. It was not done without severe pains—both internally and externally—and had not another 'Payne' taken pity at the conclusion, one might have 'collapsed.' Nevertheless, they were a rough handful, but now, in their new iron and steel frame and ball bearings, they are a delight to ring on, and the circle of ropes all that can be desired.

The service of rededication was performed by Dr. Cyril Bardsley, Lord Bishop of Leicester, assisted by the Rev. Avery, Vicar of Syston, and a fairly large congregation assembled for the occasion. Visiting ringers were present from Leicester Cathedral and St. Margaret's, Anstey, Belgrave, Croft, Loughborough, Melton, and elsewhere, among them being Mr. Philip Hardy, the veteran secretary of the Goscote Society.

The founders were represented by Messrs. J. Oldham, C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler. The Lord Bishop, after the dedication ceremony, gave an appropriate address, touching upon the historic side of bells. He said that, through the ages, Leicestershire had always been well known for its bells and bell founders, and the present firm of Taylor was a descendant of a long line of honoured members of the craft. He congratulated Syston people on this restoration of their bells, and especially so in getting them completed before the festival of Christmas.

Immediately before the address and after the rededication, a few rounds were rung by the local ringers: G. Walker 1, S. Payne 2, T. Payne 3, A. Mansfield 4, H. Humphreys 5, H. Lewin 6, E. Payne 7, W. Wright 8.

After the service the visitors crowded into the belfry, and various touches of Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, as well as 'rounds and crosses' for the lady ringers. All were delighted when the Lord Bishop ascended the dark and rather awkward stairway and visited the ringers. He said—rather breathlessly—that

LEICESTER MEN VISIT SYSTON. (WITH APOLOGIES TO 'KING WEN'.)

When Jack Oldham last looked out

On the Syston Station,
Saw the Le'ster men steam out,
Filled with exultation.

Oh how neatly they were plucked,

When the London Scottish

Sent the Le'ster train on first,

Left them feeling pupish.

Syston is a place for bells,

Also beer and skittles,

But with Le'ster men about,

Never mention victuals!

Loughboro's got a mighty name

For their bells and bounty;

If that turkey isn't prime,

We shall tell the county.

Send me Colin, then said John,

Send me Fidler's plenty,

For those concrete Le'ster men

Never go back empty.

Get that gobbler then rehung

On the red bus bearings.

We will Simpson tunc, and then

You can have the parings.

The moral of this little yarn

Doesn't want much spinning.

Jack is looking rather glum,

While Jimmy still is grinning.

If the stake of that rash bet

Isn't soon broadcasted,

Jack can bet his last new hat

He'll be soon sand-blasted.

A FLAT.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 831.)

First of all it must be understood that the great majority of peal compositions are Round Blocks. The exceptions are peals that come home at hand stroke (these are almost invariably in Triples, Caters, or Cinques), and a few peals in such methods as Stedman and Duffield, where the bells come home at a change in the division or six different to that in which they come home in the plain course. [Where I speak of a peal, any touch of any length must also be understood.]

A 'Round Block' is a course, touch or peal which, provided the conductor does not say 'That's all,' can be repeated ad infinitum. Thus, you could keep on ringing a course of Bob Major for ever simply by keeping on with your regular work. But if the touch came round at hand and you went on, immediately you will get changes in a different order to what you have already rung. Suppose you could write out a peal of Bob Major on a long slip of paper and paste it on a drum just the right size, so that the final rounds would come on the top of the first rounds, you have a good illustration of what a round block is. You have five thousand true changes written on your strip of paper, and if you start from rounds and follow your drum round till you come to rounds again, you will have all the five thousand true changes, and you will have passed a certain number of bobs at certain intervals. If you start at any other point, say, at 164235578, and follow the drum round till you come back to 164235578, you will equally have five thousand true changes (for it is the same drum) and the same bobs, and at the same intervals. The only difference is that, as we started at a later point, we shall get those changes and bobs now at the end, which before we got at the beginning.

But we must realise that the figures 12345678 are symbols. We call the treble 1 and the second bell 2 because it is convenient. For no other reason. We could call them anything we pleased—A.B.C., etc., for instance. Now suppose we call rounds 164235 instead of 123456, why then we could start our peal where 164235 comes on the drum, and go on till 164235 comes up again and have a true peal. It must be true, because it is the same peal we wrote on the drum, and that, we know at the start, is true. What we have done is not to vary the peal, but to vary the musical notes we give to the symbols 1234, etc.

It is but a step further to alter the symbols themselves. We can call 2 in the original 6; 4, 3; 2, 4; 3, 5; and 5 we can call 6. Making these alterations we can write our peal out afresh. It is still the same peal, but we are now producing different rows.

Up to now we have followed the different rows written on our drum in one direction, but it is obvious that if you start from rounds and follow them the other way you will equally reach rounds again and have all the five thousand true changes. It would be exactly the same peal, but backwards. It is equally clear that if you write 12345678 in place of the handstroke row that comes before it (whether it be 123456587 or 12346587 or 13246587) and follow the peal backwards, you will have a true peal. This is the reverse variation, the same peal, but again producing different rows. It is also clear that if we start from 86745231 and go backwards we shall still have a true peal. This is another form of reversal, and by it we can reverse the bobs at the Wrongs and Homes. Thus:—

23456 W. R.

45236 — —
24536 — —

23456 W. R.

52436 — —
43526 — —

Each twice repeated.

From our drum we see that any true peal can be begun from any lead-end and still remain the same true peal; or it can be reversed and still be the same, and the reversal can be begun from any lead-end and still be the same. All these variations will give different lead-ends, and, of course, different qualities. Take the following example:—

A is a quarter-peal of Bob Major.

B is the same begun at a different course-end.

C is the same reversed and begun at a different course-end.

A.	B.	C.
23456 W. B. M. R.	23456 W. B. M. R.	23456 W. B. M. R.
25463 1 — —	43652 — — —	23564 1 — —
45362 — — —	26435 — — —	52364 — — —
35264 — — —	42635 — — —	43265 — — —
42356 — — —	63425 — — —	24365 — — —
34256 — — —	46325 — — —	32546 — — —
25346 — — —	62453 — 1 — —	43526 — — —
32546 — — —	34625 — — —	24536 — — —
24365 — 1 — —	23845 — — —	32465 — 1 — —
63246 — — —	64235 — — —	42563 — — —
45236 — — —	63254 — 1 — —	35264 — — —
23456 — — —	23456 — — —	23456 — — —

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HASTINGS.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Clement's, Hastings, where there is a ring of steel bells, on Saturday, December 13th, when members were present from Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Battle, Eastbourne, All Saints' and St. Saviour's, Hastings, Christ Church, Blacklands, and All Saints', Lewes, Rye, Christ Church St. Leonards, Sedlescombe, Stone-in-Oxhey, Kent, Uckfield and Waldron, together with the members of the local band. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also present. Plenty of ringing in various methods was indulged in during the afternoon.

The Rector, the Rev. H. B. Cole, conducted the service, and the Rev. N. E. Hope, who is a ringer himself, delivered a most interesting address. Although he had only recently been ordained, he had been a ringer for a number of years. Ringing, he said, taught duty towards our neighbours, and he touched on the necessity for good striking, and striving to learn new and more difficult methods. Effort was needed in ringing, and change ringing was not learnt in the belfry. Younger ringers should submit to the authority of older ringers, and ringers should also be churchgoers, and should create a friendly feeling with the Vicar and churchwardens. There was also the duty to our fellow-ringers, to attend ringing on every possible occasion. Nothing was more annoying than when only seven ringers turned up and so prevented the full octave from being rung. We call our associations 'Guilds of Ringers,' he added. Guilds in the old days were to further the arts and work of the particular trades, and it should be the same in ringing. The brotherhood of ringers should extend in every local band.

Through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens, a splendid tea was provided in the Church House, to which sixty members and friends sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair, and extended a hearty welcome to the ringers. He was delighted to see such a large number present, and stated that if any member knew of a spare peal of bells to send them along to St. Clement's.

The following members were elected: Messrs. J. Farrow, W. J. Garner, G. Newman, C. Robey, H. Read, W. Smith, H. Tyrrell, J. Wood, all of Sedlescombe; Messrs. H. Childs, D. Cleaver, G. Portland, F. Chapman, H. Franks, of Battle; and Mr. J. White, of St. Clement's, Hastings. The election of the following members was also confirmed: Mr. A. Stevens, of Benenden, and Mr. W. Gorrings, of Hawkhurst, as non-resident life, and Mr. J. Powell a yearly member.

Mr. Walter Franks proposed a hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. N. G. Hope for his excellent address at the service. He also thanked the organist and choir for their services, and, last but not least, he wished to offer special thanks to Mrs. Walker and the numerous lady helpers who had so kindly waited upon them at tea.—Mr. A. Gowers supported the motion, and suggested that the young band of ringers at St. Clement's would find a good reserve in the choir boys, who should be taught to ring when they left the choir. He wished the St. Clement's band every success, and hoped that they would in the near future have a new peal of bells to practise upon.

The Rector expressed thanks for all that had been said, but pointed out that it was the ladies of the parish who had so kindly arranged the tea, and therefore they should receive all the praise for the good things which had been provided.

This terminated the meeting. During the evening good ringing was had at St. Leonard's, Christ Church, touches and courses in all the methods up to Cambridge Surprise being rung. The Rev. N. G. Hope took part in several touches during the evening, and quite a number of young ringers were piloted through their first courses in different methods. Taken altogether, it was a most successful meeting.

ACCIDENT TO MR. J. HEMMING.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION BRANCH SECRETARY IN HOSPITAL.

His many friends will learn with regret of a rather nasty accident which befell Mr. J. Hemming, of Evesham, the popular local branch secretary of the Worcestershire Association, on Christmas Eve. He had left his home about 7 p.m. to walk to the bell tower for the usual Christmas Eve ringing, when, after he had gone about a hundred yards from home, he was run into from behind and knocked down by a bicycle. He was taken home by passers-by and admitted to hospital on Boxing morning with a broken ankle and torn and twisted ligaments of the leg.

For a long time he had been ambitious to take part in the first peal of Oxford Treble Ten on the bells at Evesham, and he had been to a great deal of trouble in making all the arrangements for an attempt on Saturday last, the peal to be rung as a compliment to Councillor Richard White, the Mayor of Evesham, of whom he had been a lifelong friend. In view of the unfortunate occurrence which prevented his taking part, and in deference to his ambition, the band substituted Kent Treble Bob.

At the time of writing, Mr. Hemming is as comfortable and going on as satisfactorily as can be expected.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Llandaff on Boxing Day. The Cathedral bells (ten) were available, and were off into various methods early in the afternoon. Service took place in the Cathedral and was very well attended. The Dean gave an exceedingly interesting address, which was much appreciated. He specially wished all present to feel that they were heartily welcomed, that there would always be a welcome for them, and that the Cathedral Church was their spiritual home.

Following the service, all sat down to a bountiful tea, which had been generously provided by the Dean.

The business meeting followed, the Dean taking the chair, and made a few welcoming remarks. Instructors' reports, restorations and augmentations were dealt with.

The places at which to hold the next meetings were selected: Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Whitechurch, the Monmouthshire meeting at Usk, and the annual meeting at All Saints, Newport.

Mr. J. Phillips, now of Abergavenny, was elected Master for the year, and the re-election of the hon. secretary and auditor was carried.

It was unanimously decided that when the next set of rules is printed a new rule be inserted that this association shall be affiliated to the Central Council of church bell ringers.

A number of new members were elected, and after the best thanks of the meeting had been accorded the Dean for his exceeding kindness, the meeting terminated.

The bells of both the Cathedral and those of St. John's, Cardiff, were afterwards rung during the evening.

THE PEAL OF MAJOR AT SHERBORNE.

A GREAT PERFORMANCE.

The peal which we recorded last week rung at Sherborne Abbey was really a great performance. It is only those who have rung there who can properly appreciate its merit. Apart altogether from the question of weight, the conditions are all against peal ringing, notably in the noise of the bells immediately overhead and the absence of any proper ventilation of the ringing chamber. Mr. J. T. Dyke, by doing what most people imagined was impossible, in turning the tenor in to a peal of Major, has added another to his great performances in this direction, which have included the tenor at Queen Camel (37 cwt.) to a peal of Minor and the tenor at Redcliffe (50 cwt.) to a peal of Cambridge Major.

On this subject, Mr. A. H. Pulling writes: 'The peal recorded in your last issue rung at Sherborne Abbey deserves more than a passing notice. The tenor man has done some big jobs in the past, Queen Camel and the peal at Bristol on December 13th, but Sherborne is the "tit-bit." Only those who have rung there know the difficulties, and Mr. Dyke has done what we all thought was impossible, and he deserves public congratulation. It is certainly a good advertisement for the Somerset beverage.'

It is worthy of note that the band was welcomed by the Bishop of Sherborne and by Canon Wingfield Digby. The latter said the Belfry Office, and the Bishop pronounced the Blessing before the peal.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

There was an attendance of about a hundred from twenty parishes at the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association. The address at the service was given by Preb. Harman.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £5 19s. 7d., and the secretary's report revealed that there were 21 towers affiliated and 174 active members, and six unattached.

The Rev. R. A. W. Newman (Withypool), who was absent on account of illness, was re-elected president of the branch, and Mr. G. Stacey hon. secretary. Mr. Hawkins was re-elected hon. auditor, Mr. H. W. Tomkins (Old Cleve) deanery representative on the diocesan committee, and Mr. J. Pugsley Ringing Master.

Mr. Stacey referred to the fact that some of the towers were drifting back to the old school of call changes, but now that the clergy were taking such an interest in the welfare of the ringers he hoped they would try and put matters right.

The usual votes of thanks were passed. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandisle and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, December 20th, at the Old Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Dowler 1, J. Atkins 2, E. J. Cole 3, C. Webb 4, Geo. Pigott 5, E. Boyling 6, H. Withers (conductor) 1, R. Russell 2.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, of Glasgow, and Miss Kathleen Jackson, of Edgbaston. Also to celebrate the silver wedding of the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, and to mark the silver wedding of Mr. S. W. Freeman, for 22 years beadle at the above church. It was also a compliment to Mr. H. Withers on the completion of 25 years' service as Sunday ringer at the church.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE SPIRIT OF LOYALTY.

The last meeting of the year in the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on December 20th at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Christmas shopping kept many away, albeit some thirty or more ringers paid a visit during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (Rev. H. Cecil) preached at the service, and urged on his listeners the necessity of cultivating a spirit of loyalty to their leader, both in ringing and in their everyday life. A spirit of loyalty to Christ was necessary to lead a useful life, just as such a spirit to their leader was necessary in ringing.

After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting was held. The district vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth), in the chair, was supported by Messrs. A. W. Coles (District Master), G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), W. H. Hollier (hon. secretary, South and West District), W. Pye (Master), etc., etc.

To show their sympathy with two of their colleagues, Messrs. M. F. R. Hibbert and W. J. Nudds, who had suffered family bereavements, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

Seven new members were admitted, including the Rector as an hon. member.

It was announced that the annual meeting of the district was arranged to be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 31st. The hon. secretary welcomed the visitors to the meeting, including Mr. R. Smith (Northfleet) and Mr. G. Freebrey (Derby), both of whom they were very pleased to see.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Cecil for his very helpful address and for the use of the bells; to the tower-keeper, Mr. A. Riley, for the excellent arrangements made; and to all others who had helped in any way.

The Hon. Secretary, in seconding, referred to the sermon they had heard and the good advice which it contained. He said he would like members to read very carefully the excellent letter in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World' from Mr. J. T. Dyke, who gave a list of the attributes necessary to make a good ringer. It would be well to couple the advice given in this letter with that given in the address at the service.

The vote of thanks was carried, and the Rector, in replying, not only gave the association a very hearty welcome, but expressed a sincere hope that members would come again at an early date. He promised to do all he could to help forward the association's work.

Ringling took place after the meeting until about 9 p.m. Most of the standard methods, including four Surprise methods, were rung.

RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the letter of my old friend, Mr. George Baker, criticising the use of bobs Before in Rutland Surprise and other methods.

For the sake of those ringers and conductors who are interested in this method, I should like to point out that there is considerable advantage to be got in this class of composition.

The bob Before shortens the course by one lead, cutting out some of the work of the tenors on the front; it also cuts out all the falseness in Rutland Surprise, making it possible to use courses having the bells in 5-6 reversed; therefore, you may have a composition having all the combinations of 4.5.6 in 5.6 at the course ends (a rare feature in Surprise methods), and the 2nd and 3rd never behind with the tenor.

When this class of composition is used for Double Oxford Major, or St. Clement's College Bob Major, the lead cut out by the bob at Before is the one when the tenor and 7th would be making a five pull dodge on the front.

Of course, Mr. Baker is quite entitled to the opinion expressed in his letter, but, personally, I cannot see why the bob Before should not be used, even if it does upset the symmetry of the work of the tenors, and I should like to remind him that bobs at 'In' and 'Fifth's' are very much used in London Surprise Major, also that there are a large number of methods, including Treble Bob and Bristol Surprise, in which you cannot have any bobs at Middle, Wrong and Home without upsetting the symmetry of the courses.

H. W. WILDE.

SPliced METHODS.

THREE VALUELESS FOR PEALS WITH TENORS TOGETHER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It should be known to the Exercise that whatever value methods A.B.C. in your last issue may have for splicing purposes, they are valueless as methods for producing peals tenors together.

Method A has seven false course-ends tenors together, i.e., 32465, 43265, 53624, 65432, 26545, 36245 and 42563.

Method B has five false course-ends tenors together, i.e., 24365, 46532, 52643, 65243 and 36524.

Method C has four false course-ends tenors together, i.e., 46325, 62315, 54263 and 34562.

There are twenty-four true plain courses of Method C, but it is impossible to produce a peal tenors together from this material.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your reply to my question, which leads to the further one, already asked, 'What is the use of the Council's definition of an eleven-bell peal?' Surely the fact that such a definition exists means that the Council recognises a peal on eleven bells, in spite of the necessity of a covering bell, as being quite apart from a peal in a twelve-bell method.

The Painswick peal did not contain one twelve-bell change, and for that reason I submit that it comes within the Council's definition of an eleven-bell peal, and is therefore the eleven-bell record.

Further, it should not even be recognised as that if the composition is not quickly sent you for publication, in accordance with the Council's rules.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

[The figures of the composition have now been received, and will be published in due course.—Ed., 'R.W.']

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Charing on December 20th, but, owing to the proximity of Christmas, was rather poorly attended. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and of Minor were brought round, and the Vicar conducted the Guild service, after which all repaired to Feakins' tea rooms, where a substantial meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed, and welcomed the Guild to Charing. Arrangements were made for the annual general meeting at Appledore on January 17th.

The Guild Master expressed his appreciation of the way the members had supported the meetings during the past year, and Mr. Franklin also spoke of the progress of the Guild. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his hospitality and for conducting the service.

Some courses of Grandsire on the handbells were then rung, after which a return was made to the tower until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. The towers represented were Ashford, Kennington, Egerton, Tenterden, Benenden, Hothfield and the local band.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It will be of interest to the readers of 'The Ringing World' to know that the Chelmsford Cathedral bells are to be rehung on ball bearings, the rope pulleys repaired, and the clappers of the 11th and tenor fitted with counter-balances. The work is being put in hand at once, and will be carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., the total cost being £161.

Although the bells are at the Cathedral, the whole expense will fall on the parish funds, which are already heavily overdrawn, and no help is expected from the diocesan authorities.

The writer is endeavouring to raise the sum required, and feels that there may be among your readers some who would like to contribute to the fund.

Applications for the use of the bells by visiting bands are always granted, and permission for peal attempts is given when possible, although they are necessarily limited to three or four in a year, so that any amounts received, however small, will tend to show the authorities how much the ringers appreciate efforts made to improve ringing facilities and also the ready approval given to any reasonable requests for permission to ring.

Any contributions sent to the undersigned will be gratefully acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

38, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

L. J. CLARK.

INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with much interest Mr. Dyke's article in your issue of December 19th re instruction of ringers (he puts it very clearly and plainly), I wonder what his opinion is of the styles of ringers he has seen, as he says nine-tenths of the ringers hold the tail end of the rope wrongly, and one-fifth do not allow their hands at hand-stroke to rise above the chin, and no doubt this may cause bad striking. What is nicer to see than a band of graceful styled ringers in a tower. If I were anything of a cartoonist (unfortunately I am not), I would send you a cartoon of a band of ringers I saw a few weeks ago, and would amuse you with their styles. While we have clumsy-styled ringers, we have need for such valuable articles as the one of Mr. J. T. Dyke. Soldiers on church parade have a graceful style in their marching. Why should not the ringer have a graceful style of handling his bell rope? My opinion is we want more straight-from-the-shoulder talks.—Yours truly,

A. W. F.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

At Pentre Rhondda, for Christmas Eve service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Lovett 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, G. Palmer 4, W. Page 5, H. Davies 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, F. Lasbury 8. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins. for Christmas morning service: W. Cross 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, J. Lovett 4, T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, F. Lasbury 8. First quarter-peal of Erin Triples for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

At the Parish Church, Withernsea, Yorks, on Christmas Day, for Choral Eucharist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: E. E. Taylor 1, T. Sheppard 2, S. Webb (conductor) 3, C. Tomlinson 4, M. Dixon 5, P. J. Metcalfe 6.

At Fairford, Glos, on Christmas Day, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, S. Worsfold (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 4, J. Peyman 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, H. Acock 7, E. Gardner 8.

At Dursley, Glos, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. W. Robins 1, E. Whittard 2, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 3, V. Younger 4, G. Robins 5, R. H. Morris 6, A. Cornish (first quarter-peal) 7, R. Brookes 8. The above are all parishioners and service ringers, and this is the first quarter-peal at this church ever rung by such a band.

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 53 mins.: Miss D. Blencowe 1, A. Sweetzer 2, Miss N. Belcher 3, C. Pullen 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, Harry Smith 6, J. W. Higgs 7, S. C. Davis (conductor) 8, W. Hensley 9, W. Rampton 10. First quarter-peal of Caters as conductor.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. Wright 1, H. T. Hughes 2, R. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8.—On Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, H. T. Hughes 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. These quarter-peals were arranged and rung in recognition of Mr. R. Edwards completing 40 years' unbroken service at this tower.

At Raunds, Northants, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: S. Robinson 1, F. Stubbs 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, H. Copperwheat 4, W. Copperwheat 5, C. M. Whitney 6, F. Kirk, sen., 7, F. Kirk, jun. (conductor), 8.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

A very interesting event took place at Woolton Parish Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, December 27th, when the marriage of Mr. E. T. Humphriss to Miss Cecelia Broadbent was solemnised. The bridegroom has taken a prominent part in the ringing of Woolton bells for some years, and is deservedly held in high esteem by his colleagues. The officiating minister was the Rector (Rev. J. B. Hadow). The bride was given away by her father, and the best man was the bridegroom's brother, Mr. S. G. Humphriss. Before and after the ceremony, the bells were rung by the local band, assisted by Messrs. H. Hudson, C. I. Davies and G. R. Newton.

The reception was held at the Parish Hall, and a large gathering of friends were sumptuously entertained. Afterwards the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Blackpool to the tune of Bob Major, a peal of which was successfully accomplished and is recorded in its proper place.

The thanks of the band are extended to the parents of the bride for their lavish hospitality before and after the peal.

POPULAR WYMONDHAM RINGER MARRIED.

A pretty wedding took place at Wymondham (Norfolk) on Saturday last between Mr. William Clover and Miss Hartie Rebecca Elvin. The ceremony, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Martin Jones. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. F. Clover, acted as best man, while the bride was given away by Mr. Cubitt Elvin. The bridesmaids were the Misses Betty Elvin and Beattie Hurrell.

The bridegroom is a popular ringer, well known in both Norfolk and Suffolk for his genial and unassuming disposition. He learnt his ringing at Thornham Magna and took part in most of the multi-method Minor peals with which that company distinguished itself before the war. As a token of appreciation and as an expression of good wishes for the continued health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom, his beloved bells rang for almost three hours and a half in the afternoon through the medium of a representative company of Norwich Diocesan Association ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Clover's address is now Belmont, Wymondham. Wedding peals were also rung at Thornham Magna and Fakenham.

N. G.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—For morning service, on Sunday, December 28th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: E. Murrell 1, A. Ballam 2, H. S. Arbin 3, H. Dorling 4, A. E. Ballam (conductor) 5, L. H. Baybutt 6. Arranged for ringers of 3rd and tenor.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, arranged for ringer of 4th, who hails from Deal: P. Turley 1, Dr. E. L. Taylor 2, W. Turley 3, J. Arthur 4, H. J. Ford 5, H. D. Ford (conductor) 6, H. V. Baker 7, F. Paige 8.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—For evensong, on Sunday, December 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. F. Hatchley (first in the method) 1, Miss M. White 2, J. Ralph 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, F. Coles 5, W. C. Shute (conductor) 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. Boddington 1, G. Clapham 2, G. Ette 3, H. Ette 4, T. Abbott 5, J. R. Main 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, C. Richardson 8. Rung for a birthday compliment to J. R. Main.

TONG, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, at St. James' Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in memory of the late Mr. George Beau Bolland, of Tong, who was a past-vice-president of the Yorkshire Association: Chas. Sallaway 1, D. Thornton 2, G. Lambert 3, E. Wheeler (conductor) 4, E. Lambert 5, S. Barron 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: G. Godfrey 1, T. W. Robinson 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark 4, C. R. Millway 5, C. Turner 6, C. R. Walker (Newton Abbot) (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8. This was Messrs. Robinson and Clark's first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, at St. Laurence's, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,298 changes, from Shipway) in 58 mins.: G. Holloway 1, Miss N. Belcher 2, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 3, R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, S. Lodge 6, C. Pullen 7, A. Sweetzer 8, S. C. Davis 9, C. J. Walts 10, W. Hensley 11, H. W. Smith 12. This was rung by the Sunday service ringers with the exception of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and was the first quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 21st, for Holy Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 45 mins.: H. Wiseman 1, B. Cox 2, C. Barker 3, B. W. Pettitt 4, E. Bareham 5, O. Broyd 6, R. Young 7, H. Cattiswell (conductor) 8.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on December 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, sen. (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Goodwin 8.

BOLTON.—At All Souls' Church, on December 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., for 'Pound Sunday' service: C. Pike 1, J. Kay, jun., 2, A. Holden 3, H. Wallbank 4, R. Holden 5, H. Johnson 6, J. E. Markland (conductor) 7, N. Critchley 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Andrew, 720 Bob Minor, 6.8 covering: J. Dale 1, A. Rolph 2, F. Berry 3, J. Gross 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, J. Ellis 6, J. Blay (first 720 as conductor) 7, J. Boast (first 720) 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.**SUGGESTED MASONIC PEAL.**

In connection with the meeting of the Central Council in Liverpool next Whitsun, the W.M. of the Lancastrian Lodge No. 3631 will be pleased to invite any Masonic brethren to the usual meeting of the Lodge on Wednesday, May 27th.

It has also been suggested that an attempt be made for a Masonic peal during the afternoon of Wednesday, May 27th, prior to visiting the Lodge.

Will any brother who desires to stand in the peal attempt and/or desires an invitation to the Lodge please communicate with Bro. Claude I. Davies (Lancastrian Lodge), Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Waverice, Liverpool?

QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I heartily congratulate my brother Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, Mr. D. Cecil Williams, on scoring 100 peals. He has certainly beaten me in quality, if not in quantity (my number up to date being 145). The humble writer of this epistle, though a graduate of Oxford, has not yet got beyond Cambridge in the peal ringing line. A big step to London and Bristol, is it not? Secondly, in the conducting or bob calling, this humble scribe has barely called half the number Mr. Williams has called, the stock of W. E. P. being only 'the Original.' Such is the interesting rare comparison between two Fellows of the Royal College of Organists in the campanological world.

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18, Forty Acres Road, Canterbury.

NOTICES.

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, 29th, 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, 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Killamarsh to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 3rd. Tea will be provided for members who notify Mr. C. Severn, 34, Bridge Street, Killamarsh. A cordial welcome to all. — H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Drayton bells also available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Brislington on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. — Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for January: Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 12th (quarterly meeting), and 26th, at 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. respectively, at St. Clement Danes', Strand. — S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

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. Ringing at Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas' (10) from 3 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th? — H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elioe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. 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 Jan. 6th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for 1931, etc.) in the belfry at 6.45 p.m. A well-attended meeting is hoped for. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dorchester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available at Charminster and Fordington from 3 p.m., Dorchester 3.45. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting, in St. Peter's Institute.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. A card for tea would greatly assist tea arrangements.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. — L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gad-desden (bells 6) on Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service. Tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (Liverpool) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Institute afterwards, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Howson. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, before Wednesday, Jan. 7th. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to attend this meeting. An important discussion on the association Rule 3 will take place. A very good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting for this district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Loughborough. The bells of the Foundry Campanile will be available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hanley on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. — C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good train and bus services. All ringers welcomed. Please turn up in good numbers.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Cathedral bells (12) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Maurice Church 4.30. Tea at Dumper's Restaurant, 5 o'clock. Ringers requiring tea must notify me before Jan. 6th. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — A meeting will be held at Witton, Northwich, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Temperance Hotel, at 1s. per head. Meeting 5.30. A good attendance requested. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know before Jan. 8th?—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 8, Oak Street, Northwich.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available, and it is hoped Burbage (8) will be available after tea. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting, in Church Rooms. Tea, about 1s. 3d. per head, can only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, by Jan. 15th latest. Short 15 minute service in Hinckley Church follows tea, to which all present are invited by the Vicar. Ringing again afterwards. Important business to be settled. So, everyone, please turn up!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' TENTH ANNUAL DINNER. — Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Jan. 17th, 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. P. C. Williams. Chief guest: Rev. D. Jacquet (St. James'). St. Ambrose (8) open 1.30 p.m. Visit to Bristol University and Great George (9½ tons) bell at 3 p.m. by ticket (application for latter through hon. secretary only). Various bells available from 3 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Tickets now available from Bristol tower secretaries: Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; S. Hopper, Swindon; J. Austen, Gloucester; Merrett, Chippenham; Prescott, Bath; A. Walker, Birmingham; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; Knight, Wroughton; Shallish, Barnwell, and from hon. sec.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise Mr. G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford, E.15? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Wordsley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 13th? The secretary would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the members a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Wokingham. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea, Parish Room, 4.45. Members 6d. Visitors 1s. Please notify by Jan. 13th. Usual ringing arrangements. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Pavhembury on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells available 6 p.m. Ottery St. Mary (8). All welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. All members are earnestly asked to attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Ten-terden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial tablet to the late treasurer, Henry W. Jackson, will be unveiled at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, by the President, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30 p.m., unveiling ceremony immediately afterwards. The towers of the Parish Church, St. George's and Holy Trinity will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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CHRISTMAS MUSINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to thank your various correspondents for their delightful articles. First, Mr. J. T. Dyke. This is an essential 'top line,' particularly for those who have ears to hear and eyes to read. Then, secondly, 'O.P.Q.'s' very amusing contribution, particularly about the ten youths. I hope to give this at our annual new year's party. They do not all take 'The Ringing World'; some do, some don't, some cannot, and some won't; it's not for me to say why. Thirdly, we have Mr. Trollope's brilliant contribution. Another 'top line.' Here we have a writer who knows what he is writing about from experience. If Mr. Trollope will only continue on the same 'top line' he will do a vast amount of good. Should he desire a fresh term in place of 'composed by,' I suggest he adopts the words 'compiled by.' **SIMPLEX COMPLEX.**

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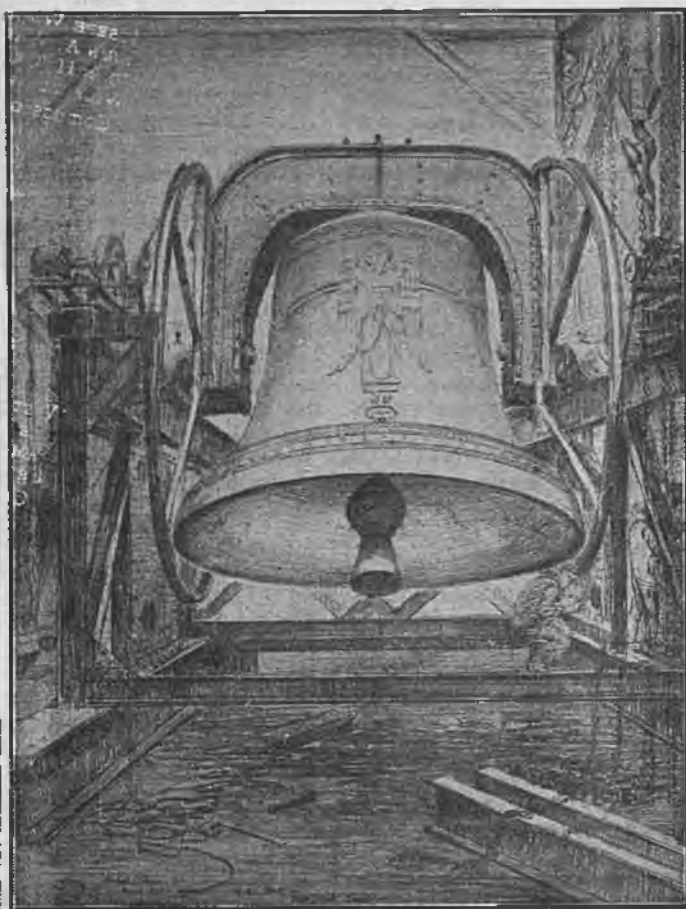
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BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS.

Many a ringer has unselfishly striven, in the face of all kinds of difficulties and disappointments, to do his bit to extend the art by training young ringers, or trying to get older ringers to advance. Often the labour has appeared to be entirely unfruitful and the task, if not given up in disgust, has had to be abandoned because the material has been, apparently, unproductive, or because, even if promising, has removed beyond reach. There are ringers who have grown old in the Exercise, who have spent their years in the endeavour to interest and teach others, and who, after all their loyal service to the art and to the Church, can point actually only to one here and there who has really repaid the time and pains spent upon him. And yet one never can tell where any of the seed that is sown may one day germinate and flourish. There are many excellent ringers to-day who, having received their first instruction in some village tower or with some obscure company, and having passed on to another district, have been counted at the time as 'another wasted effort'; but who have afterwards more than made good in their own ringing and in the help they have given to others. Few efforts which seek to spread the art of ringing need, therefore, be counted as definitely lost, even though immediate results may not be obvious.

On the other hand, however, there are cases where the work of a man has laid a foundation upon which a substantial edifice has been built and he has seen it grow. In such instances there must be intense satisfaction to the individual when he sees such a result of his handiwork. Especially must this be the case when he afterwards becomes separated from the scene of his labours. The story which is told elsewhere in this issue of the achievements at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, is a case in point. Separated by half the circumference of the earth from the old country, Mr. James S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, must have watched with justifiable pride the progress made at the tower where he was the first to put change ringing on its feet, a tower where six-bell ringing achieved the acme of performance and where, on the present eight, Surprise method ringing is being developed by a very able band. When Mr. Wilde left this country many years ago, he could not have anticipated the extent of the progress which would be made at this spot, nor the influence which would radiate through the Exercise as a result of the performances at Hazel Grove, for it is largely the success achieved there in the ringing of multi-method peals that created the interest in this phase of ringing which has since developed. There was no such thing as spliced-method ringing when Mr. Wilde left this

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5089 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	FRED HAWKES 8
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	*WILLIAM LEWIS 9
†HAROLD F. MARTIN 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT 10
DENNIS R. MORRIS 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
†ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6	CYRIL TANSELL Tenor

Composed by J. D. JOHNSON.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells, and rung as the annual peal for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS BEVAN Treble	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM 6
WALTER AYRE 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 8
GEORGE CARD 4	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
*ALFRED PYE 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
JOHN BASS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 8
JOHN HALL 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9
HAROLD J. MARTIN 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a compliment to Councillor Richard White, hon. treasurer of the All Saints' and St. Lawrence's (Evesham) Guild, and churchwarden of All Saints' Church, in his first year as Mayor of the borough.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JACK CARMAN Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 6
JESSE B. TYLER 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	HENRY PRING 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
JOSEPH T. DYKE 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. A. CAVE

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ... Treble	HARRY PAGE ... 6
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 2	WILLIAM HEATH ... 7
FRANK J. BAILEY ... 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... 8
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	†FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
GEORGE POPNELL ... 5	†SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to one of the oldest members of the association, Mr. John Clutterbuck, on his 83rd birthday. Also as a wedding peal to Miss Elsie Page, daughter of Mr. William Page, of Pentre, and niece of the ringer of the 6th.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY, F.C. ... Treble	THOMAS GRANT ... 6
CECIL G. HARRISON ... 2	ARTHUR L. MURRAY, B.A. ... 7
WILLIAM H. WILSON ... 3	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON ... 8
THOMAS MCMORRAN ... 4	GEORGE F. WILMOT ... 9
WILLIAM E. LYNCH ... 5	ROBERT TAIT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS GRANT.

This is the first peal ever rung by a band of Irishmen.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6147 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*WALTER FAUX ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
*STANLEY BANYARD ... 2	C. WILLIAM SMITH ... 7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3	ALFRED G. RIVERS ... 8
†BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... 4	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... 9
A. TOM CHENERY ... 5	†JAMES W. QUINNEY ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY. Conducted by C. W. SMITH.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd is aged 15½ years. † First peal on ten bells. Rung to mark the passing of the old year. It is 78 years since the members of the Cambridge Youths rang a peal on these bells, the last one, in the same method, being rung in February, 1852.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 5
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 6
WILLIAM HORAN ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD T. CARPENTER ... Treble	THOMAS CHAMPION ... 5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 6
*CHARLES W. TRUSSLER ... 3	HENRY MULLARD ... 7
THOMAS ATTWELL ... 4	*WILFRED BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

* First peal and first attempt. All are members of the local band.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST LONDON ... Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS ... 5
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... 6
THOMAS HURD ... 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... 7
*JONAH COTTRELL ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal of Major. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they were relung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' of them being excellent.

WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JIM'TEBAY ... Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	HUBERT RICHARDSON ... 6
HECTOR WOODBURN ... 3	FRANK WILSON ... 7
GERALD A. SUTTON ... 4	WILFRED WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rector and Mrs. E. J. Nurse, on completing 25 years' service in the parish. All the band, with the exception of the conductor, are Sunday service ringers.

HARMSTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ... Treble	FRANK LORD ... 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	HAROLD MARCON ... 6
MRS. J. BRAY ... 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7
HARRY CARTER ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob by all the band.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM DORBIN (St. Thomas) ... Treble	
WILLIAM KNIGHT (St. Stephen) ... 2	
FRANK SKIDMORE (St. Ambrose) ... 3	
ERNEST PALMER (Mangotsfield) ... 4	
PERCY C. WILLIAMS (St. Philip) ... 5	
SAMUEL PHILLIPS (St. Ambrose) ... 6	
GEORGE CAPEWELL (Almondsbury) ... 7	
WILLIAM H. THOMAS (St. Andrew) ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE CAPEWELL.

The annual B.U.R.G. peal. The conductor's silver wedding. A previous attempt on December 20th failed after 4,600 changes. St. Werburgh's and St. Luke's were represented on that occasion.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	JOHN H. CRAMFION 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*WILLIAM HORAN 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 4th and 7th, for whom this and two other peals were arranged, hail from Leeds and Todmorden respectively.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	ALEC RICHARDSON 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
KEITH HART 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

The conductor's 200th peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	*EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
ALEC RICHARDSON 4	HERBERT MARKWELL ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

* 150th peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
GEORGE BASFORD 2	AMOS SMART 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	*JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John R. Main.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
FREDERICK BIGGS 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The treble man has rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

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BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
HERBERT REASON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor's 50th peal for the association during the year. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Reason, C. N. Howard, son of the Master of the Association, and F. Ridgwell, whose birthdays occurred on December 27th, 29th and 30th respectively.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH Treble	WM. KINSLEY 5
*ERNEST BLOOMFIELD ... 2	JAMES DORRANT 6
HENRY G. WELHAM 3	GEORGE MORE 7
JAMES ROSE 4	*OLIVER BARNARD Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by H. G. WELHAM.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by entirely local company, all being Sunday service ringers. First peal by J. Smith for 38 years. He is now over 70 years of age.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
ARTHUR TRUMAN 2	EDWARD W. BIFFIN 6
AUBREY L. BENNETT 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
WILLIAM HOWE 4	ARTHUR GOAD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Arranged for Percy Newton, who hails from High Wycombe. It was his first peal of Stedman, and he was elected a member of the Guild before starting. Also rung to commemorate the festival of St. Thomas.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

*HENRY W. LOYD Treble	JACK GRATTON 5
WILLIAM HOYLE 2	NORMAN CHURLEY 6
ALFRED BRYANT 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
*WALTER G. DIEBLE 4	ALBERT STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal. These ringers have only been ringing ten months. Arranged for C. Greedy, of Newport.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*ERIC J. COLE Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	H. JAMES TURNER 6
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
†HENRY H. FEARN 4	JAMES BRITTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
CHARLES MASON 2	LESLIE W. BACON 6
EDWARD E. ROBBINS 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	* PHILLIP N. BARTON 5
* FRANK V. GANT 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 6
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 3	GEORGE A. COOKE 7
† WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by Wm. B. DUNCAN.
 * First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. A wedding peal for Mr. W. Clover, who was married on this date.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

* STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... Treble	† WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 5
FRED STOBBS 2	† CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	FRANK KIRK 7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.
 * First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 7th for the 28th anniversary of his wedding on December 31st.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD SRETCHLEY ... Treble	LEONARD R. SIMMONDS ... 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 4	WALTER PARISH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALTER CHANDLER ... Treble	HENRY TOORE 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WALTER R. FARROW 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 Arranged and rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Clover and Miss Harlie R. Elvin which took place at the Abbey Church that day at noon. The conductor's 50th peal in 1930 in that capacity, 39 of which were under the auspices of the Norwich Diocesan Association, a record for that association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 18 six-scores of Grandsire.

F. OSBORNE Treble	A. SMITHSON 3
F. W. KNOWLES 2	H. BAILEY 4
W. RILEY Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ... Treble	JOSEPH ASHMOLE 4
JOHN S. ROYLE 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
* REV. W. R. INGHAM ... 3	HARRY PARKER 6

† LEONARD BROAD Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

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

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK S. TOBB ... Treble	FREDERICK CHERRETT ... 4
WILLIAM J. NORTON 2	ERNEST BONFIELD 5
BERTRAM F. TOBB 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. BARKER.

These bells have not been rung for the past ten years, the last peal, it is believed, having been by the London County Association in 1912. The ringers were glad to find that the bells are still good for a peal.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... Treble	* FREDERICK WALLACE ... 4
* STEPHEN SLEET 2	DAVID SLEET 5
† MISS DOROTHY E. SLEET ... 3	† GEORGE SLEET Tenor

Conducted by D. SLEET.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. First peal as conductor. All the ringers are members of the above tower.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CRCIL MOGFORD ... Treble	* JOHN HOUSE 4
ERNEST TOSSELL 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
JEFFERY TOSSELL 3	† CESAR DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Tossell. * First peal 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob, and three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN WORTH Treble	ALFRED W. FROST 4
JAMES A. MILNER 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. 5
JACK TIPPER 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*PERCY M. G. RAINEY ... Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*WILLIAM J. FRY 3	*THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HAROLD DENMAN Treble	HERBERT ROOKE 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of treble, 4th and tenor.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, 42 six-scores, with 16 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY WYBURN Treble	ALBERT J. CHUBB 4
MAURICE PARKER 2	ISAAC FARMER 5
HENRY J. PARKER 3	JOHN M. COOK Tenor

Conducted by I. FARMER.

First peal by all except ringers of 3rd and 5th. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Gillett and Johnston.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*LEWIS BYWATERS Treble	THOMAS BARTRAM 4
†JOHN TAYLOR 2	CLIFFORD PAGE 5
HERBERT SHERMAN 3	STANLEY WALLIS Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WALLIS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on the back six.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent of St. Clement's, Double Court, Woodbine, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
BERTIE CHILVERS 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALPHRED J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLANCELL.

This was P. L. Johnson's 25th peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Elvin and Mr. William Clover, which took place the same day at St. Mary's Church, Wymondham, Norfolk, the bridegroom being an old member of the company at Thornham Magna, which is his native place.

OAKLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

*WALTER FERN Treble	*ALFRED J. ELLIOTT 3
HARRY GAYTON 2	†EDWARD STANTON 4
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE Tenor	

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

* First peal. † First peal on working bell. First peal as conductor. Rung for the eighth anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT H. BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4
STANLEY E. BENNETT 2	FREDERICK PEARSON 5
FRANK DEWEY 3	*GEORGE E. PEARSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PEARSON.

* First peal and first attempt. The treble ringer has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

HAROLD V. COOPER Treble	*SAMUEL THOMPSON 4
*PERCY RICHARDS 2	SIDNEY THOMPSON 5
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	†HAROLD KIRKHAM Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal. First peal on six as conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT MOLTON Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH 4
JOHN MOULE 2	ALFRED PRIOR 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	*GEORGE DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

* 50th peal. Rung for the watch night service.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Tulip, Chase, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Morning Star, Old Doubles, Original, St. Dunstan's, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble	FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
THOMAS G. COOKE 2	WILFRED E. BROOKES 5
JOHN F. FOX 3	WILLIAM ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal in 14 methods by all the band and on the bells.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, December 29th, for the induction service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. E. Bailey, jun., I. James M. Bailey 2, C. F. Bailey 3, W. Drew 4, R. C. Kersey 5, Roy Woodard 6, F. J. Smith 7, E. S. Bailey 8. Touches of Kent and Bob Major were also rung after the service with Miss A. M. Bailey and F. W. Watling taking part.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

B. W. PETTITT 1-2 | A. CATTERWELL 3-4

O. BROYD 5-6

Conducted by O. BROYD.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

LEWIS WISEMAN 1-2 | OLIVE BROYD 3-4

ALBERT CATTERWELL 5-6

Conducted by O. BROYD.

The reports of many other peals are unavoidably held over.

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.

On Tuesday evening, December 23rd, in the presence of the Rector (the Rev. G. B. Vaux) and friends, the ringers of Lower Heyford, Oxon, held a most successful evening when they held a supper, and there was a presentation to Mr. E. J. Pritchett, who before leaving the parish was foreman at this tower. After a most enjoyable repast, the Rector, on behalf of himself and the ringers, made the presentation, which consisted of a bell model inkstand suitably inscribed. The Rector said it was with the greatest of pleasure that he was with them that evening to make such a gift to Mr. Pritchett. He spoke of the way Mr. Pritchett had taught the ringers at their tower the art of change ringing, and of the excellent team spirit that prevailed among the ringers.

Mr. Pritchett, receiving the gift, thanked the Rector and ringers for such a valuable gift, and said it would always remind him of the pleasant times they had had together.

Afterwards a discussion took place on change ringing till the time came, all too soon, to draw the pleasant proceedings to a close.

VISIT TO A MOORLAND PARISH.

Several individual members of the Devon Guild, comprising Messrs. E. Shepherd, W. J. Southwood, W. Richardson, W. Drake, A. Monkley, F. J. Davey, H. Richards, E. W. Biffen, W. Wills, A. W. Searle, A. L. Bennett, and Miss G. Davey, together with the wives of a few of the party, visited Buckland-in-the-Moor Church, Ashburton, on Saturday, where the bells have been increased from five to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, through the generosity of Mr. W. H. Whitley, of Welstor. The bells are a light and very handy peal, and a unique feature is the clock chimes and dials. Arriving at the church shortly before four o'clock, the party were welcomed by Mr. A. H. Perkins, one of the churchwardens, and after a look around the church the bells were raised in peal, and some capital touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The conducting was shared by Messrs. A. L. Bennett and E. W. Biffen, and all were delighted with the 'go' of the bells. Incidentally this was the first time that any half-pull ringing had been done on them.

The bells were eventually lowered, and the party returned to Ashburton for tea at Barnes' Cafe. Ringing afterwards took place at Ashburton Parish Church, where the party were met by some of the local ringers, and here further touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

Prior to the conclusion of the ringing, Mr. E. Shepherd voiced the thanks of the party to Mr. A. L. Bennett for making the necessary arrangements, and thanks are also given to Mr. Perkins, of Buckland, and Mr. H. Warren, of Ashburton, for meeting the party and having everything in readiness. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at North Wingfield on December 20th. It was not well attended, only about 16 members turning up, but there was a very good practice in the higher methods. Touches were brought round in Bob Major, Stedman, Double Norwich, and attempts made for Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise.

At the meeting, after tea, with the president in the chair, the following officers were elected: Mr. F. E. Parsons, president; Mr. J. P. Tarlton, hon. secretary; Mr. A. Knights and Mr. W. Palmer representatives on the committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the local company, and to the ladies for providing the tea. The bells were kept going until about 8 p.m.

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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 many letters of appreciation of Mr. J. A. Trollope's articles on 'Variation and Transposition.' The lucid explanations are such that what many have hitherto thought to be an abstruse subject is readily understandable.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, who celebrated his 76th birthday yesterday.

We learn that nine twelve-bell peals a year for two years is not a new record for a tower. This has been done before at Birmingham.

Those who attended the service at the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Devizes are still wondering why the preacher selected the parable of the Last Judgment as the basis for his address to ringers.

Mr. William Keeble, of Kelvedon, Essex, had a remarkable run of peal successes during 1930. He rang 54 peals with only one break, when the bells had to be stopped owing to a death. The peals were rung with 93 ringers, and Mr. Keeble has now rung peals with 486 ringers in all.

After a lapse of 78 years, members of the Society of Cambridge Youths have rung on a peal at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great. The last was in the same method (Grandsire Caters) in February, 1852.

The name of the ringer in the peal of Stedman Triples at Bingham on December 13th was Ralph Narborough, not Marlborough as sent.

The name of the ringer in the peal of Bob Major, rung at Galleywood on December 26th, should read John Mason, not Nason, as published.

Twenty years ago, on Sunday next, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on the back eight bells of Bow, Cheapside, the heaviest tenor yet rung to a peal of Major.

The first peal of London Surprise Major in the City of London was rung by the Brighton St. Peter's Society on January 14th, 1899.

James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, died at the age of 93 years on January 14th, 1818.

One hundred and sixty years ago next Thursday a peal of 6,720 Norwich Court Bob was rung at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, by the Norwich Scholars.

Communications from Mr. George Baker and Mr. A. J. Pitman on peals with bobs 'Before' are held over until next week.

For the twenty-fifth time, Mr. John Jagger arranged a handbell ringing party to assist in the Christmas festivities at West Bromwich and District General Hospital. On this occasion the party included, in addition to Mr. Jagger, Mr. Jesse Screen and his two sons, Messrs. William and Leonard Screen, and they played selections of carols and ballads.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—St. Patrick's Cathedral contains a run of thirteen bells in 'C,' with the addition of a B flat, which gives a light ten in 'F.' It was upon this ten that the recent 5.111 was rung.—Yours, etc.,

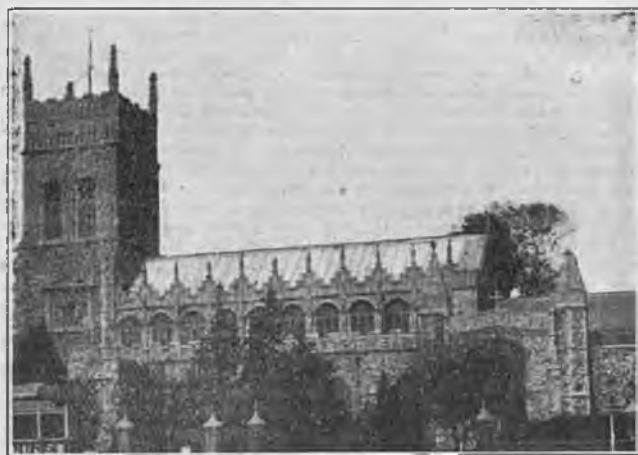
G. LINDOFF.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, IPSWICH

The first peal on the bells of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, by an entirely local company was rung on Saturday, December 27th, and all the band were Sunday service ringers at this church. It is particularly interesting to note that the ringer of the treble, Mr. James Smith, is now over 70 years of age and had not rung a peal for 38 years.

The church, which is situated on the north side of the town, is built chiefly in the Perpendicular and Decorated styles. It has a very fine roof and is well worth a visit.

In the tower, which was thoroughly restored in 1870, hangs a good peal of eight bells with a tenor weighing 15½ cwt. Until 1899 there were only six bells, but in 1899



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, IPSWICH.

two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank, and the whole peal rehung in oak frames by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. In 1926 the 4th became cracked and was recast, the treble was also recast, and the 2nd tuned by Mr. A. Bowell. They are now a nice handy ring.

The inscriptions are:—

- Treble, Recast by Bowell of Ipswich 1926,
- 2nd, Mears and Stainbank 1899;
- 3rd; Miles Graye 1630;
- 4th, Miles Graye 1630. Recast by Bowell of Ipswich 1926;
- 5th, 6th, 7th, Tenor, Miles Graye 1630.

Until 1926 there was never a change-ringing company, but since then the old chiming band has ceased and there is now a regular Sunday service band. The methods chiefly rung are Bob Major, Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob.

A NEW RING OF SIX IN YORKSHIRE.

In the presence of a crowded congregation the Bishop of Ripon dedicated a new peal of bells in Kirkby Wiske Church, Yorkshire. Of the three original bells one has been recast, and the others retuned. Three new bells have been added; the treble (Magnificat) has been given by Miss H. I. Pick and Miss A. H. Illingworth, the second by Mr. W. H. O. Pick in memory of the late schoolmaster (1883-1920), the third (Emmanuel) by the present Rector, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams. The bells have been hung in a new steel frame. Among the many clergy present were the Archdeacon of Richmond (the Ven. A. H. Watson, a former Rector) and the Rural Dean, Canon Beresford-Pearse. A sum of £350 has been raised since July, including the gifts of the new bells.

NEW YEAR AT NORBURY.

INTERESTING EVENTS RECALLED.

The old bells of Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, cast-offs from a neighbouring parish, suffering from shortness of breath and possessing defects peculiar to the ringing fraternity, had one good point in their favour, and that is they did not suffer from idleness. They carried on bravely; there were times, certainly, when they were moody like the rest of their sex, and there were times when they were just as nice, as witness their attitude when the thirty-five-method peal was rung. They could do no wrong that night. Even after that fine performance they did not get uppish, but they needed much 'lubricant' and, until 1925, when four of them had the worst of an argument with a bell smasher's sledge hammer, and two of them 'entered the church,' were game to the last, and none shall say, 'Ichabod!' Their spirit seems to have been infused in the noble peal which replaces them, as the reported performances upon them testify, and there they hang in the tower 'just asking for it.'

Like all bells faithful to their calling, they 'toll'd the knell of departing 'thirty,' and when he'd gone gave the newcomer 'a gradely welcome.' Since the present Vicar (Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.A., B.D.) came to the parish in 1919, the ringing 'out' and 'in' has been done in conjunction with a watchnight service, at the conclusion of which the Vicar, accompanied by as many of the congregation as can squeeze in, holds a short service in the belfry and takes the opportunity of personally thanking the ringers for their services. On this particular occasion he had a pleasant task to perform—the dedication of a peal board on which the thirty-five method peal, rung on December 4th, 1923, has the place of honour. It has been a long time finding a permanent record for all and sundry to see, but at last it has been 'put on the wall.'

Occupying a prominent place on the board, one is pleased to see the particulars of a seven-method peal rung on November 10th, 1900. It was the first in seven methods on the bells, and for the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and its accomplishment was chiefly through the tuition of that former giant amongst ringers, Mr. James S. Wilde, at that time of Hyde, Cheshire, now of Dunedin, New Zealand. Poor chap! There he is out in that place, a one-man band and very active, too, as his mails to England testify. One might say with safety 'each letter to some one contains a peal or a new method.' Some few years ago an incident happened in connection with one of his letters that is worth telling to the 'world.'

Jim Wilde sent the figures and composition of a new Surprise peal to a friend (a non-ringer), with a request that it should be handed over to his nephew, and at the handing over the following was heard: 'Here are some figures for you, Tom. I have added them up, and they come to an awful lot.'

The method in question was Clarendon Surprise Major, and was first rung at Norbury on August 30th, 1926.

This little incident is mentioned just to show that those who give a hand a helping hand at the start never know where it ends. Thirty years ago Norbury had an obscure company struggling in the dark until they 'got a lift' which put them on the right track, and, although they have had some rough passages, still carry on. It must be very gratifying to that gentleman in Dunedin who patiently awaits 'The Ringing World' week by week to see that his former pupils have in turn handed on the benefit of his advice. Now you who have the chance 'go and do likewise.'

On the board are also recorded the peal of Clarendon, already mentioned, Cambridge (May 16th, 1927), Superlative (August 25th, 1928), Bristol (November 25th, 1929), Pudsey (January 6th, 1930), Yorkshire (February 1st, 1930), and Rutland (March 31st, 1930), with the number of changes rung. Following the peals are the names of the ringers. Each peal is prefixed by a letter, A, B, C, etc., and, by the ringers' names, corresponding letters are placed to denote in which of the peals they rang.

At the top of the board is a brief inscription recording the rehanging of the bells in 1900, and lower down is a note describing the work of restoration carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1925.

Visitors to the tower will see a blank space on the board, and in case they want to know the why and wherefore of it—Ssh! Jim might be listening, and it's a secret—it's for London when it comes off.

The board has been neatly painted by one of the ringers, Mr. David Gosling, a name new to the ringing Exercise. He is a learner of great promise, and we trust he will soon be looking for suitable sites for peal boards on the outside of the tower, seeing the belfry is now almost full.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, West Derby, Liverpool, on December 30th, in one hour 12 mins., 1,930 changes of Minor, viz., 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Oxford Bob and 10 odd changes: B. Genevi (longest touch) 1, J. Brown 2, B. Holmes 3, R. Harvey 4, A. Hancock 5, H. Hancock (conductor) 6. Longest touch on an 'inside' bell by ringers of 3rd and 5th, also longest as conductor. Rung to record the rehanging of the bells on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

THE LAW OF Q-SETS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 10.)

Before you can understand very much of the problems of composition, you must know something of the Law of Q-Sets. When we talk about 'law' in this connection, we do not mean some rule that an authority has laid down, and which you are expected to observe, but what the Oxford Dictionary calls 'invariable sequence between certain conditions and phenomena'—that is to say, in certain circumstances certain things always happen. Just as when we talk of the law of gravity, we do not mean that once upon a time Parliament passed an Act ordering that all stones which are dropped should fall to the ground, but that so far as we know all stones which have been dropped in the past, have fallen; and so far as we are concerned, all stones which will be dropped in the future will fall.

In early days of composition there were one or two problems which composers had to face, and the most interesting and important of these was: Is it possible to get a peal of Grandsire Triples with ordinary bobs only? On the face of it, there seemed no reason why it was not possible. John Holt got as far as three leads short of the total, and there he stuck; nor could anyone else put those three leads in. Still, it was argued, because it was a difficult task, that was no proof that it was an impossible task; and because no one had ever done it was no reason for saying that no one ever would do it. Men worked, as I have said, by experimental methods, by trial and error, but one fact early forced itself on their attention, which, used by a man belonging to a later and different school of composition, was to supply the solution of the problem. The fact is this: If you call a bob at the first lead-end of Grandsire Triples and bring up 1752634, you may not bring up 1253746 at a plain lead-end, because you would have to ring the same lead you have already had to bring up 1752634. You would get these changes:—

5716243	and 5716243
5172634	5172634
1576243	1527364
1752634	1253746

And if you bring up 1253746 at a bobbed lead-end, you cannot bring up 1354267 at a plain lead-end.

Again, and for the same reason, if 1354267 is bobbed, 1456372 must not be plain;

And if 1456372 is bobbed, 1657423 must not be plain;

And if 1657423 is bobbed, 1752364 must not be plain.

This has brought us back to where we started from, and we find we have got a group of five lead-ends—1752634, 1253746, 1354267, 1456372 and 1657423—all of which, if they come in our composition, must come up bobbed, or else all must come up plain. In the same way every lead-end of Grandsire Triples is a member of a group of five, and if a peal of Grandsire Triples were possible with bobs only they would have to be in sets of five.

By making a mathematical use of this fact, Mr. W. H. Thompson was able to prove that a peal of Grandsire Triples with common bobs only is not possible. He showed that the 360 in-course lead-ends of the method divide into 72 of these groups, and he called them the 'Q sets.'

Composers and the Exercise generally have accepted Mr. Thompson's conclusions, but I do not think that it is generally known what a 'Q set' really is. Mr. Thompson worked out his argument in terms of the lead-ends, and gave his 'Q sets' as lead-ends, as I have done above. But the actual bob is made before that. Now if we write out the rows (back and hand) where the bobs are made in a 'Q set' we get this block:—

5172634	making bells. If you write out the back and hand
1576243	rows of the lead-ends of a plain course you will get
5167423	an exactly similar block.

1564732	Now write out the 'Q set' of Bob Major and the
5146372	lead-ends of the plain course and you will get a similar
1543627	result. And, further, we shall find that every bit of
5134267	work in every composition and every method is a part
1532476	of some such movement. The law does not always
5123746	work quite so simply as in these cases, but it always
1527364	does work. We will not go into that further now.

It is enough for our present purposes to know that in any extent produced by bobs only, they must be in 'Q sets,' that in any composition where one member of a 'Q set' is brought up bobbed and another plain, there is a third which cannot be had at all; and that in any composition the great majority of the bobs will be in 'Q sets.'

When I talk about extents in this last paragraph, I do not include the extents in methods on the Treble Bob Principle which are restricted by false course-ends, and the last sentence hardly applies to peals of such methods as Kent, where you have a 'lengthening' lead-end.

A knowledge of the law of 'Q sets' gives us at once one way of varying peals. In any composition in any method which contains all the members of a 'Q set,' if they are bobbed you can plain them; and if they are plain, you can bob them. The result will have exactly the same rows as the original, and therefore will not affect the truth. But it may result in resolving the composition into separate parts. If the original is only a few changes over the 5,000, of course, the parts will be of no practical use. But suppose your peal is 5376 of, say, Double Norwich, and it contains these course-ends:—

	1	4	6
62453	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—

You can plain the bobbed 'Q set' I have bracketed and so reduce the peal to 5152. In many cases, if you bob a plain 'Q set' you will still get the same number of changes, but they will come in a different order.

Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten Part is an example of this. In any three (or six) part peal of Bob Major or Double Norwich you can call or omit any bobs which do not affect the 'Part Bells,' i.e., those which come home at the part end, provided that all parts are called alike and the bells do not come home at the first part-end.

A knowledge of the law of 'Q sets' will also enable you to apply the composition of one method to another. I take at random a three-part peal of Double Norwich and I want to apply it to Bob Major. I see at once that to call bobs in the same order will not give me the same peal. I look through the composition and I find that all the members of the different 'Q sets' are there, and that makes my task simple. Then I write out my peal of Bob Major. Whenever I come to a change which is bobbed in the Double Norwich, I bob it in the Bob Major. Here are the two side by side:—

Double Norwich.				Bob Major.			
23456	1	4	6	23456	W.	M.	R.
34256	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—
24653	—	—	—	26354	—	—	—
46253	—	—	—	32654	—	—	—
52643	—	—	—	46325	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	34625	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	64235	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	26435	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	54263	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	26543	—	—	—
46325	—	—	—	52643	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	36245	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	23645	—	—	—

Each twice repeated.

These two compositions look quite different; actually they are the same, and they contain exactly the same lead-ends, but in different order. The first by N. J. Pitstow is No. 88 in the Double Norwich Collection, and was rung in 1892. The second, with a little alteration of the bobs which do not affect the 'part' bells, is No. 87 in the Bob Major Collection, and was composed in 1894 by Mr. Lindoff. According to the old standards, these are distinct and original compositions.

In the same way peals of Grandsire Triples can be applied to St. Clement's and College Triples. The order in which the bobs come will be different, but every lead-end which is brought up bobbed in the Grandsire will be brought up bobbed in the others. A warning must be given here. Every peal of Grandsire will produce all the lead-ends in these other methods, but if you use common singles they will run false in the interior of the leads. Holt's in-course singles must be used, and the Ten-part is a very suitable composition for these methods. (To be continued.)

A LINCOLNSHIRE CENTENARY.

At St. Andrew's Church, Rippingale, Lines, the centenary of the bells was recently celebrated. A peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted, but owing to the fraying of a rope the bells were brought round at 3,000 changes, after 1 hour 42 mins.: N. Atkinson 1, S. Laxton 2, A. Willson 3, H. Gibbard (conductor) 4, C. Challand 5.

The bells were hung in 1830 by William Dobson, of Downham Market, Norfolk, and dedicated on December 6th, 1830, the tenor being 15 cwt. The bell frame was made by a Surfleet carpenter. Prior to 1830, there were three bells in the tower, dated 1620. Dobson recast the old metal, and towards the augmentation Mrs. Casswell, of Rippingale, gave £200. The inscription on the 3rd is 'Long live William the Fourth.'

The one desire of Mr. H. Gibbard, the conductor of the local band, is to get another treble.

THE RECORD OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES. COMPOSITION OF THE PEAL OF 17,687 CHANGES. BY ALBERT WRIGHT.

234587890		452638709	
5237486-90	2. 4. 11. 13. 14.	25364	10-11
2347685	11-8 9-10	25463	By 11 courses as B
A 34276	9-10	254638709	1. S2. 3. 4. 5.
42376	9-10	54263	9-11
32674	10-11	42563	9-11
62473	10-11	52364	11-10
24673	9-10	32465	11-10
46273	9-10	24365	9-11
26374	10-11	43265	9-11
36472	10-11	25364	11-10
64372	9-10	53462	11-10
43672	9-10	34562	9-11
63274	10-11	45362	9-11
3247586	11-8 9-10	35264	11-10
2457683	11-8 9-10	45263	S. 11-10
64275	By 11 courses as A	25364	11-10
4257386	11-8 9-10	35462	11-10
2537684	11-8 9-10	54362	9-11
6527384	By 11 courses as A	43562	9-11
3527486	11-8	53264	11-10
2547386	10-11	32564	9-11
5437682	11-8 9-10	52364	11-10
6457382	By 11 courses as A	42365	11-10
4536287	S. 11-8 9-10	23465	9-11
		34265	9-11
			Round at hand in eight leads.
B 53462	9-10		
34562	9-10		
54263	10-11		
42563	9-10		
52364	10-11		
32465	10-11		
24365	9-10		
43265	9-10		
23564	10-11		
35264	9-10		
45263	S. 10-11		

THE BAND'S CLAIM.

Mr. Albert Wright, in sending the above figures for publication, says: 'I should like to thank you and all who have so kindly sent congratulations to myself and the rest of the band. Mr. Coles writes: "I have not changed my mind on this subject." Neither have the Painswick band in claiming the record on twelve bells.'

HOW WILL IT BE RECORDED?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In whose hands does finality rest concerning the 'twelve-bell record' at Painswick, viz., the Central Council of Church Bellringers or the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, seeing that the latter is not affiliated to the former?

How will the record be placed in the records of the association if such recordings are made?—Yours faithfully,

VERY INTERESTED.

'LEAVE THE REST TO THE VICAR.'

The annual dinner of the South Molton ringers was held on Monday week, when a company of over seventy was presided over by the Mayor (Mr. Altree Powell), who wore his chain of office.

In submitting the toast of 'The Bellringers,' the Vicar (Rev. H. P. F. Scott) said one thing which surprised him more and more every Sunday was why the ringers did not attend the services. In the tower week by week they had eight stalwart fellows who pulled for all they were worth; but in spite of it all there were some who did not come to church. Of all people in the town, the bellringers did their duty (hear, hear). People hardly ever saw the ringers at work, but they might very well take the trouble to visit the belfry now and then. The captain would be very glad to see them.

Mr. W. Tapp, captain of the ringers, in responding, said they had been told the ringers went to the tower but did not go to church. He considered that when they had rung they had done their bit, and they left it to the Vicar to do the rest. It was true the team rang 'year in and year out,' and rarely saw anyone else, but they had a liking for the work. At present he had ten of the best possible juniors coming on; they were better than any he had had for a very long time, for they put their hearts into the practices. Of late, the ringing had improved.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was carried out.

RINGING IN STEDMAN'S TOWER.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

A meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held in Cambridge on Saturday, when members were present from Barley, Birmingham, Bourn, Cambridge, Chatteris, Cherryhinton, Dry Drayton, Exning, Fulbourne, Histon, Ickleton, Ipswich, London, Melbourn, Newton, Over, Royston, Great Shelford, Stapleford, Stetchworth and Trumpington. Various methods were practised at the Church of St. Andrew the Great during the early afternoon.

A service, conducted by the Revs. R. Copeman and A. C. Moulle, and preceded by a touch of Stedman Doubles, was held at St. Benedict's Church, where Fabian Stedman rang. In the course of his address the Rev. R. Copeman said it was of special interest to meet in that church, as the year 1931 is the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were again available for a short time, thus enabling everyone who so desired to have a 'pull.' The ringing room is reached by a perpendicular iron ladder, and has to be lighted by candles.

The tea and business meeting was held at the Dorothy Cafe, the Rev. A. C. Moulle presiding.—Mr. S. Blunt, of Trumpington, was elected a member of the association.—The district committee were re-elected.

It was decided to adopt the use of special ringers' hymns.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the three incumbents for the use of the bells, especially to the Rev. W. Greenwood for allowing the service and ringing at St. Benedict's.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the company then adjourned to the Church of St. Mary-the-Great and enjoyed further ringing.

Five of the present bells at St. Benedict's are those on which Stedman, the father of change ringing, practised. The fourth was recast in 1825. The bells are inscribed:—

1. Robard Gurney made me 1633. Thomas Graves, Tho. Fox, Churchwardens.
2. 1588.
3. Of all the bells in Bennet I am the best and yet for my casting the parish paid least. 1607. T.W., W.B., C.B., N.S., T.W., R.S., M.C., T.N.
4. Henry Marshall, jun., and William W. Hayward, Churchwardens. 1825.
5. + Non. Nomen. Fero. Ficti. Sed. Nomen. Benedicti. 1610. R.S.
6. John Draper made me in 1618.

THE RINGERS' JIG-SAW.

SOLUTION.

Many ringers found amusement in solving the jig-saw in our Christmas week issue.

The figures were those of a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor with tenors the right way.

At least one lady, who is not a ringer, successfully applied herself to the task, and here is the correct solution shown by the bob leads:—

(d)	5	42356
(a)	2	63425
	4	25483
(c)	2	34256
(b)	3	34562
	3	34625
	1	42563
	2	35426
	2	64352
	1	45236
	3	45362
(e)	2	23456

It may interest conductors of Cambridge to know that 720's in the method with tenors the right way can also be obtained by commencing at (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e), and placing the bobs at the same intervals. In the case of (a) and (b) the intervals are in the same order forward; in the case of (c), (d) and (e) the intervals are in reverse order, and in none of the 720's, of course, do the changes come up in the same sequence.

MEMORIAL TOUCHES.

At St. Mary's Church, Timsbury, on Monday, December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Doubles (consisting of Grandsire and Plain Bob) in 44 mins., with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of the Rev. C. C. Parker, Ringing Master of the Bath and Wells Association for 19 years: W. Young 1, Geo. Comer 2, A. Clark 3, Wilf Young 4, G. M. Hasell (conductor) 5, F. Fear 6. First quarter in two methods by the 2nd and 3rd ringers, and first quarter-peal by the 6th.

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancs, on Sunday, December 28th, for evensong, 630 Grandsire Triples in 24 mins., with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rector (Rev. J. H. Kidd), who died on Saturday, December 27th: J. Bolton 1, A. Lees 2, J. Hall 3, R. Longdon (conductor) 4, H. Hollingworth 5, W. Fitton 6, H. Lees 7, E. Boswell (first touch in the method) 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday. The bells of St. John's (eight), St. Mary's (six), and St. James', Southbroom (six) were all available, and ringing commenced about 3 p.m. Service was held at St. John's Church, and was conducted by the Rector of Devizes, the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, who also gave a short address based on the 34th and following verses of St. Matthew xxv. Mr. H. H. Baker was the organist.

Tea followed at the Parish Room, 73 sitting down, including the Rev. Canon Kewley (Vicar of Potterne and Rural Dean), the Rector of Devizes, Rev. G. G. Morris (Vicar of Chittoe), Mrs. C. D. Heginbotham, Mrs. and Miss Green, Mr. L. Green and others.

The business meeting followed, the chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, presiding. He wished all 'a happy New Year,' and gave a resume of the work done in the branch, and the advance made during the past year. He also thanked the officers of the branch for their assistance, and made special mention of the work done by the esteemed secretary, Mr. F. Green. He referred to the loss which the Guild had sustained by the death of Lord Radnor, of Longford Castle, Salisbury, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, assistant secretary of the Guild, Dr. T. Wood Locket, and Mr. H. J. Mead, of Bratton, the last-named being one of the first members of the Guild.—All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The secretary (Mr. F. Green) presented his report and the balance sheet for the past year.

On the motion of Mr. F. F. White, Warminster, seconded by the Rev. Canon Kewley, the officers were re-elected en bloc with thanks for their past services, viz.: Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, Devizes, chairman; Mr. B. Cook, Bratton, vice-chairman; Mr. F. Green, Devizes, secretary; Messrs. S. Hillier, Devizes, and J. Francis, Trowbridge, as Ringing Masters. All returned thanks for their election and the confidence reposed in them.

The following were elected members of the Guild, viz.: Mr. W. Andrews, Winchester, life member; Messrs. P. M. Sturgess, F. Friehence, R. Taylor and F. Buckland (Upavon), F. May (Steeple Ashton), F. H. Reynolds (Heytesbury), and R. Huxtable (Market Lavington), ringing members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the organist, and to Mr. Stone for providing the tea, the Rector replying.

Mr. W. Swift was thanked for auditing the accounts.

The following places were selected for the next meetings: Bishop's Lavington (February), Hilberton (March), and Melksham for the next quarterly in April, if the bells are available.

The visitors included Miss N. G. Williams (Weston, Bath), Mr. H. Ellis (Weston, Bath), and Mr. G. C. Gardiner (Swindon). Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Potterne, Bromham, Bishop's Cannings, Rowde, Urchfont, Trowbridge, Melksham, Market Lavington, Bradford-on-Avon, Bratton, Chirton and Holt.

The following methods were rung during the day: Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

BICESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Bicester ringers took place on New Year's Eve. After a pull on the bells, the ringers made their way to the Rose and Crown, where they sat down to an excellent repast, at which the Vicar (Rev. O'Reilly) presided. Those present were Messrs. T. Clifton (captain), W. Scarrott, H. Hatfield, B. Cox, L. Evans, F. Neale, W. Keays, W. Constable, T. Ward, G. Auger and the vergier (Mr. Bert Walker).

After the dinner the loyal toast was honoured, and then came touches on the handbells.

Mr. T. Clifton proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' and the Vicar, in responding, said there were several fresh faces in the room, and he was pleased to see young men of the town taking interest in church bellringing. He also congratulated Mr. T. Clifton on being awarded the 'long service medal' for postmen, Mr. Clifton having been a postman for about forty years.

The chairman asked the company to drink the toast of 'Absent ringers,' Messrs. A. Clifton and J. Evans, who unfortunately were unable to attend. The only other toast was 'The Ladies,' the Vicar thanking Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Cox and Miss Neale for the excellent spread they had provided.—Mrs. Cox suitably responded.—During the evening songs and community singing were enjoyed, and, after 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'God save the King,' the ringers went to the belfry and rang the Old Year out and the New Year in.

ABBOTS LEIGH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. John Ackerman, a ringer of Abbots Leigh, Bristol, and for many years a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, took place on Christmas Eve. The deceased was also a churchwarden.

The bells were rung muffled after the funeral by the local ringers and others from the neighbouring towers of Portishead, Portbury and Easton-in-Gordano.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

For the passing of the Old Year, at Hitchin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 49 mins., with clappers half-muffled: C. V. Hare 1, P. R. Scott 2, L. Houghton 3, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4, D. C. Mears 5, J. Hare 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, A. E. Symonds 8. To herald the New Year, with the clappers open, 224 changes of Double Norwich. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on January 1st, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins. (from Holt's Original): T. Marshall 1, H. T. Hughes 2, J. Hughes 3, R. T. Evans 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, T. H. Reeves (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. Arranged for Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, on New Year's Eve, for midnight service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: Miss M. I. Holland 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss M. G. Taylor 3, Miss A. I. Whitson 4, Miss F. E. Hogg 5, H. Mann 6, Thos. Ritchie 7, J. L. Fraser 8. This is the longest touch by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 7th and 8th. After midnight, to usher in the New Year, a course in the same method was rung by other members of the society with the bells open: Thos. Ritchie 1, W. C. S. Heathcote 2, W. V. Wright 3, E. J. Rose 4, F. Hulshaw 5, H. Mann 6, D. Stocks 7, J. L. Fraser 8.

ALDENHAM.—To ring out the old year and usher in the new at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gibbs 1, S. Jones 2, W. Inwood 3, C. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, J. Marsh 6, W. Gills 7, L. Harpen 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On New Year's Eve, a peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, — Flint 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. H. Higgs 4, E. A. Morris 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. T. Beadle 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Wednesday, December 31st, at St. Andrew's Church, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the Old Year, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Beagley 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—On Thursday, January 1st, to welcome in the New Year, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, J. Beagley 2, G. Upshall 3, C. Wells 4, H. Kemp 5, E. Beagley 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.—On New Year's Eve, December 31st, in 43 mins., at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): James Conquest 1, William Franks 2, Joe Parkyn 3, Edgar Field 4, John Parkyn 5, William Strietland 6. Conducted by Horace Anstee (captain of the band). It is the first attempt at a quarter-peal by all the members, except Joe Parkyn, who has rung the tenor in one previous quarter-peal. All the ringers are local members, and the 4th and 5th men have only been ringing for twelve months. As this tower is in a rural district six miles from the nearest town, the band are to be congratulated.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—For evensong, on Sunday, January 4th, at All Saints', a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: L. Lee (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, R. Butcher 2, H. B. Whitney 3, W. Botsford 4, F. Plummer 5, A. E. Butcher 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: R. Middleton (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Acock 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, R. Davies (conductor) 4, A. W. Clark 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, D. Cooper 7, H. G. Pratt 8. First quarter-peal for ringer of the treble.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, J. C. Eden (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. S. Parsons 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 4th, and as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. A. D. R. Brooke), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Springham 1, R. Haydon 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. Wacey 4, H. Bull 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, S. Walkey 2, G. Tuke 3, F. C. Wilson 4, E. Pammenter 5, F. Pickering 6, H. Mortimore (conductor) 7, R. McFarlane 8.

BALDOCK.—On Christmas Day, before matins, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: B. Hills 1, L. Squires 2, A. Bray 3, W. Pooley 4, T. Castle 5, A. Bowskill 6, R. T. Newman (conductor) 7, H. Spice 8. Rung with 6.8 covering. First 720 by ringers of 6.8.—On Sunday evening, January 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Hills 1, L. Squires 2, W. Hanscombe 3, W. Pooley 4, A. C. Rose 5, T. Castle 6, R. T. Newman (first as conductor) 7, A. Bowskill 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 6 and 8.

NOTICES.

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 15th, 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 27th, 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 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.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for 1931, etc.) in the belfry at 6.45 p.m. A well-attended meeting is hoped for. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. 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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Usual arrangements.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gadsheden (bells 6) on Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service. Tea and meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' (Liverpool) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Institute afterwards, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Howson. Wigan Branch members are especially invited to attend this meeting. An important discussion on the association Rule 3 will take place. A very good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting for this district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Loughborough. The bells of the Foundry Campanile will be available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good train and bus services. All ringers welcomed. Please turn up in good numbers.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Cathedral bells (12) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Maurice Church 4.30. Tea at Dumper's Restaurant, 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., King's Somborne, Hants.

BATH AND WELL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Service in church at 6 p.m. Please send number for tea to G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ross to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in schoolroom churchyard and business meeting. Election of officers. All ringers welcome. — J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by Rev. H. R. H. Coney, Vicar of Felkirk. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room, 1s. 6d. each. Nominations of officers. — A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 61, Beech Road, Wath-on-Deane.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Ringing at Cathedral (8) from 3 p.m. and St. Nicolas' (10) at 4.30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above association will be held on Monday next, 12th inst., at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2. Ringing 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers are specially asked to attend.—Wm. D. Grainger, Acting Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Wokingham. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea, Parish Room, 4.45. Members 6d. Visitors 1s. Please notify by Jan. 13th. Usual ringing arrangements. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available, and it is hoped Burbage (8) will be available after tea. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting, in Church Rooms. Tea, about 1s. 3d. per head, can only be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, by Jan. 15th latest. Short 15 minute service in Hinckley Church follows tea, to which all present are invited by the Vicar. Ringing again afterwards. Important business to be settled. So, everyone, please turn up!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise Mr. G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford, E.15? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' TENTH ANNUAL DINNER.—Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol. Jan. 17th, 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. P. C. Williams. Chief guest: Rev. D. Jacquet (St. James'). St. Ambrose (8) open 1.30 p.m. Visit to Bristol University and Great George (9½ tons) bell at 3 p.m. by ticket (application for latter through hon. secretary only). Various bells available from 3 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Tickets now available from Bristol tower secretaries: Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, London; S. Hopper, Swindon; J. Austen, Gloucester; Merrett, Chippenham; Prescott, Bath; A. Walker, Birmingham; L. Tanner, Weston-super-Mare; Knight, Wroughton; Shallish, Barnwell, and from 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 Wordsley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Jan. 13th? The secretary would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the members a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

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.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells available 6 p.m. Ottery St. Mary (8). All welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Cathedral bells (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Will all those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 14th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Anyone requiring tea will be informed at the tower. Bells 5.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, Jan. 17th (10 bells). Ringing commences at 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4 p.m. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 4.45 p.m. Will those intending to be present inform me on or before Jan. 14th? — Richard D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (6) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 13th. Adoption of report and balance sheet.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells of St. Mary's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and ringers requiring same should send p.c. to Mr. R. Pattinson, 22, Alfred Street, Gateshead, not later than Jan. 15th. January may be a cold month, but a warm welcome awaits all ringers, so please come.—K. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea are being made. Bus leaves St. Albans at 3 p.m. and 3.30, Luton 2.10 p.m. and 2.50. Please make an effort to attend this meeting.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Jan. 17th, when the bells will be ready at 2 p.m. Those who require tea please notify Mr. A. E. Midwinter, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, before Jan. 14th. Good attendance requested. Good bus and rail services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Copdock on Jan. 17th. Bells (6) and at Hintlesham (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall (1s. each) at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held in the Schoolroom, St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. All members are earnestly asked to attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Ten-terden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial tablet to the late treasurer, Henry W. Jackson, will be unveiled at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, by the President, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30 p.m., unveiling ceremony immediately afterwards. The towers of the Parish Church, St. George's and Holy Trinity will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (FARNHAM DISTRICT) & LADIES' GUILD (SOUTHERN DISTRICT).—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meetings in Church House. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 21st inst.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec. Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec. Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House at 6 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting. Further information next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church House. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Will members who intend to be present kindly let me know by 22nd at latest? Please make this meeting known, and see that it is well attended.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. P. Hartill, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bath, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (2 towers) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all members try to support the work of the Guild by attending if possible? Visitors welcomed. If tea required, please notify by Jan. 28th to Rev. D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—All who are interested are asked to kindly note that Robert W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., North Notts Association, is now residing at Mr. W. J. Bowman's, East Markham, Newark, Notts.

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St. Benedict's should be the 'mother church' of ringers the world over; instead, the bells—five of which are still the same as in Stedman's days—remain silent and neglected, and, until the Ely Diocesan Association specially visited the tower a fortnight ago, had not been touched since 1924. How long it is since they were regularly rung for the church services it is impossible for us to say. The present conditions in the tower are detrimental to any attempt being made in this direction, but what a glorious opportunity now occurs to do something to put these bells in order and get them regularly rung again! Would it be possible for the Exercise to undertake this task to mark the tercentenary of Stedman and then hold a great ringers' rally in Cambridge, with a thanksgiving service at St. Benedict's when the bells are re-opened? Such a scheme for celebrating this three-hundredth anniversary ought not to be beyond the powers of the ringers of this country, and the occasion should not be allowed to pass by. With the goodwill of the church authorities and the whole-hearted support of the associations and the leaders of the Exercise it could, we are convinced, be brought to a successful issue.

Many schemes have been carried through by ringers in the past to commemorate some one of their number whose memory they have delighted to honour, but never, we think, has such an opportunity occurred for a really national effort to commemorate a national figure—and Stedman stands out as a national figure if ever there was one associated with our art. There may be some who will say that Stedman's memory is already perpetuated in the method which bears his name. That is true, but St. Benedict's ought to be a shrine for ringers. As the first real home of change ringing the maintenance of its bells and bell-fry deserves to be a matter for the special care and consideration of the Exercise, now that it is effectually

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WILLIAM C. WILSON 5	*JOHN WILSON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN
* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung by an entirely local band at the third attempt. The conductor's 275th peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	* EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	* JOHN A. WAUGH 7
* JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
* WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS 9
JOHN T. KENTISH 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by the association. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... Treble	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD 2	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE ... 6
JOHN LEE 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
* FRANK E. MITCHELL 4	* LEONARD F. HOPGOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector (Rev. G. W. White, B.A.), who is leaving the parish on account of ill-health. Also for the 32nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. F. G. Goddard.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Woolton,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE HESKETH Treble	HARRY GRACE 5
* JOHN M. BROADBENT 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 6
THOMAS W. HESKETH 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
SIDNEY G. HUMPHRISS 4	PERCY GRINDEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss and Miss Cecilia Broadbent. The bridegroom was for some years leader of the local company, and the bride is the sister of the ringer of the second bell.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

The composition appeared in 'The Ringing World,' December 18th, 1930. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and to the credit of the Suffolk Guild, and rung at the first attempt. This is the 6th different Surprise peal which has been rung on these bells in 1930, the conducting having been shared by four of the band.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	* EDWIN C. BIRKETT 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
JAMES MARTIN 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE E. CLODE Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Longest peal on the bells, by the Guild, and by all the band except the conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch night service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES WALKLATE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ALLEN 5
* JOHN E. SANDERS 2	HARRY D. HOLLOCK 6
BERNARD H. SWINSON 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
JOHN MALYAN 4	FREDERICK JEFFS Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the watchnight service, also as a welcome home to Bernard H. Swinson, who has returned after three years in Venezuela, South America.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	FRANK FOX 6
RONALD E. JONES 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 4	HARRY PYE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung by all Sunday service ringers with bells half-muffled for the departure of the Old Year.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* JAMES W. COLBY ... Treble	CHARLES ELLIOTT 5
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 3	JIM HURRELL 7
ERNEST B. CROWDER 4	RICHARD STEERS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

* First peal. The peal was rung for watchnight service, also for the 58th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—In the belfry of St. Saviour's Church, on handbells, 1,440 Bob Minor: T. Leving 1-2, J. Wilson 3, Miss Elizabeth Madders 4, A. Hadley (conductor) 5-6.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES S. REDHEAD ...	...Treble	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...	5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	2	ADAM DEAS ...	6
JOHN ANDERSON ...	3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	4	RICHARD THOMPSON ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	...Treble	HERBERT RICHARDSON ...	5
EDWIN JENNINGS ...	2	GORDON WHITAM ...	6
JIM TEBAY ...	3	THOMAS F. HEWITSON ...	7
WILLIAM PICTHALL ...	4	THOMAS METCALF ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

Rung after meeting short for Royal. The ringer of the 6th, who belongs to Dalton, was elected a member previous to starting.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	...Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ...	5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ...	4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung after meeting short for London Surprise owing to the indisposition of one of the band. W. Williams has now completed the circle on these bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 38 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE ...	...Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	7
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ...	4	CECIL W. PIPE ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ...	...Treble	SIDNEY ELTON ...	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ...	2	ROBERT PICKERING ...	6
JOHN C. ADAMS ...	3	JOHN PERRY ...	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by J. PIGOTT.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and rung as a compliment on the 70th birthday of an old ringing friend, Mr. John Jagger.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW ...	...Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ...	5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	6
ROBERT WALLWORK ...	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	7
THOMAS WALLWORK ...	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ...	...Treble	*JOHN W. JONES ...	5
*CHARLES H. PERRY ...	2	DONALD G. CLIFT ...	6
FRANK ROWSELL ...	3	DAVID R. JAMES ...	7
ERNEST STITCH ...	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ...	Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* 50th peal together. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon David Phillips, M.A., R.D., who has completed 30 years as Vicar of this parish.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	...Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ...	3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	7
*FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR A. COLLYER ...	...Treble	GEORGE TOMSETT ...	5
CHARLES DENVER ...	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	7
HENRY HUTTON ...	4	†GEORGE E. CLODE ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

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

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ...	...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ...	5
ALBERT H. WARD ...	2	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ...	6
MAURICE SWINFELD ...	3	JAMES GEORGE ...	7
JOSEPH BAILEY ...	4	JOHN CURTIS ...	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Mr. James George has now rung a peal on 8, 10, or 12 tower bells on every date in the year. He is the first person to do this on tower bells. This peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. John Jagger. The band thank the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King, for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKASTER Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
THOMAS LOCK 3	*HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	JOHN T. KENTISH Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 150th peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	ROBERT COLLINS 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	*WILLIAM DURHAM 7
JOHN J. BASSETT 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' This composition, No. 301, composed in 1882, is now rung for the first time. 75th peal as conductor, also 50th peal of Treble Bob. C. H. Sone has now rung 90, A. Relfe 50, T. Saunders 25 peals, with the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

P.C. N. S. BAGWORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM MADGWICK ... 5
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
P.C. CHARLIE ELLIOTT ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
*P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 4	*INSR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	FRANK CLAYDON 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM KREBLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method as conductor. He had never called a bob in the method previously. Three of the band have now accomplished this in the same tower. Rung to celebrate the 53rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, of Great Tey, the former having been a service ringer at Coggeshall for over 50 years.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS W. BOND Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
JOHN NOBES 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

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

First peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On December 30th, at St. Peter's, after an abortive peal attempt, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Haley's): R. Barrow 1, O. F. Howitt 2, A. Skinner 3, G. Straw 4, W. H. Clarke 5, F. H. Dexter 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, F. Graham 8.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

INSR. FREDK. PORTER ... Treble	P.S. GEORGE SHIPP ... 5
INSR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 2	P.C. ERNEST GWILLIAM ... 6
P.C. CHARLIE ELLIOTT ... 3	P.C. NORMAN BAGWORTH ... 7
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... 4	P.C. FREDK. DIGBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by INSR. W. BOTTRILL.

All the above are members of the Metropolitan Police Guild. Insp. Bottrill has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

TOM WILDE Treble	ALFRED W. FROST ... 5
*ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 2	JOHN BRIERLEY 6
THOMAS JONES 3	ERNEST BENNETT 7
*ERNEST GARSIDE 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowdon Branch.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 5
MRS. JACK BRAY 2	MISS E. MARSHALL 6
MISS P. BAKER 3	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 4	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE

The hand wish to thank the Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Baker for their kind welcome and hospitality.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS FULLER Treble	BERTRAM LUCK 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	JAMES BASSETT 5
WILLIAM DURHAM 3	JAMES WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

This peal, taken from the 'Mad Hatter's' tables, has seven 720's with 5-6 the right way behind. Each extent is a different composition; that is, none can be produced from another by transposition or reversal, or by the two means combined.

LECKHAMPTON, RUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5640 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*FREDERICK W. PATEMAN Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 3
FREDERICK C. CASE 2	*FREDERICK WALTON ... 4
DENNIS CARTER Tenor	

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

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(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Monday, December 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.)
* FREDERICK W. J. COPHAM Treble | PERCY SPARKES ... 3
* THOMAS W. BAKER ... 2 | JACK ROY ... 4
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal Exercise, New London, Royston, Penistone and York Minster.

* JOHN MAJOR ... Treble	DANIEL SMITH ... 4
* ARTHUR KELSALL ... 2	JOHN T. WHITE ... 5
MOSES PERRY ... 3	HAROLD CHANT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.
‡ First peal off the tenor. First peal as a conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent, Oxford and Double Court, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS Treble	* STANLEY FYE ... 4
* REGINALD W. FYE ... 2	WILLIAM S. BUTLER ... 5
† VICTOR GLASS ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter on December 25th to the ringer of the 5th. The conductor's 54th peal during the year.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... Treble	ROBERT PICKERING ... 4
JOHN PERRY ... 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band except the conductor, and first on the bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HAROLD DENMAN ... Treble	MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4
* HUBERT M. CAFFERATA ... 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT.

* First peal. First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all the band, who are all ringers at the above church. Rung with half-muffled clappers to ring out the old year.

AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Willoughby, on Boxing Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the restoration of church tower and bells: A. Hancock (first quarter-peal) 1, M. H. Smith 2, G. H. Hancock (conductor) 3, H. Shimmell 4, J. M. Hancock 5, F. W. Hancock 6

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Beverley, York and Cambridge, and one 720 of London. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

Rung to ring out the old year.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

* HARRY CHAMBERS ... Treble	† ALBERT E. BALL ... 4
† HARRY RICHARDSON ... 2	ANOS SMART ... 5
† FRANCIS BALL ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and the first peal in five Surprise methods for the Guild.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY & SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Six Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Parish Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 10,800 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Ringers', Carlisle, Munden, Hexham, Surfleet, Chester, Berwick, Beverley, London, Canterbury, York, Wells, Newcastle and Durham Surprise. Tenor 10½ cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER ... Treble	HAROLD CHANT ... 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

Record length of Surprise Minor for all the above societies. Longest length by all except the conductor.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 Plain Bob.

* JOSH J. PARTRIDGE ... Treble	AMOS SMART ... 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	J. BRAGG, Gren. Gds. ... 5
ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 3	E. CHARLES ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. CHARLES ALLEN.

* Elected a member previous to starting for the peal. It is 42 years since the ringers of 3rd and tenor rang their first peal together. First peal as conductor.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN T. BIMSON ... Treble	FRED HARWOOD ... 4
JOHN CHARNOCK ... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

First peal on the bells after being rehung on ball bearings by Mr. J. F. Groves, of Birmingham, the 'go' being very good. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Madely for their kind hospitality after the peal, which was very much appreciated.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, December 1st, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes, composed of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob), in 48 mins.: T. Bettison 1, C. M. Heathcote 2, T. Clarke 3, E. R. Partridge 4, J. L. Bieby 5, G. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

THORPE MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE EARLE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven variations of extents.

Tenor size 17 in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER 1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY 5-6	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Witness: GEORGE EARLE.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 16, GODSTONE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. COLIN RYDER 1-2	ALBERT NASH 5-6
SIDNEY BRIGGS 3-4	COLIN RYDER 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by A. NASH.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 1,008 Stedman Triples: G. Upshall 1, J. Read 2, T. Upshall 3, E. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Komp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 416 Bob Major.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 3rd, at St. Martin's Hotel, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

The first business was the election of officers, and, on the proposition of the chairman, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected on bloc.

The Secretary proposed the re-election of Mr. Alderman Pritchett as Presiding Ringing Master, and in doing so congratulated him on behalf of the Guild on having reached his 76th birthday, full of vigour and continuing his many activities with undiminished enthusiasm. This was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pritchett, in acknowledging his election, thanked the members for their continued good wishes, and stated that he was happy to preside over them and do all he could in the interests of the Guild. He had a most capable deputy in Mr. Albert Walker, and would like to take that opportunity of thanking him for his many services.

Mr. Walker was re-elected Deputy Ringing Master on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. G. F. Swann, and supported by Mr. J. W. Pemberton, Mr. Swann remarking that he thought more of the older members of the Guild should turn up at the Tuesday night practices and support Mr. Walker in instructing the younger members.—Mr. Walker thanked the members for his election. He added that several young twelve-bell ringers were progressing nicely, and he had every confidence in the future.

Messrs. Tom Russam and A. Paddon Smith were re-elected trustees, and Messrs. Jonathan Preston and Ernest T. Allaway auditors.

In proposing Mr. G. F. Swann be re-elected librarians, Mr. Walker stated that this office entailed quite a lot of work in getting out statistics regarding peals rung by the Guild.—The motion was seconded by Mr. F. W. Rishworth and carried unanimously.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, was also re-elected.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer and duly adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. P. Smith, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

The Henry Johnson Dinner was fixed for Saturday, February 28th, at the Imperial Hotel as usual, and on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, it was unanimously agreed that the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, be asked to preside. The other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the officers.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at King's Norton on Saturday, March 28th, if possible.

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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.

Something new in dishes for ringers' dinners was suggested at Guildford on Saturday. A well-known ringing clergyman had been sitting all the evening in close proximity to a gas fire, and when he rose to propose a toast he informed the company that they would soon be able to have a cut of 'roast parson.'

The Guildford Cathedral band intended to ring the 'extent' of Guildford Surprise Major for their customary 'old year' peal, but a few minutes before starting they learned that there was in existence a composition with three more leads.

The Metropolitan Police Guild have rung a peal of Bob Major at St. George's, Southwark, the band consisting of two inspectors, two sergeants and four constables.

At Handsworth, Sheffield, where the first peal of Major by a ladies' band was rung, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major has now been scored by members of the Ladies' Guild.

Members of the Devon Guild should note that to-morrow's meeting at Payhembury has been cancelled.

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild is to be held at Appledore to-morrow, January 17th, and not on the 24th as announced in the notices last week.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Benjamin Annable, was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1725.

The 'London Youths'—a long defunct society—rang a peal of 6,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch on January 19th, 1767.

Performances by the Cambridge Youths at Great St. Mary's recalls the fact that they are one of the oldest ringing societies. On January 21st, 1788, they rang a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus at Great St. Mary's.

A correspondent writes: 'Don't you think it is a good job Grandsire Triples does not run to more than 5,040? If it did, the result would be that more eight-bell record lengths would go west.'

A peal by a local band at Ewerby, Lincs, included no fewer than six 'firsts' as well as one 'first away from the tenor.' Change ringing is encouraged at this tower by a generous yearly gift from the beneficence of the late Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, who was himself a ringer and donor of the new bells. The Dowager Countess still shows interest in the progress by many acts of kindness.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the note in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' that the Society of Cambridge Youths had not rung a peal on the bells of St. Mary-the-Great for 78 years, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there on Thursday, August 28th, 1924, which I conducted, the band at that time being all members of the Society of Cambridge Youths.

E. G. HIBBINS.

23, Hemingford Road, Cambridge.

WHERE STEDMAN RANG. ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

There is a special interest to ringers in the tower and bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, for it was here that Fabian Stedman rang and developed in Doubles the method for ever associated with his name. It was Stedman who first really visualised the possibilities of half-pull change ringing as it is practised to-day, and although he was probably not the originator of the system, which came by the process of evolution, it was he who really gave it the first great push that sent it on its ever-expanding course.



ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

In the 'Tintinnalogia,' published in 1668, the first book on the art of ringing, Stedman says:—

'Within these fifty or sixty years changes were not known or thought possible to be rung. Then were invented the Sixes, being the very ground of a six-score; then the "twenty" and "twenty-four," and several other changes.'

There we have a statement of the very beginnings of our art, which Stedman did so much to develop. This year is the tercentenary of Stedman's birth, and a suggestion is made in our leading article for its fitting celebration.

As to the tower and bells of St. Benedict's Church, they are extremely interesting in themselves, apart from Stedman's association with them. The tower is claimed to be the oldest building in the country, and, indeed, in all East Anglia, being the only one now standing of pre-Conquest date. The building is Saxon, and contains fine examples of the 'long and short work' of that period.

Early records show that in 1273 a composition was made between the Rector and the University for the use of the church bell, and for this the University paid 6s. 8d. annually until 1683.

In 1491 the bell was repaired, at the expense of the University.

Thomas Hobson, the famous carrier and originator of 'Hobson's choice,' was buried in the chancel in the year 1632. It is recorded that in 1667 a bell was tolled as the body of Matthew Wren, Bishop of Ely (grandfather or father of Sir Christopher Wren) passed through the parish.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SWINDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 10th. The bells were raised about 3 p.m. Service was held in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. Spence, curate of Christ Church, and the Rev. N. S. Willis, Vicar of Purton, who presided at the organ and gave a short address, in the absence of the Rev. J. Gilbert, Vicar of Swindon, who was on the sick list.

Tea was taken at Elma House, Hunt Street, and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. E. Bishop being in the chair.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston was elected a representative on the management committee, in succession to Mr. E. Bishop, who wished to resign. Mr. C. J. Gardiner was appointed chairman for the ensuing year. There being no rush for the post of hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Hopper accepted the office for another year, and asked for the support of the members, especially in tea arrangements at meetings in country places.

Messrs. S. Palmer, G. Lancaster and N. Allnott were elected as Branch Committee.

Highworth was chosen for the quarterly meeting in March, South Marston for a monthly meeting in February, the meetings to be on the third Saturdays in the months if possible. Due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was proposed to the clergy who took part in the service and gave the address. This concluded the business, and a return to the tower was made for further ringing.

The following towers were represented: Brinkworth, Faringdon, Fairford, Purton, Minchinhampton, Shrivenham, Wootton Bassett, and the two local towers.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES IN THE BEDFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association was held on Saturday, January 3rd, at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kempston, and was attended by 33 members, although the afternoon was anything but pleasant. The bells were available for the afternoon and evening, and were raised in peal about 3 p.m., some good ringing being done in methods from London Surprise to Grandsire Doubles. Mr. H. Stapleton, of Turvey, was in charge of the ringing, and saw that all ringers present were 'fixed up' for the methods wanted.

A short service was held at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. W. Barker, gave an interesting and inspiring address that was greatly appreciated. Miss E. Steel (vice-president) was at the organ, and accompanied the hymns.

An excellent tea was served in the schoolroom, after which followed the business meeting, the Vicar being in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. P. C. Bonnett) presented a report of the past year. The report stated that meetings had been held at thirteen towers—Thurleigh, Cardington, Kempston, Sharnbrook, Milton Ernest, Keysoe and Riseley, Stagsden, Bromham, Biddenham, Turvey, Willington and Elstow, and the majority had been well attended. Eight new members had been elected, and nine peals had been rung, including the first peal for the association of Stedman Doubles at St. Peter's, Bedford. It was here that Mr. W. Stapleton has just rung his 50th peal on the bells, and the members congratulated him. During the year the bells of St. Paul's Church, Bedford, had been rehung and overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and were now in excellent going order. Funds were being raised for the restoration of the bells at Stagsden, and it was hoped that before long they, also, would be in a good state of repair. The deaths of three members had occurred during the past year, including the president, Canon W. W. C. Baker, and the association missed them all tremendously.

The balance sheet was next dealt with, and this showed that expenses were £1 14s. 11½d., receipts £5 9s., leaving a balance in hand of £3 14s. 0½d., which was considered very satisfactory.

The election of officers resulted in the following: District Committee, Messrs. E. Freeman, H. Stapleton, P. Inskip, L. Williams and W. Addington, Messrs. P. Inskip and L. Williams to attend general committee meeting; Mr. P. C. Bonnett was re-elected district secretary, and was thanked for his past services.

The next meeting will be held at Blestoe, if the bells are available, with Sharnbrook as an alternative.

The election of two new members, who were proposed before peals, was also confirmed, viz., Messrs. R. West and J. J. Partridge, of Bozeat, Northants.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and his address, also to the ladies who had arranged the tea, and to all who had assisted to make the meeting a success.

The bells were made good use of afterwards, a variety of methods being rung until 8.30 p.m., when they were lowered in peal. Members were present from Bedford (St. Peter's and St. Paul's), Bromham, Biddenham, Cardington, Clapham, Clifton, Turvey, Keysoe, Wilden, Wellingborough, Southill, Stagsden and the local company.

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Except for the fourth bell, which was recast in 1825, the bells in the tower are those upon which Stedman and his band practised. The inscriptions on them were given in our last issue.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

'COMPOSE' AS YOU RING.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 26.)

When you are comparing two compositions the easiest mistake you can make is to judge from apparent similarity or dissimilarity. It by no means follows that two peals are variations of each other because they look alike; or that two peals are distinct and separate because they do not look alike.

Two good examples of the first occur to me, both of which have been debated in years gone by.

23456 W. M. R.		23456 W. M. R.	
42635	— —	42635	— —
64523	— —	64523	— —
56342	— —	56342	— —
23564	— —	23564	— —
45236	— —	45236	— —
24653	— —	24653	— —
62345	— —	62345	— —
36524	— —	36524	— —
45362	— —	45362	— —
34256	— —		

Five times repeated, Single half-way and end. Four times repeated.

The first is by Annable; the second by D. Prentice, of Ipswich. Up to a point these two compositions are identical—the course-ends, the bobs, the actual changes are the same. And yet the whole peals are quite distinct and independent.

Treble Bob Maximus. Cambridge Maximus.
6,000. 5,280.

23456 M. W. R.		23456 M. W. R.	
64352	1 1	64352	— —
56342	1	56342	— —

Four times repeated. Four times repeated.

The first, by Henry Hubbard, appears in his 'Campanologia,' A.D. 1876; the second was, I believe, rung at Ipswich, the first in the method.

In these two the course-ends throughout are the same, and the incidence of the bobs much the same, but the general conditions of the two methods are so unlike that we cannot call these variations.

In its simplest and most general form, composition consists of joining together a number of separate courses by bobs and singles, usually arranged in 'Q sets.' In Double Norwich or Bob Major or any of the Plain Major methods there are one hundred and twenty course-ends. From each of these a course of 112 rows can be written out, and as, in a course, 1,78 never fall twice into the same relative positions, these one hundred and twenty courses will contain 13,440 true rows. If you start with the plain course and call three 'Homes' you will join together three complete courses into one round block. Anywhere in this block you can call three 'Middles,' and that will add two more courses. So you can go on adding courses till you have got the total number available or as many as you want. Bobs and Singles are links in a chain which binds separate courses into one whole.

But it is obvious that if a set of bobs will link up a number of courses, it will also link up the same number of any sort of round blocks, provided that you have the necessary positions to call the bobs. And if you have conditions similar to those of a course, the result will be true. For instance, here are three round blocks:—

23456 W. B. M.		23456 W. M.		23456 W. M.	
35264	1	43652	—	42635	—
23456	—	63254	—	64523	—
		56234	—	56342	—
		35264	—	35264	—
		23456	—	23456	—

In these 1-6-7-8 never fall into the same relative positions, so we can take any touch with the sixth never moved, and in place of the courses put one of these blocks, and get a true composition. We cannot call a bob 'Wrong' in the third block, but if we call a 'Home' in the fourth course the result is the same. If we take any block which has twenty-four courses with the sixth at home, and use the second or third block, we get the full extent of the method with 7-8 together. If we use the first we have a peal with the sixth its extent each way. And if we care to work out the different combinations and variations of these we shall get several peals which have passed as the original work of different composers.

We could also use the same block to link up a mixture of courses and different sorts of blocks, providing we pay regard to the truth of the result. There is a further useful way of linking up round blocks. In Double Norwich (and in Bob Major and the rest) there

are a number of touches to be had by bobs only of different lengths without moving the sixth. Actually their number is small, but by beginning at different course-ends, by reversal, and by reduction, we can get for practical purposes quite a good number. There will be the same number out-of-course touches, and the same with the Fourth a sixth's-place bell, and the Fifth a sixth's place bell. Now, provided each has a position where a bob may be called on 4-5-6, you can take six of these blocks (one from every group), and by four bobs and two singles make them into one block. According to the lengths of the different blocks, so will the length of your peal be. The result will look like an irregular one-part, but all the conductor has to do is to call six easy touches, all of which probably are familiar to him. There are a quite a large number of peals to be had like this, and any conductor who knows this plan need never be at a loss for a peal if he is called on at a minute's notice.

In Bob Major I use a somewhat similar plan. Personally, I always have had a liking for Bob Major. I think that, next to Spiced Surprise, I get more enjoyment out of ringing that method than any other, and I am always quite ready for a peal of it. What I do is this. First I take a block of twenty-four courses with the sixth at home. There are, I think, three of such blocks; but by variation and reversal they become a fair number for practical purposes. And there are others if you use short courses. Then I have a number of blocks with the sixth in Fifth's place. I start my first block. At a point I switch into one of the others; finish that; go back to the first block; then again into one of the others; finish that; back to the first block, and so to the end of the peal. I have two ways of switching from block to block:—

23456 W. B. M.		23456 W. M.	
35264	1	43652	—
23456	—	63254	—
		56234	—
		35264	—
		23456	—

It does not matter a bit which I use, what course I put it in, or what particular blocks I use with the Sixth in fifth's place provided that one of them is 'In Course' and one 'Out of Course.' Usually when I call a peal of Bob Major we have met short for something else, and I have worked this dodge quite a number of times, perhaps twenty, perhaps more. And so far as I am aware I always use a different variation. I have heard people talk about composing peals as you ring them. If you use some sort of plan as this it is quite easy. But you might get let down if you take it too cheap. Once I made a mistake and rang a course longer than I intended. It might have been a course too short.

(To be continued.)

TAUNTON RINGER'S FATALITY.

A distressing accident occurred at noon on Saturday, January 3rd, as a result of which Mr. George Frederick A. Reeves, of Toneside, Priory Avenue, Taunton, died in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital at 1.30 a.m. on Sunday. The unfortunate man, who was married and was aged 25 years, was working at F. G. Halliday, Ltd.'s, shops planning the edge of a round table. As it revolved on a lathe it parted and struck deceased on the forehead. He fell to the ground unconscious, and later passed away.

The deceased was a valued member of St. Mary's Guild, and also a member of the Taunton Ambulance Brigade. He leaves a widow and infant child.

The funeral took place at Taunton on Thursday last week, the service at St. Mary's Church being conducted by the Rev. A. F. Judd, Vicar of St. George's, Wilton, assisted by the Rev. P. Cowley, curate of St. Mary's. The interment followed at St. Mary's cemetery. The bells were rung muffled by St. Mary's Guild, three courses of Grand-sire Cinques (528 changes) being brought round by F. Chedgoy 1, W. Millard 2, S. A. Wyatt 3, A. Wyatt 4, E. Lloyd 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, W. H. Tarr 7, W. Lloyd 8, J. A. Grant 9, F. Sudd 10, E. Wyatt 11, P. Merson 12.

NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Jim Ashby, of Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, who passed away on Tuesday, January 6th, at the age of 53 years. Deceased was a member of the local band for many years. For some time he had not enjoyed the best of health, but he attended the choir and ringers' supper on New Year's Eve, and assisted in ringing the old year out and new year in.

He was interred at the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, January 10th. In the evening, 720 Bob Minor were rung with bells muffled as a last token of respect and esteem, with 6-8 covering, by the following: J. Josh 1, A. Hodgson 2, G. Howling 3, G. Burton 4, E. Easter 5, J. Moore 6, J. W. T. Wright (conductor) 7, W. Howling 8.

CUMBERLAND BAND'S FIRST LONDON SURPRISE.

At the Parish Church, Egremont, Cumberland, on Wednesday, January 7th, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Spedding 1, W. H. Cook 2, W. Norman 3, A. Elibeck 4, J. H. Botherly 5, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION.

The experiment of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, in holding a dinner and social, proved a great success, and a party of over ninety spent a very enjoyable evening at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. Visitors were accorded the privilege during the afternoon of ringing on the Cathedral bells, which were half-muffled on account of the funeral of the Princess Royal, and also at S. Nicolas' Church.

The dinner was presided over by the Provost of the Cathedral (Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan), who was supported by Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president of the Guild), Mr. W. C. Ryde, K.C., Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Canon G. F. Coleridge (late president of the Central Council), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. J. M. La F. McNally (Haslemere), Mr. N. Vincent (Guildford), and Mr. S. Marshall (Puttenham). Other visitors included Mr. A. Hughes (Ancient Society of College Youths, London), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), and Mr. R. H. Dove (Croydon). Members of the Guild were present from the Cathedral and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Aldershot, Bagshot, Cranleigh, Farnham, Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere, Leatherhead, Dorking, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, West Clandon, Witley, Woking, etc. After an excellent repast, served by Messrs. Boyce and Son, the loyal toast was honoured.

Mr. W. C. Ryde proposed 'The Church,' but first took the opportunity to express indebtedness for what members of the Guild had done in connection with the scheme for providing a new peal of bells at his own church at Grayshott, where the Master of the Guild had given them expert and valued advice, while the ringers at Haslemere and Woking had come forward with help. Dealing with the toast, he referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury's utterance at the Kent Association's jubilee, in which he publicly recognised church bell-ringers as servants of the Church, and spoke of the interest which the Bishop of Guildford took in the Diocesan Guild. He also referred to the indebtedness of the members to the Provost and the parochial clergy for their interest and assistance in forwarding the Guild's objects.—The toast was responded to by the Provost, who said that at the Cathedral he looked upon the ringers as his fellow-workers in the church, and he felt that that was the attitude adopted in this diocese to the ringers at other churches. As long as they had bodies of loyal workers in the church like the ringers they could look forward with confidence to the future.

OVER 46,000 RINGERS IN ENGLAND.

Canon Coleridge proposed the toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He said that, having been present at the inaugural meeting and tea at Guildford when the Guild was started, he was proud to be there on the occasion of the first dinner, because there were two things in the activities of a ringer which were doing an enormous lot of good. One was the friendship he made in the belfry, and the other was the cementing of those friendships at a joyous and convivial gathering like that. He congratulated the Guild on the progress it had made, and said they were fortunate in having a strong combination of officers to carry it through. Continuing, Canon Coleridge said the latest available figures given in the Church Year Book, compiled from the annual parochial statistical returns, showed that there were in the Guildford diocese, in the year 1929, 619 ringers. He did not know whether they all belonged to the Guild; if not, why not? Of this number, 152 were paid ringers, and 467 were voluntary workers doing it for the love of the thing and the glory of God. Guildford was a small diocese compared with his own, the Oxford diocese, where they had 2,987 ringers. There were some dioceses where they had even more in proportion to the size. If they went to Devon or Cornwall, they might find small parishes of, perhaps, 600 inhabitants where there were 70 ringers. At one parish he knew of there were six different bands of ringers, and they were always ringing—three times a week at least, and as much on Sundays as they could manage. They were not all change ringers, but they were intensely keen, and they did not find the same keenness in this part of the country. The total number of ringers in the whole of England in 1929 amounted to 46,270, which was an increase of 187 over the previous year. It was not a large increase, perhaps, but it showed that ringing was still alive, and he had no doubt it would continue to grow and increase as time went on. The Guildford Diocesan Guild was doing its part nobly in carrying on that great work for the Church, and he wished it all prosperity and great success, both in their Sunday service ringing and in their peal-ringing efforts. In the past he had been indebted to the ringers both at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' for opportunities to ring peals, but he was not able to take part in peals so often now. As they got older they did not feel the same boyish enthusiasm, and, while the spirit might be willing, the flesh was weak. With all his heart he wished the Guild success in the future, and he hoped that God would bless their work (applause).

The Master, who responded, said the Guild had been wonderfully well supported by the clergy of the diocese: all the officers had worked together in unity and had done their best. Major Hesse referred to the achievements of the Cathedral band, and congratulated Mr. Pulling upon all that he had been able to do since recovering

from his serious accident. He thought that on the whole Sunday ringing throughout the Guild had improved, but he would remind the members that wherever there were eight bells, eight bells should be rung for the services, and where there were ten, ten should be rung (hear, hear). It was a duty that every ringer owed to the church to turn up for the service ringing. He congratulated the band who on Boxing Day rang a peal at Chiddingfold. There were five first peals, and they were all local ringers. This success had been due to the efforts of Mr. 'Jimmy' Bartlett (hear, hear).

THE BISHOP'S APPRECIATION.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) proposed 'The president, vice-president and hon. members,' and read a letter from the president in which the Lord Bishop expressed regret at being unable to attend because his important Sunday work necessitated his taking Saturday evening quite quietly. He extended to the members his cordial greetings and best wishes, and added: 'I hope that they will not only have a good and pleasant reunion, but that the work of the ringers of the diocese may go on with ever increasing vigour, and that the services done to God and the cause of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the belfries of the diocese will increase, not diminish, as the years go by. I value this work very much, and I am glad to find, wherever I go, that this branch of Church work, at all events, is receiving a considerable number of recruits among the younger men and women.' Mr. Goldsmith referred to the interest which the Bishop had always shown in the Guild, thanked the hon. members for their support, and spoke of the extremely valued services rendered to them by Mr. Harrison as vice-president and chairman of the executive committee. Although not a ringer, Mr. Harrison had the greatest interest in and sympathy with their objects, and he served them further as a sort of liaison officer between the Guild and the ecclesiastical authorities.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Harrison said they were extremely lucky to have as president a Bishop who took so much interest in their work. He recalled the occasion when a small deputation met the Bishop, soon after his arrival in the diocese, to discuss various matters with him in connection with the formation of the Guild. They were received with the utmost courtesy and cordiality, and ever since that time the Bishop had taken a keen interest in the Guild and had accorded it full recognition as part and parcel of the Church organisation in the diocese. Continuing, Mr. Harrison said they were continually receiving as a Guild pats on the back, and he was not sure they might not be in danger of getting too self-satisfied. He thought there were still places where missionary work was necessary, and he hoped this might be undertaken. Mr. Harrison added that he thought the vice-president of the Guild should be a ringer, but when he had mentioned it he had been told that the members wanted him to remain in office. As that was their desire, he was quite willing to remain as long as he could be of real use to the Guild (applause).

Mr. George Grover submitted 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' and welcomed the visitors. He said he was convinced that the social side was a great help to the scientific side of ringing, for it helped to keep the members of bands together, and gave them something to meet for beside the actual ringing. In the villages particularly, there was an absence of social activity, and if they could, in connection with ringing, offer young men something of interest on the social side, he believed they would be better able to keep them while they were learning the art of ringing.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who first responded, said the suggestion thrown out by the proposer of the toast had certain points about it which might be considered by associations, especially in regard to young ringers. He congratulated those responsible for that inaugural dinner, and added that between his own Guild and the new Guild there were strong links which went back to the days when the area covered by the Guildford diocese was a branch of the old Winchester Guild. A spirit of great fraternity existed between them, and he hoped it would long continue (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes also replied, remarking that he could foresee that dinner was going to be the beginning of many happy gatherings in the future of the Guild. He brought greetings from the Ancient Society of College Youths, and said it was to the interest of these older societies to do all they could to welcome the inauguration of the younger Guilds. Many of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were members of the old London Society, but all would find a welcome if at any time they were able to join the College Youths at any of their practices.

Admiral Walker proposed 'The health of the chairman,' who, he said, they regarded with affection, and looked upon as a splendid friend of ringers and of the Guild.—The Provost replied, and appreciation having been expressed to those who had worked to make the evening a success, the proceedings terminated with the National Anthem.

The 'community singing' which was indulged in was a great feature of the musical programme, this being led by Mr. T. Stroud, organist at Farnham Church, who is a member of the Guild, and who acted as accompanist. The party much enjoyed the songs of Madame Welbrock Smith (Guildford) and Miss Kathleen Corbett (Bagshot), and were delighted with the artistically rendered handbell solos contributed by Mrs. Hughes (London), who was loudly escorted on each occasion. The change ringing element was in evidence in a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples rung on handbells by Messrs. R. Philpott, A. H. Pulling, C. H. Kippin and W. Melville.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. F. A. MILNE

At the annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild it was agreed that a memorial to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, president and treasurer of the association, should be erected in the Parish Church at Barnet.

The sub-committee set up to carry out the scheme have obtained plans and estimates for a mural tablet, and are now awaiting the granting of a faculty before proceeding further.

In his early days, Mr. Milne was hon. secretary of the Cambridge University Guild; later on he helped to form the Middlesex Association, being for some time hon. secretary of this society prior to the formation of the present county association.

His work on the Central Council is well known: he was a member of the 'Legal Liability Committee,' whose valuable report was submitted at the 1929 meeting of the Council only a few months before his death.

It is felt that, besides members of the Middlesex County Association, many members of the Exercise in general would wish to subscribe to this memorial, and any ringers desiring to do so should send their donations to either of the undersigned, who will gratefully acknowledge same:—

*W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, Southgate, N.14.

*J. A. Trollope, 52, Laminas Park Road, Ealing, W.5.

*C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

W. H. Hollier, 21, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

* Members of the Memorial Sub-Committee.

RUTLAND SURPRISE.

Mr. H. W. Wilde points out that the statement that any peal of London Surprise will be true for Rutland is not correct. The majority of peals of London are on the 'In and 5th's' plan, and if 'In and 5th's' is used for Rutland there are four false course-ends to contend with. If it is used in every course, three are cut out, but there is still one to deal with, so that many peals of London on this plan would be false for Rutland. With regard to bobs 'Before' breaking up the symmetry of the courses, it does cut out one lead in Rutland, but 'In and Fifth's' cuts out three leads of the plain course, and parts the tenor for two leads.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, January 11th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, by St. Mary's Society, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') in 45 mins.: S. A. Wells 1, J. Eagles 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, C. R. Milway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Harde-
man 8.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, January 4th, at the Parish Church, 935 Grandsire Caters: *H. Walker 1, A. Walker, sen., 2, J. H. Lenton 3, T. Holder 4, *A. T. Strangward 5, *W. Swallow 6, H. Walters (conductor) 7, A. Walker, jun., 8, J. Fryer 9, *G. Cooke 10.
* Longest length of Caters.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 4th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: W. Payne 1, T. J. Salter 2, A. Wright 3, J. E. Lawrence (conductor) 4, J. Smith 5, A. Jones 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 4th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. H. Hollier 3, C. H. Winney (conductor) 4, A. Cutmore 5, H. Cook 6, E. R. Mackrill 7, A. Harding 8, C. F. Hunt 9, Wm. Butler 10.—For evening service, on December 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, Wm. H. Hollier 2, C. H. Winney 3, H. Ellis 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, H. Congreve Pridgeon (conductor) 7, J. W. Driver 8, C. F. Hunt 9, Wm. Butler 10.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes from Holt's Original) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, E. Stitch (conductor) 2, W. Williams 3, F. E. Stone 4, W. J. Nurlon 5, C. Mathers 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Weatherby 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday evening, December 21st, for nave service, at the Cathedral Church, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: G. E. Fearn 1, H. H. Fearn 2, S. T. Holt 3, C. Tansell 4, E. T. Allaway 5, F. Price 6, H. Bird 7, W. Dowling 8, R. Mathews 9, S. Grove 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, W. Davies 12.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 14th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. This was rung by the local band to welcome the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, who was instituted to the Rectorate of Seales by the Bishop of Derby the previous day, also a birthday compliment to J. W. Cotton: G. Clayfield 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Clayfield 3, J. W. Cotton 4, P. W. Grice 5, W. H. Curson (first 720 as conductor) 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, December 14th, for Confirmation service, 882 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Smith 1, G. Lambert 2, H. D. Whyte 3, J. Ladd 4, E. J. Ladd 5, R. Stredwick 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chisson 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, December 14th, at Christ Church, for evensong, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal in 62 mins.: W. W. T. Daniells 1, H. W. Bishop 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, H. W. L. Wells 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop 9, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 10.

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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 January 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Wokingham. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea, Parish Room, 4.45. Usual ringing arrangements. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available, and it is hoped Burbage (8) will be available after tea. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting, in Church Rooms. Short 15 minute service in Hinckley Church follows tea, to which all present are invited by the Vicar. Ringing again afterwards. Important business to be settled. So, everyone, please turn up!—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise Mr. G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford, E.15? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

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.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The meeting arranged to be held at Payhembury to-morrow has been cancelled.—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Cathedral bells (8) will be available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15.—All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Anyone requiring tea will be informed at the tower. Bells 5.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Copduck on Jan. 17th. Bells (6) and at Hintlesham (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall (1s. each) at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS. — Tenth Annual Dinner, Jan. 17th.—St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, open at 1 p.m. to leave parcels, etc. Free tea and bun at 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' bells (10) available 4.30 p.m., St. Ambrose's bells (8) at 1.30 p.m. Dinner at Grand Hotel, Broad Street; commence 6 p.m. University invitations (limited in number) have now been terminated. This inspection is at 3 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 5s. 6d., not obtainable after to-day (16th).—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells of St. Mary's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. January may be a cold month, but a warm welcome awaits all ringers, so please come.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Arrangements for tea are being made. Bus leaves St. Albans at 3 p.m. and 3.30, Luton 2.10 p.m. and 2.50. Please make an effort to attend this meeting.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, Jan. 17th, when the bells will be ready at 2 p.m. Good attendance requested. Good bus and rail services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held in the Schoolroom, St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. All members are earnestly asked to attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Ten-terden, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday next, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House at 6 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bath, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial tablet to the late treasurer, Henry W. Jackson, will be unveiled at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, by the President, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30 p.m., unveiling ceremony immediately afterwards. The towers of the Parish Church, St. George's and Holy Trinity will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (FARNHAM DISTRICT) & LADIES' GUILD (SOUTHERN DISTRICT).—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meetings in Church House. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 21st inst.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec. Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec. Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church House. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. P. Hartill, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ardeley (6 bells) on Jan. 24th. Service in church. Tea and business to follow. Bells ready any time. A sweet little peal of six. First meeting ever held here. — W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster (St. George's Church) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD. — Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Paul's (8 bells), Chippenham, at 3 p.m. St. Andrew's bells (8) will also be open. Service 4.45. Tea after. Business meeting to follow. Visitors welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Creton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—R. Adams, East Haddon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise me early who intends coming. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at South Hackney on Jan. 24th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and after the meeting. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Watermoor bells open 3 o'clock. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Bells open after service. Will those requiring tea please let me know by 20th? — F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Bray on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Committee meeting at Vicarage 4 p.m. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who intend having tea must let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 21st. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 17½ cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting about 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and members from other districts are welcome. Nominations are required for the office of vice-president and secretary and for two committeemen. An earnest appeal is made for further subscriptions to the Chamber Memorial Fund, which will shortly be closed. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (kindly supplied by Vicar and churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Tea will be reserved only for those who notify me before Tuesday, Jan. 20th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Deanery School at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome, but please notify me for tea by Jan. 20th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Owing to the Grantham bells being unavailable, the annual meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, and business meeting at Greyhound Hotel. Meat tea 1s. 9d. Will those intending to be present for tea please consider the caterer and notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st? — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 24th. 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, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 20th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells of St. Andrew's available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting 4 o'clock in the Vestry. Service in church 4.30, to be conducted by Rev. J. W. Hunkin, Archdeacon of Coventry. Tea at Corner House Café (next to the church) at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Stockport Parish Church (St. Mary) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. W. Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport, by Tuesday, Jan. 20th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (2 towers) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all members try to support the work of the Guild by attending if possible? Visitors welcomed. If tea required, please notify by Jan. 28th to Rev. D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Book this date, Jan. 31st. On Saturday, Jan. 31st, a meeting will be held at Royston. Good bus and train services. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The tea is by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. F. Greig), who will provide tea for those who notify not later than Thursday, Jan. 29th, to the Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. Send a card *this time* if you never have before!—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service in church 5. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please send number for tea before the 27th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available from noon onward. Reports will be distributed in the Schools from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Divine service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, will be served in the Wakefield Co-operative Café at 5 p.m., and all applications for same should reach Mr. A. Tate, 11, Haselden Road, Snapethorpe, Wakefield, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. General meeting in the Cathedral School Room, Brooke Street, at 6.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1930-31 are now due.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.). Members intending to accept kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell to tea at the Johnston Institute must acquaint me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid without delay.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by the usual meat tea (1s. 6d.), with business meeting afterwards at the Institute. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Jan. 28th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 'The Waverley,' by kind invitation of the Vicar of Carisbrooke, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Ringers requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The 2nd annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only. All applications for tickets (5s. each) must be accompanied by remittance, and must be made to the undersigned not later than Saturday, Jan. 31st. As accommodation is somewhat limited, early application is desirable. All ringers and friends will be very heartily welcome. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John-the-Divine (10) 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) 3.15 p.m. till 5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and All Saints' (5) 3.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

BUSHEY, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 6. Cheap tickets from all parts by motor coach or train. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aidenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at

2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—A dinner will be held at the Greyhound, Worcester Street, Oxford, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before Feb. 1st. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's 5-7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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DINNER AND PRESENTATION AT STANMORE.

The annual dinner of the Stanmore (Middlesex) ringers took place on Saturday week, when some 31 members and guests attended. The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewitt) presided, with Mr. E. Heading in the vice-chair. After an excellent meal had been partaken of, the loyal toast was honoured. This was followed by a musical programme and several toasts.

Mr. G. A. Hughes (Master) proposed the toast of 'The Rector and churchwardens.'—The Rev. W. A. Hewitt, in reply, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the churchwardens, and took the opportunity afforded him of thanking the ringers for their services to the church. He also, on behalf of the Stanmore band, presented to Mr. F. Edwards a very fine barometer in acknowledgment of the services so kindly rendered.—Mr. Edwards, in returning thanks for the gift, urged the ringers to greater efforts at their practices, which showed signs of falling off. Practice was very necessary in ringing, and he hoped for improvement in this respect.

Mr. F. Hill (hon. secretary) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' coupling with it the names of Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mr. G. R. Goodship (Harrow Weald).

The former first replied, and took occasion to thank Mr. Edwards for his services to the Stanmore band.—Mr. Goodship gave some sound advice when he urged ringers to attend association meetings, where, he said, they could practise any method they desired.

The musical programme, which was provided by Miss Atkinson and Master B. Holliday (songs), Mr. Wood (violinist) and Mr. Springott (piano) was much enjoyed and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

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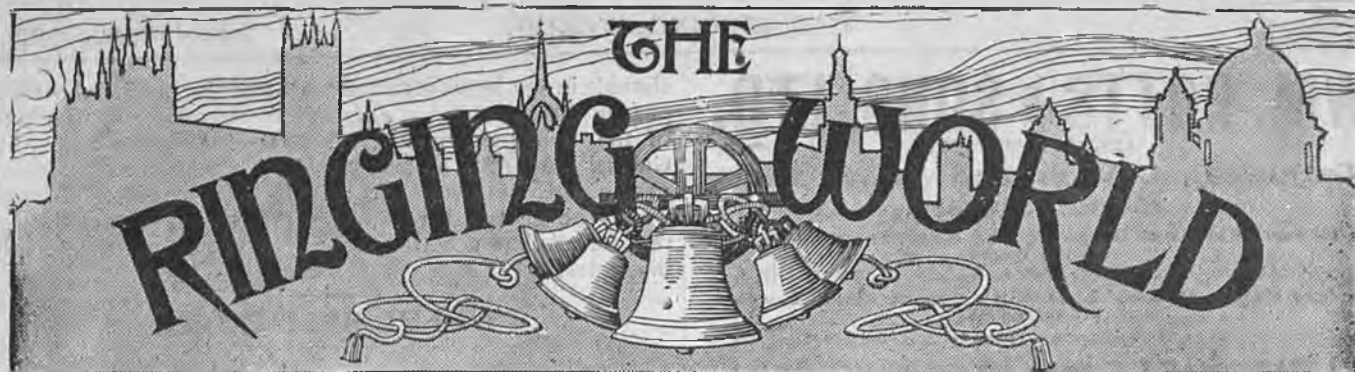
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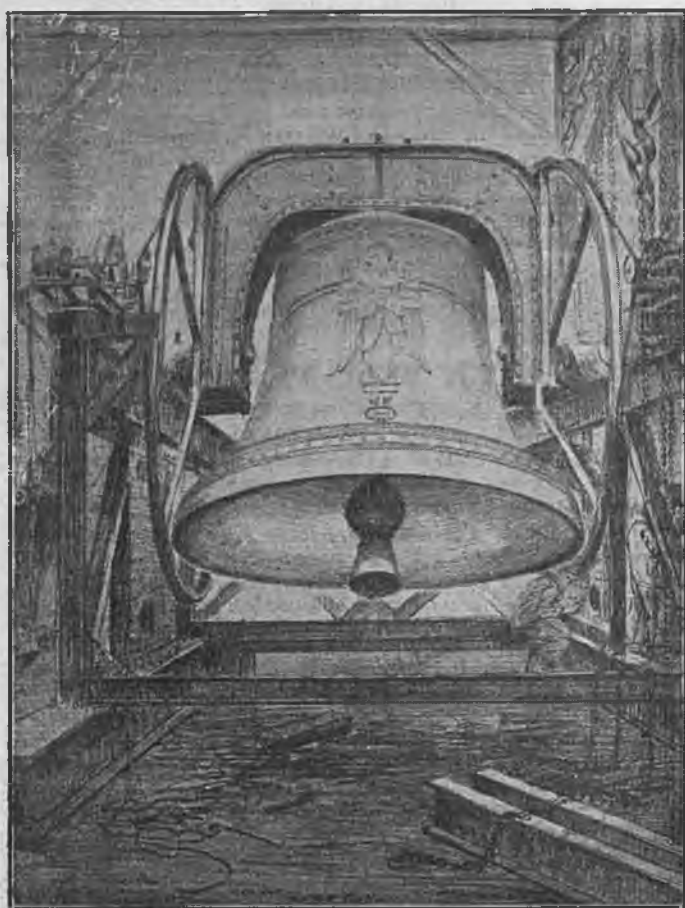
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Whatever views may be held by our readers on the question of what constitutes a twelve-bell peal, we are confident that every member of the Exercise will feel extremely sorry for all the band who rang in what now proves to have been the abortive peal at Painswick on November 8th last. It is disappointing enough to find out after the completion of an ordinary five thousand that the peal is false; to discover that there has been a repetition in a peal of nearly 18,000 changes, which has occupied within a few minutes of twelve hours, must be a staggering disappointment for all concerned, and they will have the sympathy of everyone.

A number of points emerge as a result of the discovery that Mr. Albert Wright's 17,687 Grandsire Cinques has turned out to be false. In the first place we think it is a great pity that, before venturing at any time upon a performance such as this, the composer does not get his figures checked by some other competent person. It seems to us that this is an elementary precaution that should be taken. A composer may have every confidence in his own ability, but—and Painswick is not the only example—a slip can easily be made, and often the more obvious it is the more likely is it to pass unnoticed by the author. We realise there may be instances in which a composer might be very loth to submit his figures to anyone but the conductor before the peal is rung, especially where he has exercised his ingenuity and produced something longer than had been previously recognised as the extent obtainable in a method; but even so, unless one has lost all faith in the honesty of his fellows, it would be well if the composer had sufficient courage to get the truth of his figures verified. At any rate, registration of the composition with the Central Council, with an undertaking by the officials of that body that it should remain a confidential document until a certain date or until released by the author, should fully protect his interests, even if he had to submit the figures to his keenest rival. But in cases, like that at Painswick, where the extent of the method is not involved, there seems to be no reason whatever why figures should not be checked before they are rung.

The inclusion of the false lead in the Painswick peal was an obvious oversight on the part of the composer and no one sympathises with him more than we do, but in order that any breath of suspicion may be removed from previous long peals at Painswick, particularly in regard to the 13,001 rung in 1920 (which was a record length), and the 9,000 and 12,000 rung last year, we suggest, in the friendliest spirit possible, that Mr. Wright

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JOHN H. LOTT 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	HERBERT TOURLETenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Calver, who attained his 70th birthday on the 8th inst., and received the hearty congratulations of the band.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... ..Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2	ERNEST H. EVEREST... .. 6
GEORGE EDWARDS 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
WILLIAM LATTER 4	LESLIE E. EVERESTTenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

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LEONARD C. DOWDESWELL ... 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 6
RALPH SAYERS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT... .. 7
REGINALD ELY 4	FREDERICK YATES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by D. SAYERS.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. All are Sunday service ringers. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Princess Royal, who was interred on this date.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D.

ALPHREDS J. BERRY ... ..Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON... .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
CLEMENT J. MORE 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The 125th peal on the bells for the Norwich Association. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' of these bells.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ARTHUR NEWELL ... ..Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First Surprise peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. D. Langford, wife of the respected hon. secretary of the Crewe Branch.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL ... ..Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
JOHN WINDLE 2	*TOM SMITH 6
*CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
*SAM LONGBOTTOM 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER

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

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE ELLIS ... ..Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER... .. 2	ALFRED I. GREENWOOD ... 6
KEITH HART 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH ... ..Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	CRCIL W. PIPE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
*HAROLD F. MARTIN 4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*RICHARD SHIMMINS Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY GAYTON 2	PEARL INSKIP 6
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	*ERNEST FREEMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Composed by H. GAYTON. Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.

* First peal of Major. First peal conducted by a local ringer at this tower.

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

On Monday, January 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Eastwood,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE OAKES Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 5
MRS. COLIN RYDER 2	CHARLES WRIGHT 6
ALBERT NASH 3	COLIN RYDER 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS 4	PERCY MAUGHAM Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar of Eastwood Parish, the Rev. W. Calvert Thomas, who was inducted on the 10th inst.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 5
CECIL W. PIPE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Joseph Last who died on January 9th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN H. BOTHAM Treble	THOMAS COLLINS 5
†ALICE CUTLER 2	ERNEST H. KILEY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
HARRY KILBY 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	ALPHRED J. BERRY 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
CLEMENT J. MORE 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
FRANK S. CLARKE 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all and in the county, and second by the association during its 53 years' existence.

'SILENT' MINOR.

At Norton, Staffs, on Sunday, December 28th, for evensong, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Corfield 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. O. Lawrence 4, E. T. Dawson 5, J. Walley 6. Also rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Kathleen Mary, daughter of J. E. Wheeldon, which happened to fall on that day.

WHITLEY BAY.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
THOMAS T. GOSTON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Story, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	FRANK CORRE 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First Surprise peal, and rung at the first attempt.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1931, 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.

*RICHARD T. MASON ... Treble	FRED BIRKS 5
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN ... 2	WM. HAROLD JONES 6
THOMAS PERRY 3	JOHN PERRY 7
G. EDWARD WINTERTON ... 4	CHARLES J. BASTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Edmund Westwood, who was laid to rest that day and who had been for over 50 years a chorister and nearly 50 years a ringer at this church.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 3	ALBERT NASH 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the association.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ERNEST JAMES WARING ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JOHN E. RANGLES 6
GEORGE SPERRING 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
RONALD G. JONES 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 min., rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Guildford: R. T. Carpenter 1, G. Luff 2, C. W. Trussler 3, T. Champion 4, T. Atwell 5, J. P. Pellow 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, W. Bartlett 8.

HUGHENDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	THOMAS GOODCHILD 6
GEORGE GILBERT 3	JOHN EVANS 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON. Conducted by Wm. WELLING.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, January 17th, 1881. Mr. Taylor's birthday, and Mr. Fussell's 220th peal for the Guild. Four Berks and four Bucks men comprise the band.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six 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.

LESLIE LILLEY Treble	WALTER HOTLEY 5
PERCY WEBB 2	GORDON LILLEY 6
LEONARD FLITTON 3	WALTER FLITTON 7
EDWARD FLITTON 4	ARTHUR G. LILLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY WEBB.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Webb, parents of the ringer of the 2nd.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*HARRY BOSWELL Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
JOHN PERRY 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	ROBERT PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday peal for H. T. Piper.

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

MISS MARY L. COFFLIN ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	ALBAN DISNEY 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
*MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 100th tower bell peal. Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Cecil E. Hepburn, of Isham, and P. C. Geoffrey Sandifer, of East Haddon, which took place at Isham, Northants, on this day.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HAROLD HERBERT Treble	CHARLES CLARK 5
LEONARD OLLINGTON 2	THOMAS CRINERY 6
GERALD DIXON 3	*ARTHUR SCOTT 7
SYDNEY GRIDLEY 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

* First peal. First peal of Double Norwich by all except 6th and tenor ringers. Rung at the first attempt to celebrate the 55th birthday of conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOUGLAS E. RUST Treble	HERBERT V. DIGBY 4
PHILIP N. BARTON 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

Rung on the sixth anniversary of the first meeting of this band, ten members having rung their first peal during the period, and four others their first 720.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN C. ROYNON Treble	†GEORGE E. SHALLISH ... 4
†FRED HAWKINS 2	GEORGE GILLING 5
†EDWARD G. NORTON ... 3	EDWARD J. AVERY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The treble ringer was elected a member previous to starting the peal. This is the first peal of Bob Minor on these bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Overton, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	RAYMOND JELFS 5
THOMAS HANDS 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all the band, on the bells and by the branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Raymond Jelfs.

FRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb.

*JAMES SHAW Treble	*HERBERT E. BOOTH 4
*ERIC SANT 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Boswell.

MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 Oxford Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	ALBERT V. REES 4
*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	JACK TIPPER 5
ERNEST BENNETT 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JACK TIPPER.

* 25th peal. First peal in four methods on the bells and by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th. First peal as conductor.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On December 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Slatter 1, C. Searrott 2, E. Pritchett 3, E. Brock 4, F. Pritchett (conductor) 5, A. Grantham (first quarter-peal) 6. First quarter-peal on these bells since they were rehung by Messrs. White, of Appleton, the 'go' being excellent.

**RATTLESDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two different 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD ... Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 4
*SHELFORD SPARROW ... 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTLE ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

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

**HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel.*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG ... Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE ... 4
DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

**HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)**

*On Monday, January 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel.*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 24 of Plain Bob, 12 different callings, and 14 of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRED HAWKES ... Treble	CHARLES YOUNG ... 4
ALBERT HARTLAND ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... 3	HENRY BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

**WEARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Tuesday, January 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gregory,***

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*WALTER J. HAM ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BRADDICK ... 4
CHARLES G. WEARE ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... 3	WILLIAM A. G. FROST ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

**STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)
*On Wednesday, January 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,***

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT JONES ... Treble	FORREST T. MASSEY ... 4
PERCIVAL R. NASH ... 2	WILLIAM R. NASH ... 5
WILLIAM F. RICKARDS ... 3	WILLIAM HABBERLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. NASH.

**CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

HUBERT JONES ... Treble	FORREST T. MASSEY ... 4
PERCIVAL R. NASH ... 2	WILLIAM R. NASH ... 5
WILLIAM F. RICKARDS ... 3	*JAMES CORFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. NASH.

* First peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... 4
M. EDWARD WATSON ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
*JOHN H. BAILLESS ... 3	FRANK BAILLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. EDWARD WATSON.

* First peal with bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Princess Royal.

POTTERNE, NEAR DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... 4
SIDNEY HILLIER ... 2	FRANK GREEN ... 5
VINCENT E. SWIFT ... 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band was mainly composed of officers of the Devizes Branch.

NAILSEA.

On Thursday, January 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, six callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*E. C. S. BAKER ... Treble	*H. A. T. PRICE ... 4
*E. A. PRICE ... 2	S. E. JAMES ... 5
A. H. T. PARKER ... 3	*E. R. NORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. T. PARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by GEO. R. NEWTON. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* 50th peal, also first peal of Treble Bob on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

A YOUNG RINGER'S RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many young ringers in the Exercise could beat the peal list for 1930 of my nephew, James Bennett, jun., of Otley, Suffolk, who is 18 years of age? During the year he rang 27 peals, 17 of which were Surprise Major in eight different methods, made up as follows: London 1, Bristol 1, Pudsey 1, Lincoln 1, Rutland 1, Cambridge 6, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 5. In addition, he rang Double Norwich 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Bob Major 2, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Minor 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1. This performance seems worthy of note, especially as he lives in the dead of the country.—Yours truly,

JAMES BENNETT.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD. OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Police Guild was held in the vestry of the headquarters church of the Guild, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., on Wednesday, January 14th, when thirteen members attended.

Inspector William Bottrill, 'Y' Division, was re-elected Master, but owing to the impending resignation from the Force of the secretary, P.C. Fred Digby, 'L' Division, P.C. Norman S. Bagworth, 'A' Division, was elected secretary. The following were elected as members of the committee: Inspector Fred Porter, 'L' Division, P.S. George Schleuter, 'H' Division, P.C.'s Tom Bannister, 'S' Division, and Wilmington, 'C' Division, with P.C. Charles Davis, 'R' Division, as treasurer.

Then followed discussions, and various motions were passed on certain matters connected with the Guild and its work.

A vote of thanks was passed to the late secretary for his services, to which he suitably replied.

The Master asked the members to maintain, and, if possible, strengthen their interest in the work of the Guild and ringing, and particularly to turn up after previously promising to do so to ring for Sunday services.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of St. George's for his help to, and interest in, the Guild in the past, and to Mr. Herbert Spink (steplekeeper) for his services. Included in this vote of thanks was a motion that Mr. James E. Davis, of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., be asked to accept the thanks of the Guild for his invaluable assistance.

A move was then made to the tower, where a number of visitors had assembled, including Mr. C. W. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. George Cross, and ringing took place until 9 p.m., all having a pull at something they could ring. Various methods were rung more or less successfully, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

OXFORD GUILD'S JUBILEE.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild was inaugurated on January 17th, 1881, at a meeting held in Oxford. To commemorate the jubilee, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,430 changes) was rung for evensong on Sunday, January 18th, at St. Laurence's, Reading, in 62 mins.: G. Holloway 1, Miss N. Belcher 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, S. C. Davis 4, C. J. Watts 5, C. Pullen 6, Miss P. Holloway 7, J. W. Higgs 8, H. W. Smith 9, W. Hensley 10, E. G. Foster 11, W. Rampton 12. This touch was taken from the 'Clavis.' All are Sunday service ringers.

DEATH OF BANGOR'S OLDEST RINGER.

MR. WILLIAM CRANE'S SERVICES TO THE CHURCH.

The death occurred on Tuesday, December 30th, of Mr. William Crane, late carriage department foreman, L.M.S. Railway, Bangor Station, from which post he retired nine years ago. Mr. Crane, who was 74 years old, was a native of Bletchley, Bucks, and had lived in Bangor for the last 50 years. His wife predeceased him four years ago, and since then he had resided with his daughter. He was a staunch churchman and had been churchwarden, sidesman and bell-ringer at St. David's Church. He was one of the first band of ringers formed after the church was built in 1888. He kept no record of his peals, but he must have rung 100 or more of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and North Wales Association.

Mr. Crane was of a reserved and quiet disposition, and was greatly esteemed by his fellow-ringers and friends. Through ill-health he had been confined to the house for a considerable time.

The interment took place at Glanadda Cemetery, the first part of the service taking place at St. David's Church. There was a large attendance of railway men and friends. The Rev. W. Lewis, curate of St. David's, officiated at the church and cemetery. The staff of the carriage department were bearers to the church, and the following ringers acted as bearers from the church to the cemetery: Messrs. J. H. Midwinter, V. Child, W. T. and A. E. Pegler, who also rang two courses of Grandsire on handbells over the open grave. Afterwards the tower bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire, and also the whole pull and stand 74 times. The bells were rung muffled for services the following Sunday. At seven o'clock English service a memorial service was held, the preacher being the Rev. W. Lewis, who prefaced his sermon with a tribute to the work Mr. Crane had done for the Church. The 'Dead March' in Saul was played by the organist, after which a short touch was rung on the bells. By his death, the oldest of St. David's bellringers is lost.

W. T. P.

A HALF-PEAL.

On Monday evening, January 5th, a half-peal of Treble Bob Minor (2,520 changes) was rung at the Parish Church of All Saints, Kempston, by members of the Bedfordshire Association in 1 hour 33 mins. It consisted of 360 College Exercise and 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: S. L. Knott 1, N. Inskip 2, F. C. Tysoe 3, C. Prindiville 4, P. Inskip 5, P. C. Bonnett 6. Conducted by Percy C. Bonnett. Arranged for Mr. S. L. Knott, of Stagsden, who was home on holiday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham have accepted invitations to be present at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on February 28th.

Owing to the pressure on our space, a number of letters and reports are unavoidably held over.

As will be noticed in the peal reports, Mrs. Harold J. Poole has made a welcome reappearance in the activities of peal ringing. By the peal rung at Austey on January 17th, she completed a century of peals on tower bells. This is her first peal since her wedding just over three years ago.

A correspondent writes, with reference to the most excellent articles on Variation and Transposition, by Mr. J. A. Trollope, it would be interesting for him to see the figures of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal, the report of which was published in 'The Ringing World' of January 18th, and to say if they are a variation of a previous composition.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in London was rung twenty years ago next Wednesday by the College Youths at Cornhill.

A peal of '5,040 real Double Eight-in, with two bobs in a lead, as many 7th's as 2nd's, with bobs behind and before alternately,' was rung at Richmond, Surrey, on January 28th, 1816.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

The next instalment of Mr. Trollope's instructive article will appear in our next issue.

HOLDING THE ROPE. WHICH IS THE CORRECT WAY?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After reading Mr. Dyke's article and the comments by A. W. F. re the teaching of would-be ringers. I must confess to being rather startled. In more than 60 years' experience of ringing, and having taught many bands and individuals, I have seen many awkward ringers. I also have seen and rung with some of the finest ringers the Exercise has had, and sir, some held the rope one way and some the other, meaning left or right hand, but when I read that out of a band starting for a ten-bell peal nine do not hold the rope correctly, I am constrained to ask, Will one of the gentlemen tell me which is the correct way and give me their authority?—Yours faithfully,

TOM RUSSAM.

Birmingham.

'IN AND FIFTH'S.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am always willing to be corrected, and I thank Mr. Wilde for pointing out the slip on my part in saying that any peal of 'London' would be applicable to 'Rutland,' but in writing of 'Rutland' I expressly mentioned tenors together and In and Fifth's is not tenors together in 'London,' 'Rutland,' or any other method.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

REUNION OF OLD FRIENDS.

On Saturday, January 10th, a few old friends met together at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, to ring 66 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major, in honour of Mr. Walter Idle's 66th birthday, the band being as follows: Walter Idle (Dewsbury) 1, Joseph Broadley (Shipley) 2, James Cotterell (Bradford) 3, Harry Armitage (Huddersfield) 4, Ernest Betts (Liversedge) 5, Fred Hodgson (Liversedge) 6, William Frith (Huddersfield) 7, Thomas Kendall (Shipley) 8. At the conclusion of the well-struck touch, the ringers adjourned to the Park Hotel, where they were met by other friends from Elland, Batley and the local company. After doing full justice to an excellent tea provided by Mr. Walter Idle, the evening was spent in handbell ringing and reminiscences of old times spent together, some very amusing anecdotes being related. One incident of years ago is well worth recording.

The Dewsbury company of that time went to Huddersfield to ring. One of the party was the verger at Dewsbury, who wished to be home early. After having rung and spent a short time with the rest of the party at a neighbouring hostel, he wished them all 'Good-night,' and went to catch the train for Dewsbury. Having caught the train all right, he settled himself down and fell asleep, passed through Dewsbury, and woke up to find himself at Leeds, eight miles beyond. Boarding another train for Dewsbury, he once more fell asleep, and on again waking up he was surprised to find himself back at Huddersfield. He therefore rejoined his friends at the hostel, and in response to the remark, 'We thought you had gone home,' he related his experience to their great amusement.

At the conclusion of a very pleasant time, Mr. Broadley proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of all present to Mr. Idle for his kind hospitality, and wished him 'many happy returns.'—This was seconded by Mr. G. H. Hardy and carried unanimously, and Mr. Idle suitably replied.

STEDMAN'S TERCENTENARY. SUPPORT FOR SUGGESTED COMMEMORATION.

The suggestion made in 'The Ringing World' last week that there should be a fitting commemoration this year at Cambridge of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman has met with support in many influential quarters of the Exercise. No steps, of course, can be taken, at any rate with regard to the restoration of the bells at St. Benedict's Church where Stedman himself rang, until the approval of the church authorities has been obtained. The proposals have been put before the Vicar and his reply is now awaited.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S VIEWS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Exercise should be grateful to you for the suggestion made in last Friday's issue with regard to the bells of St. Benet's, Cambridge. It would certainly be very appropriate that the bells should be put into ringing order to commemorate the tercentenary of Stedman's birth.

It does not seem to me that there should be a great deal of difficulty in raising the necessary funds. Before any definite steps were taken, however, it would be necessary to be assured that the parish authorities would appreciate the action contemplated, and some assurance should be forthcoming that the bells would be maintained in good order with reasonable facilities for their being rung.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) mentioned the suggested Stedman commemoration and the scheme put forward in these columns last week. The restoration of the old bells at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, should, he said, be done by the ringers of England as a thankoffering for the life of Stedman. He would give that proposal his own warmest support, as it would contribute something to one who had been really great.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World,' at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on Saturday, when ringers were present from many parts of England, referred to the great opportunity which was presented to the Exercise this year to do something of practical value in recognition of what Stedman did, and what his work had meant to succeeding generations of ringers. Anything in the nature of the restoration of the bells at St. Benet's Church must, of course, depend upon the sanction of the church authorities and their sympathy with the scheme. If that were forthcoming, as he hoped it would be, he appealed to ringers of England to do something worthy of the great name of Stedman and the honour of the Exercise.

Immediately afterwards, one gentleman present promised a donation of £5 for the restoration fund if the work is undertaken.

THE BELLS OF ST. BENEDICT'S, CAMBRIDGE.

Sir,—Your suggestion that steps should, if possible, be taken to commemorate the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, whom you rightly look upon as the father of modern change ringing, seems to me to be in every way admirable. In contemplating some of the forms which the commemoration might take, nothing, I think, could be more suitable than the thorough repair of the bells in the tower of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, the very same, save one, on which he used to ring, and I most earnestly hope that the scheme may meet with full success.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Kemerton, Tewkesbury.

WAS FABIAN STEDMAN A PRINTER?

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of January 16th you write as if there were absolute proof that Stedman was a Cambridge printer. I would point out that this matter is by no means certain. In support of it there is only hearsay, and that of the Leicester ringers (Leicester is a long way from Cambridge). Thus this is a most unsatisfactory form of support for any statement. On the other side we have the positive printed statement on the title page of 'Tintinologia,' that that book was printed for him by a printer in London. This is not absolute proof that he was not a printer, but it certainly implies that he was not; while a careless reading of these same words may have provided that very hearsay we have already referred to. The statement that he was a printer, when some of us believe he was not, should always be qualified by mentioning that fact.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

'THE GRANDSIRE' OF THE ART.

Sir,—I read with great interest your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of last week, re the 'Stedman Tercentenary.' Personally I feel that we as ringers owe much to Fabian Stedman, who surely is 'The Grandsire' of our art, and that we as an Exercise ought to celebrate the event in 1931 in some appropriate manner. Trusting this will be one of many letters that will reach you on the subject, yours faithfully,

Folkingham, Lincs.

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

PAINSWICK PEAL COMPOSITION FALSE.

GREAT PERFORMANCE PUT OUT OF COURT.

The publication in 'The Ringing World' of the figures of the peal of 17,687 Grandsire Cinques, rung on November 8th last at Painswick, has revealed that the composition was false, the rows in the first treble lead of the peal being repeated in reverse order in the seventh lead after the third course in the last part.

The ringing at Painswick was a supreme effort on the part of the band, and occupied 11 hrs. 36 mins. The peal took just as much ringing as a true one, but it can no longer stand as a peal or as a record length. It must be a great blow to the ringers to find that their great achievement is all in vain for the purpose for which it was rung, and ringers throughout the country will have the greatest sympathy with all the band.

A number of correspondents have written to us calling attention to the falseness of the peal, and public reference was made to it by the chairman at the annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds on Saturday. It will be sufficient here if we give the letter received from Mr. Albert Wright, the composer and conductor.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. A. Knights and Mr. G. Lindoff have pointed out to me that we rang through a lead that was rung previously in the peal, viz., one of the leads after the course-end 543628708e, repeated with the first lead. I wish to apologise to the band for doing so, but that does not alter the fact that we rang the greatest number of changes on twelve bells, and, when the mistake was made, the greatest number of true changes for twelve bells had been rung.

'Coles' of fire have been poured on the peal ever since it was rung. The Painswick Youths, not being affiliated to the Central Council, make their own 'Rules and Decisions,' and still claim to have rung the greatest number of true changes on twelve bells.—Yours truly,

ALBERT WRIGHT.

FULMER RINGER'S DEATH.

On Friday, January 9th, the death occurred at Windsor Hospital after only a few days' illness of Mr. Frederick Clarke, one of the Sunday service ringers of Fulmer Parish Church, Bucks. Deceased, who was 45 years of age, was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and had been a ringer since 1901.

He rang his first 720 of Minor on June 1st, 1902, and took part in a peal of Minor at Fulmer in January, 1903, which is recorded in the belfry. Two years ago, with Mr. Harding, the belfry foreman, he helped to get together the present Sunday service band, the old band having broken up under war time stress.

The deceased was laid to rest on Wednesday, January 14th, the Rev. R. F. Lee (in the unavoidable absence of the Rector) conducting the burial service, at the conclusion of which he gave a short address, speaking of deceased's good example by taking an interest in the church's work, also of his somewhat sudden passing away, which emphasised the necessity for all to be ever prepared.

Several of the ringers were at the graveside, and the floral tributes included wreaths from the Rector, the ringers and churchworkers, his employer, and the staff with whom he worked. There, on that lovely January afternoon, hard by the little church, where in the days gone by, they had rung together, and worshipped many times, the ringers bade Fred Clarke farewell, 'until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.'

G. H. G.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus in London has been rung by members of the Middlesex County Association, which society also rang the first peals of Superlative and Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the Metropolis.

The latest peal was rung at the first attempt, after two practices. It was the first peal of Yorkshire on any number by six of the band, whilst Messrs. Williams, Roberts, Hewett and Sanders completed the trio of Major, Royal and Maximus in the method.

It was Mr. E. P. Duffield's 50th peal on twelve bells, and it was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders on the birth of a daughter, as well as being a birthday peal for the 'happy father.'

SITUATION WANTED.

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BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

A RECORD GATHERING.

Ringers from places as far apart as Sheffield and Truro, London and Manchester were among those present at the tenth annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds on Saturday. Elaborate arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the visitors, the feature of the afternoon programme being an inspection of Bristol University and 'Great George,' the fine 9½ ton bell which hangs in the tower. Various churches were also open for ringing, and afternoon tea was provided for all. A record company of considerably over 200 assembled for dinner, which was served in the ballroom of the Grand Hotel. The chairman of the United Guilds (Mr. Percy C. Williams) presided, the vice-chairman being Mr. Harry Burt. Among the company were the Rev. D. A. and Mrs. Jaquet (St. James, Bristol), Rev. F. G. Walsley (St. Ambrose), Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas), Rev. W. G. Heber Thomas (St. Stephen's), Rev. A. H. D. Allan, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hawkins (London), Miss I. Hastie (West Clandon, Surrey), Messrs. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), A. A. Hughes (London), R. H. Dove (Croydon), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. A. Dart and J. Thomas (London), S. Palmer, J. Hol-



THE CHAIRMAN:
MR. PERCY C. WILLIAMS.

man and K. S. Long (Sheffield), G. F. Swann (Sutton Coldfield), G. E. Fearn and H. H. Fearn (Birmingham), A. S. Roberts (Truro), E. Stitch (Port Talbot), contingents from Gloucester and Bath, and ringers from nearly all the towers in and around Bristol. The excellent arrangements were carried out under a committee consisting of the chairman, vice-chairman, prospective chairman (Mr. U. Braven), Miss E. Smith, Miss F. G. Leaker, Messrs. F. G. Leaker, J. G. Jeffries, J. Gould, H. Way, W. Knight, W. H. Skidmore, J. Burford, H. Bennett, H. Pring, W. Parker, W. S. Emory, F. Jewell and R. Seager, while Mr. Edgar Guise again discharged the onerous duties of hon. secretary with conspicuous efficiency. After an admirably served meal, during which selections of music were played by the Tyndale Trio, the

toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the company settled down to enjoy an entertainment of the same excellence and diversity that has characterised these gatherings from the first, thanks to the good offices of Mr. Emery and Mr. Charles Read, I.S.M. The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by the chairman. They met there that night, he said, in a spirit of brotherliness, and they all had one end in view, that of promoting the interest of their particular form of church work. If the same spirit of brotherliness which prevailed in the belfry was always present in every other corner of the Church it would be a great blessing. The Church was the mainstay of them all, in their daily, moral and spiritual life. They hoped she would be healed of all her troubles and would continue in the future, as she had done in the past, to give a clear and definite witness for the honour and glory of God (applause).

The Rev. D. A. Jaquet responded and had some amusing anecdotes to tell of his connection with bells before coming to his present parish of St. James. One was of the occasion when he was being inducted into a new living and had to toll the bell. He found he could get no sound from it, and then discovered he was pulling the window cord instead of the bell rope. At St. James' they had a fine peal of bells, and were very proud of their ringers, he said. The ringing of the bells in other churches Sunday by Sunday was a constant witness to the world that that particular day was a holy day, and they were a witness to the service and worship of God. It was very definitely a church art, like the playing of the organ, in which

people must take pains. As the younger folk grew up and learned to ring, he hoped they would realise that anything done in the service of God and His Church, as of anything that was worth doing in the world, needed the taking of infinite pains. He hoped as the years rolled on, more and more people would feel that there was a call for their talent and time and work in the service of God and the Church.

A RULE FULFILLED.

Mr. J. W. Jones proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.' He said it would have been a great joy to those who formed the association 53 years ago if they could have seen that great gathering. It was a fine answer to their first endeavours. The first portion of the first rule of the association was intended to set up a standard of character among ringers, and if they could see that assembled company they would be sufficiently satisfied with the result of their efforts to promote belfry reform. He thought the time had now arrived when there was no need to insert in their rules the object of belfry reform. It had already been achieved (hear, hear). He was the son of an old Gloucestershire ringer in whose days the ringing started in November and ended about February. They were out for records in those days, but not for records of Grandsire Cinques or Cambridge Maximus. At Christmas they visited the farmers, and the records they tried to set up was to see how many gallons of cider they could get given to them (laughter). That was one of the reasons why the founders of the association found it necessary to introduce a rule about belfry reform. In regard to the other part of the rule, the promotion of change ringing, success in that direction had been amply proved. Among other peals rung during the past year had been Cambridge Major at St. Mary Redcliffe and the long peals of Grandsire Cinques. In all the advancement that had taken place in the last few years, they had had a fine answer to the association's efforts to promote change ringing. Mr. Jones went on to refer to the help which members of the association had given to others outside their own territory, and especially to what was done by Mr. F. E. Ward, a former Master, whose work at Caerleon and elsewhere, in conjunction with Mr. C. E. Boufflower, was one of the inducements which led to the formation of the Llandaff Association. He spoke of the work of such men as Jim Hinton, Sam Phillips and others to uplift ringing in Bristol, of the services rendered to ringing by such members of the association as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and the Revs. H. L. and F. B. James and others, and of the work done by stalwarts like John Austin, William Cave, Edgar Guise, William Knight, John Burford, Albert Wright and a host of others. He raised his hat also to members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, because they were always ready, however well they could ring themselves, to give a man a helping hand, and he had personally experienced many such kindnesses (applause). It was a spirit which he would like to see exercised throughout the country (hear, hear). He congratulated the Bristol United Guilds upon the success of that splendid gathering, which he hoped might be long continued (applause).

Mr. F. Skidmore (Bristol Branch chairman), who responded, agreed with Mr. Jones that the first rule of the association needed revising. That gathering proved that the morale of ringers in the diocese had vastly improved. Bristol, he said, had always been a great ringing centre, and he trusted always would be. They had had some wonderful ringers in Bristol, and they all wanted to see them helping one another and especially the younger ringers. They had a great deal to be proud of in belonging to such an association. Their first duty was to ring for the services of the church, and he was glad to see that the clergy were taking a far greater interest in ringers' work than they did in times gone by. Their frequent visits to the belfry were a great encouragement to the ringers, and much appreciated. In Bristol he hoped the ringers would be entirely united as one great family. On the social side they had a great deal to be proud of. They had a number of friends ready to come to their aid on occasions like that, and he specially thanked Mr. Emery, Mr. Spurrier and Mr. Read for the excellent programme provided for their entertainment that evening and on similar occasions in the past ten years.

PRESENTATION.

The Chairman endorsed what Mr. Skidmore had said with regard to their indebtedness to the three gentlemen named, and requested Mr. Emery to present a silver bell in stand to Mr. Read in recognition of the services so willingly given for the past ten years.

Mr. Emery said it had been a great pleasure to do what he could for the United Guilds, but they were specially indebted to Mr. Read, who was a great asset to the Guild (applause). He hoped the spirit of friendship kindled ten years ago would long continue. The in-stand, said Mr. Emery, was inscribed, 'Charles Read, I.S.M.: in grateful appreciation, from Bristol United Ringing Guilds, 1931.'

Mr. Read, in acknowledging the gift, said what a pleasure it was to give his assistance at those gatherings, at which such a wonderful spirit of friendship prevailed.

A course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by Messrs. G. F. Swann, J. Thomas, S. Palmer, A. Walker, J. Burford and W. Cave.

Afterwards Mr. Burt submitted 'The Visitors' in felicitous terms, welcoming the presence of the representatives of so many associations. (Continued column 2, next page.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SONNING DEANERY'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

One of the most thriving branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is that in the Sonning Deanery, and about a hundred members were present on Saturday last at the annual meeting, which, as usual, was held at Wokingham. Ringing took place during the afternoon at All Saints' and St. Paul's, and service was held at the latter church. The Rector, the Rev. H. M. Walter, officiated, and the organist, Mr. A. H. Lusty, A.R.C.O., was in attendance. The singing of the hymns was an inspiration. These included the ringers' anthem, 'Belfry Praise,' the Old Hundredth (adapted) and 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven' (Goss).

The Rev. W. H. Bayley, Rector of Bearwood, preached an appropriate sermon from Isaiah lxi. 6, 'Men shall call you the ministers of our God,' in which he dealt with the history of bells and ringers, and concluded with a review of the position of the Guild of Church Bellringers, their duties and privileges. 'Undoubtedly, you are among the priests of the laity,' he said, 'whose duty it is to call God's servants to worship.' The preacher strongly exhorted ringers to let the call be also for themselves.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, where, under the direction of Mrs. Boulton, a band of St. Paul's churchworkers undertook the carving and waiting. These volunteers included the Mayor and Mayoress of Wokingham (Alderman and Mrs. A. E. Priest), his Worship being a churchwarden of the church, Mr. A. Newbury (churchwarden), Messdames Barry, Newbury, Hyde, Parker, Eamer, Miss Spiers, Miss Webb, and Mr. E. W. Youdell.

A YEAR OF USEFUL WORK.

Canon Coleridge presided at the business meeting, when the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) reported a quiet year of useful work. The membership stood at 23 honorary and 155 ringing members, as against 21 and 150 respectively for the previous year. He referred with regret to the loss of the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield and the Rev. F. Egerton Corfield by death during the year. Both were staunch friends of the Guild. The jubilee gathering last May was a great success. Two peals had been rung during the year—one at Sonning (5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, by members of the East Berks Branch) and the other at Twyford. The continued appearance of young ringers was encouraging. Sonning men were congratulated upon a praiseworthy effort to master the Stedman method. The report closed with a warm tribute to the good feeling between ringers and the clergy.

The balance sheet showed but a small margin of £1 3s. in hand, and discussion ensued as to possible economy, the secretary explaining several items.

The report and balance sheet were passed, with thanks to Mr. Paice. Canon G. F. Coleridge was unanimously re-elected, with hearty thanks, as chairman of branch.

Mr. W. J. Paice, as hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, was accorded similar recognition of his valued services.

The branch committee (foremen of towers) was re-elected, with the exception that Mr. E. Allen succeeds Mr. Jos. White as foreman of Hurst tower. The branch representatives to the Guild committee were also re-elected, viz., Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Wright and J. White. Quarterly meetings and combined practices were arranged for (by invitation) Sandhurst, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence and Sonning. The Secretary said he valued 'The Ringing World' as a medium in which to advertise meetings.

The following recommendations by the branch committee were adopted: That the present charge of 6d. per member for the annual tea be increased to 1s. per member; that a collection be taken at the annual service for the Branch Restoration Fund.

MASTER'S SUGGESTIONS.

The Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) remarked that that day was the very jubilee day of their Guild, January 17th, 1881, being the day of its foundation, which took place at Oxford. Discussing quarterly meetings, the Master said that it was not so much expected to have a preacher on those occasions as a short service. He would really like to see some more peals; there must be some younger members anxious to take part in them. Of several attempts last year, there were not many successful. He mentioned the suggested Stedman celebration of this year, as announced in 'The Ringing World,' and his scheme for restoring the old bells in St. Benet's Church, Cambridge.

Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer) spoke on Guild finance, especially the Branch Restoration Fund. As the money was spent in grants, he had to make a new start. This year there was a balance forward of £26. Last year £158 was paid away in grants. He hoped all branch representatives would be present when the Guild committee would discuss the matter at Reading. He looked upon Sonning Branch as one of the most prosperous in the Guild. There was no great use in holding balances in the branches. Some £190 was (thus held in the Guild. He advised putting it into the structures and into improved ringing.

The Rev. A. P. Carr proposed a hearty vote of thanks to many friends to whom they were indebted—the Rev. W. H. Bayley for his excellent sermon, the Rector of St. Paul's for the use of his church and Parish Room, the Rectors of All Saints' and St. Paul's for the

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the year of the South-Western Division at West Ham on Saturday last was a very successful one, and augurs well for the coming year. Between 40 and 50 members and friends were present, and all spent a most enjoyable afternoon. The bells were raised and kept going in various methods till 5 p.m., when a break was made for the service, conducted by the Rev. Minn, who gave an inspiring address. Tea was partaken of in the Meeson Hall, thirty-nine being present. The meeting followed, at which two resident ringers, three non-resident life, and one honorary member were elected, and Woodford decided upon for the place of next meeting, to be held, if possible, on March 14th.

The Secretary reported that one of the oldest members, Mr. Nelson Hawkins, had been accidentally killed by a motor, and as a mark of respect to his memory those present stood in silence for a minute or two.

During the afternoon and evening, members and friends were present from Leytonstone, Bishopsgate (St. Botolph's), Hertford, Ealing, Southgate, Bentley, Harlow, Brentwood, Romford, Loughton, Barking, Walthamstow, Leyton, Gillingham (Kent), Stowmarket, and the local band, and touches of Grandfire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Bob Royal were rung.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S LATEST ACHIEVEMENT.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On January 3rd, 1931, I was successful in completing the ringing of a peal on tower bells on every date in the year (including February 29th and December 25th), these peals being rung on either 8, 10 or 12 bells. Being the first person ever to accomplish this, I desire through your valuable paper to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe, Kent), Mr. W. Whitehead (Leicester), and Mr. M. Swinfield (Burton-on-Trent) for the great and genuine help they have given me to obtain this record. I also desire to thank Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for the frequent free use of their foundry bell tower for this purpose.—Yours truly,

JAMES GEORGE.

NAVAL FUNERAL HONOURS FOR PLYMOUTH RINGER.

On Monday, December 29th, Mr. Reginald John Beer, chief writer, H.M. Navy, died suddenly in the street at Plymouth at the early age of 36 years. For a long time he was the leader of the Emmanuel band, which office he was compelled to resign on going abroad in 1916.

He returned to Plymouth in 1918, and became an unattached member of the South-West District Branch.

He took part in several peals for the Devonshire Guild, and was one of the band chosen for a peal attempt at Plympton two days after his death.

He was laid to rest with naval honours in the Corporation Cemetery, Plymouth, on Friday, January 2nd. A beautiful wreath was sent from the South-West District Branch, and the secretary, Mr. E. W. Marsh, together with Mr. W. G. Hiscott and J. Pook, represented the branch. Mr. H. T. Westcott represented Charles Church, and Messrs. J. Symons and A. T. Baldry the Emmanuel band.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

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The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards first replied, and spoke of the splendid arrangements made to entertain and interest the visitors throughout the day. They had thoroughly enjoyed every moment spent in Bristol.

Mr. Albert Walker also replied, and said that in the arrangements for the entertainment of visitors, Bristol United Guilds set an example to all the other societies who organised similar gatherings. The visit to Bristol University had been particularly interesting with such a cicerone as Mr. Emery.

Mr. Braven proposed 'The Press,' to which the Editor of 'The Ringing World' replied, and the remaining toast was that of 'The Artists,' submitted by Mr. H. Bennett, and acknowledged by Mr. Read.

The programme included songs by Mr. E. H. Cooke and Miss Winifred Rodd; an extremely amusing pianoforte recital by Mr. Laurence, who impersonated the chief characters as well as the whole orchestra in an opera; a magical turn by Mr. W. Baker, whose 'experiments' were extremely mystifying; a ventriloquial sketch by Mr. Ken Kennedy, and selections by St. Thomas' handbell ringers.

Many of the visitors stayed the night at Bristol, and were able to ring for service at various churches on Sunday.

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use of their belfries, the organist, and the honorary auditor of the branch accounts, Mr. Owen Goddard (applause).

On the motion of Mr. F. Dentry, Canon Coleridge was thanked by acclamation for presiding. In reply, Canon Coleridge said there were 2,897 ringers in the Oxford Diocese, of which over 2,000 were in their Guild—very creditable, everything considered. An increase of 187 upon the previous year was shown for all England at the end of 1929, when the ringers numbered 46,270.

BOBS BEFORE AND METHOD 'B.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The fact that I made use of bobs Before in the peals of Rutland (that I gave is proof that I do not object to Befores, but only to the wholesale use of them.

Supposing it were possible to compose and ring the extent of sixty six-lead-courses of 'Rutland,' tenors together, the time occupied would be well over six hours, and at the end of that time the tenor man would have rung six-sevenths of the method only! and some of the six-sevenths would have been different in each case from the other.

Could the tenor men at the finish honestly say that they had rung a peal in the method?

There are certain circumstances in which a bob Before in every course is not only justifiable but is the only means of obtaining a peal in a method, and this brings me to what I am more particularly writing about.

In my letter in your last issue I gave the false course-ends of methods A, B and C published in your previous issue.

The false course-ends of 'C' were a known quantity, and will permit of twenty-four true plain courses only, tenors together, as I pointed out.

This week I have tested 'A' and 'B.'

The false course-ends of 'A' will permit of fifteen true plain courses only, tenors together, and there is not a true lead in the method.

The false course-ends of 'B' will permit of twenty true plain courses only, tenors together.

But now I have to correct a statement I made last week, i.e., although there are only twenty true plain courses of 'B' method, tenors together, yet, if we use a bob Before in each course, the falseness of the method is cut out, and the peals mentioned by Mr. Wilde will be applicable to 'B' method.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Mr. A. J. Pitman writes pointing out that Mr. Baker's statement was incorrect, and he sends the composition of a peal in each of the methods A and C. With regard to B, he points out that peals can easily be obtained, as the falseness is cut out by bobs Before. The compositions will be published as soon as space permits.

AN ICKLETON VETERAN.

MR. JESSE WEBB AND HIS WIFE DIE ON THE SAME DAY.

Mr. Jesse Webb and his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs (father and mother of Mr. Percy Webb, leader of the Ickleton ringers), both passed away on Thursday, January 8th, within a few hours of each other. They had both been ill for several months, and their end was very peaceful. The interment took place on Tuesday, January 13th. Four of the local ringers were bearers, and there was a large congregation, for Mr. and Mrs. Webb were much respected. The choir were also present, Mr. Jesse Webb having been a chorister as well as a ringer for about sixty years, although he had not been able to attend church for about a year. Both Mr. Webb and his wife were 78 years of age.

Amongst the large number of wreaths was one from the local ringers, who also rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells over the grave. The hymn sung was 'Now the labourer's task is o'er.'

As a young man, Mr. Jesse Webb started ringing at Burwell (Cambs), where he, two of his brothers and an uncle (all now passed away) took up method ringing on the five bells at the Parish Church, Grandsire being their favourite method.

About forty years ago Mr. Jesse Webb moved to Ickleton, where there was a good peal of six, but they had not been rung for several years, as the band could only muster five men. He offered to take the vacant rope, and so a start was made, but all the locals could ring was one lead of Bob Minor. After a time Mr. Webb took in hand some lads, including his two sons (one of whom was killed in the war), but it was an uphill task. However, his son soon made headway and got over to Saffron Walden, where he was made welcome and told to come whenever he could. In the year 1897 most of the band joined the Ely Diocesan Association, and in the year 1900 the first peal on Ickleton bells was rung, Mr. Webb and his two sons taking part. Mr. Webb, however, had not taken part in many peals, but what he had rung consisted of Minor and Doubles.

About three years ago, when the new eight were put in Ickleton tower, he rang his first touch of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major when he was in his 75th year. He had not been able to ring for the last year through ill-health, but the ringers always knew he was listening and would tell them if the striking was good or not.

THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I correct a slight misstatement in this week's 'Belfry Gossip'? The first peal of Grandsire Cinques was not conducted by Annable. It was rung at St. Bride's on January 19th, 1724 (not 1725), and was composed by William Jackson, who rang the 9th, and conducted by Matthew East, who rang the 11th. Annable, a young man of about 21, rang the second. It was the first peal rung by the College Youths.—Yours sincerely, J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

NOTICES.

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 20th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Church House at 6 p.m.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bath, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The memorial tablet to the late treasurer, Henry W. Jackson, will be unveiled at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, by the President, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., Rural Dean. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30 p.m., unveiling ceremony immediately afterwards. The towers of the Parish Church, St. George's and Holy Trinity will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (FARNHAM DISTRICT) & LADIES' GUILD (SOUTHERN DISTRICT).—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meetings in Church House.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec. Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec. Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church House. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. P. Hartill, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ardeley (6 bells) on Jan. 24th. Service in church. Tea and business to follow. Bells ready any time. A sweet little peal of six. First meeting ever held here. — W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Creaton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—R. Adams, East Haddon.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster (St. George's Church) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Deanery School at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise me early who intends coming. All welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at South Hackney on Jan. 24th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and after the meeting. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Watermoor bells open 3 o'clock. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock. Bells open after service. — F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Bray on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Committee meeting at Vicarage 4 p.m. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5. Business meeting to follow. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 17½ cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting about 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and members from other districts are welcome. Nominations are required for the office of vice-president and secretary and for two committeemen. An earnest appeal is made for further subscriptions to the Chambers Memorial Fund, which will shortly be closed. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells of St. Andrew's available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting 4 o'clock in the Vestry. Service in church 4.30, to be conducted by Rev. J. W. Hunkin, Archdeacon of Coventry. Tea at Corner House Café (next to the church) at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (kindly supplied by Vicar and churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Paul's (8 bells), Chippenham, at 3 p.m. St. Andrew's bells (8) will also be open. Service 4.45. Tea after. Business meeting to follow. Visitors welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Owing to the Grantham bells being unavailable, the annual meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, and business meeting at Greyhound Hotel. Meat tea 1s. 9d.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 24th. 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, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Tea at 5.0. Those requiring tea please advise me before January 28th. A good attendance is requested.—W. J. Davidson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chief Fire Station, Newcastle.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (2 towers) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all members try to support the work of the Guild by attending if possible? Visitors welcomed. If tea required, please notify by Jan. 28th to Rev. D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—*Book this date*, Jan. 31st. On Saturday, Jan. 31st, a meeting will be held at Royston. Good bus and train services. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The tea is by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. F. Greig), who will provide tea for those who notify not later than Thursday, Jan. 29th, to the Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. Send a card *this time* if you never have before!—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Usual arrangements. Members, please note alteration of tower.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service in church 5. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please send number for tea before the 27th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available from noon onward. Reports will be distributed in the Schools from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Divine service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, will be served in the Wakefield Co-operative Café at 5 p.m., and all applications for same should reach Mr. A. Tate, 11, Haselden Road, Snapethorpe, Wakefield, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. General meeting in the Cathedral School Room, Brooke Street, at 6.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1930-31 are now due.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.). Members intending to accept kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell to tea at the Johnston Institute must acquaint me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid without delay.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by the usual meat tea (1s. 6d.), with business meeting afterwards at the Institute. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Jan. 28th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 'The Waverley,' by kind invitation of the Vicar of Carisbrooke, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Ringers requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Thursday, Jan. 29th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Weobley on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea, 5.30, 6d. each to those who notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th. Business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Stephen's, City, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at St. Thomas' Parish Room, Victoria Street. Bells of St. Thomas' available after meeting, St. Stephen's till 7.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by 27th? All ringers and friends welcome.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 prompt. Business immediately after tea. Special business necessitates a good attendance.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Please note and advise me by 28th certain. Business meeting after tea. Ringing at St. Giles', 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting. Also at St. Clement Danes', 3 to 4.30. Practice meeting and social half-hour at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 31st. 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 intend to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 27th? Buses pass the church to and from Boston (Post Office) at intervals during the day. The president is generously providing tea. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 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 Hardingstone on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 3 p.m. Evensong 4.15, followed by tea in the Refectory. Will tower secretaries please notify me, at least three days beforehand, how many may be expected from their towers?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me by Wednesday, 28th, how many will require tea.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall, at a moderate charge (only for those who notify me by Jan. 28th).—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

A WELCOME HARDY ANNUAL.—Bushey, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.45. Cheap return tickets from all parts, either by motor coach or train. Send names for tea by Feb. 4th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The 2nd annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only. All applications for tickets (5s. each) must be accompanied by remittance, and must be made to the undersigned not later than Saturday, Jan. 31st. As accommodation is somewhat limited, early application is desirable. All ringers and friends will be very heartily welcome. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John-the-Divine (10) 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) 3.15 p.m. till 5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and All Saints' (5) 3.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—A dinner will be held at the Greyhound, Worcester Street, Oxford, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before Feb. 1st. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's 5-7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. C. McGuinness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, as guests of the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith (Vicar) and his wardens, in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 4th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4. N.B.—Brentford bells (6) available from 2.30 to 4.30.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, Liverpool, by Wednesday, Feb. 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Foresters' Hall, Canterbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 4.30 p.m. Further particulars later.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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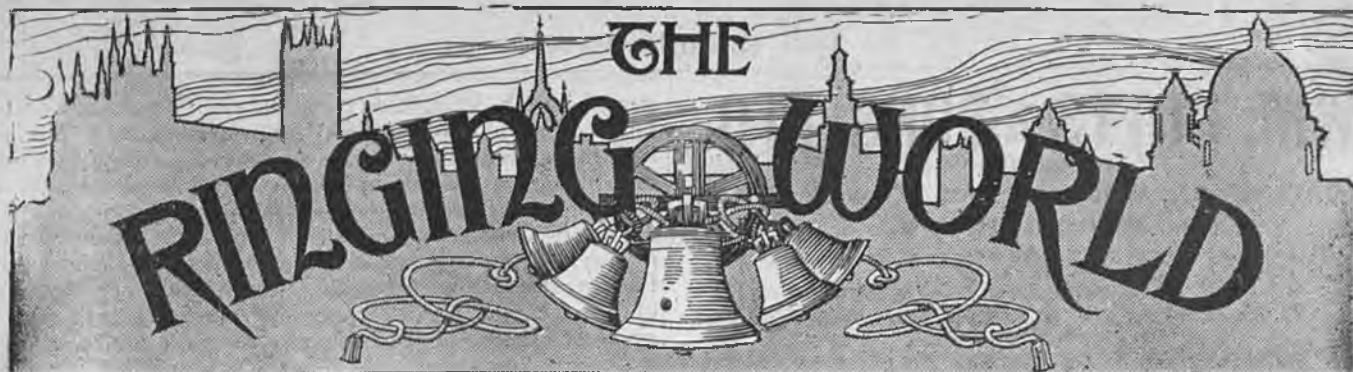
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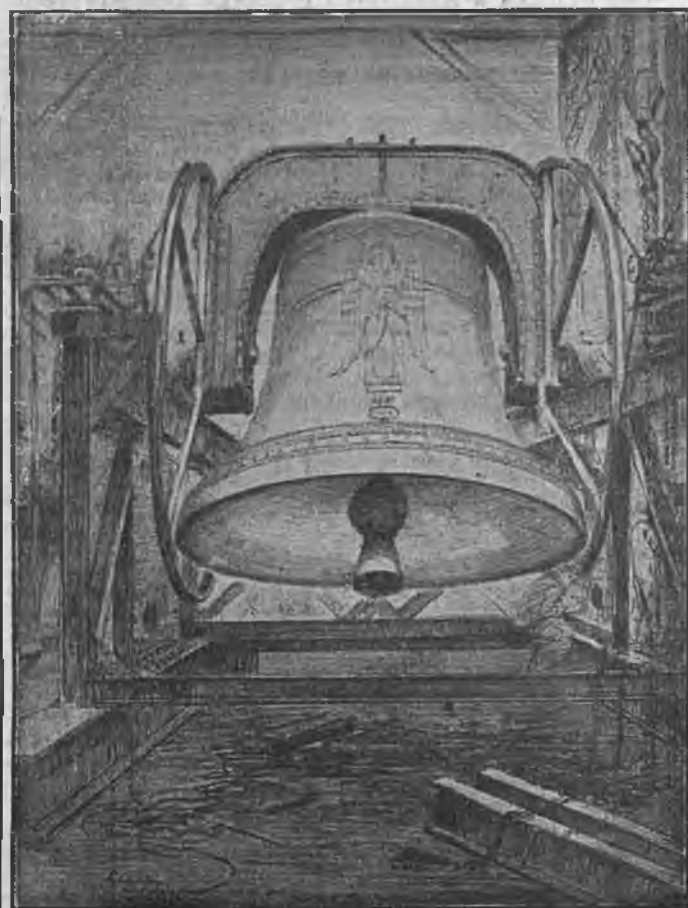
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IRRETRIEVABLY CONDEMNED.

We refrained last week from commenting on the conclusion of Mr. Albert Wright's letter, wherein, after explaining that the 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick contained the repetition of one lead, he went on to say that the Painswick Youths, not being affiliated to the Central Council, make their own 'Rules and Decisions' and still claim to have rung the greatest number of true changes on twelve bells. At the time when Mr. Wright wrote his letter he must doubtless have been suffering under a sense of keen disappointment and we feel sure that on reflection he has realised that any such claim cannot possibly be substantiated. We feel, therefore, that we may now say a word without risk of adding to the 'coals of fire.' From the beginning of peal ringing history falseness in a peal has irretrievably condemned the complete performance, and no portion picked out from the whole has ever been recognised as entitled to a claim of any sort. It has not needed any rule or decision of the Central Council to establish that practice. It has existed ever since the first false peal was rung, and so thoroughly established is it that the Council have not even thought it necessary to provide for such a contingency as a claim for recognition of a portion of a false peal, although it deals specifically with any 'shift or error in ringing,' and provides also that on eight bells and upwards there shall be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval. Mr. Wright does not, of course, claim that what is left out of the 17,687 constitutes a peal, and, after further consideration, we think he will realise that he should not make any other kind of claim for it. The verdict of the whole Exercise will be against anything of the sort.

Incidentally this emphasises one of the points we endeavoured to make in the discussion which ranged round the question of what should constitute a peal of Minor. We pointed out then that to admit anything but true extents would open the door to claims being made for peals in the course of which, to counteract, for instance, a mis-call by the conductor, a couple of extra courses were put in. Under conditions which were advocated it would be possible to claim as genuine peals 'cooked' by this means, and while the Minor question has no direct relationship to the false composition rung at Painswick, we see here how principles in one phase of ringing are linked with another. Once a beginning is made to interfere with certain very definite standards, one gets on to the slippery slope which leads eventually to disaster. Common sense, as well as age-long practice, will defeat any claim such as that sug-

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gested by Mr. Wright on behalf of the Painswick Youths, but if once the door is opened, it would not be a very big step from having to recognise a peal of 5,160 Bob Minor, in which two courses had been added in the middle of one of the 720's, to the compulsory recognition of a 17,665 of Grandsire Cinques through the discovery that in a 17,687 one lead had been rung twice. Let those who think that these are imaginary fears remember that part of a false peal has now been seriously claimed as the greatest number of true changes rung on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

HARRY GOODMAN...	...Trebble	BENJAMIN GOUGH	... 6
GILBERT GUEST	... 2	HARRY HUBBALL	... 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	... 3	WILLIAM GREEN	... 8
WILLIAM FISHER	... 4	HENRY GOODMAN	... 9
JOHN GOODMAN	... 5	*WILFRED FULLWOOD...	...Tenor

Composed by Wm. Micklewright. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

STEPHEN H. ROBINSON	...Trebble	*THOMAS B. WHITE	... 5
WILLIAM BROWN	... 2	ROBERT PARKINSON	... 6
JOHN CRAWFORD	... 3	WILLIAM SHERATON, SEN.	7
*CHARLES H. HUMPHRISS	... 4	*WILLIAM SHERATON, JUN.	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PARKINSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight. First peal of Grandsire by all except the conductor. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

WHITTLESEY, ISLE OF ELY.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*W. HARDY	...Trebble	J. KING	... 5
*W. SLATER	... 2	J. OLDFIELD	... 6
*J. W. PICKETT	... 3	W. SMITH	... 7
*F. H. NEWMAN	... 4	F. MEDLOCK	...Tenor

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal. An entirely local peal, all being members of the tower, except the ringer of No. 4, who hails from the neighbouring tower of St. Andrew's.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED HAWKES	...Trebble	WILLIAM RANFORD	... 5
*DENNIS R. MORRIS	... 2	CYRIL TANSSELL	... 6
FRANK LAWRENCE	... 3	CHARLES CAMM	... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLY	... 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT TEY.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on December 31st, at 11.30 p.m., a touch of Bob Major (632 changes), and on January 1st, at 12.3 a.m., a touch of 576 changes. Rung by the local band.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5085 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

* CHARLES CLARKE Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6
CECIL W. PIPE 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
* HAROLD E. SYMONDS 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

FRED HINDLE Treble	J. WRIGHT 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	CECIL RADDON 6
JAMES GROUNDS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5085 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. EMERY Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
GEORGE GREEN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

G. Ablitt was elected a member of the association previous to the commencement of the peal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
* MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	CECIL NICE 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* FREDERICK J. MANN Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ALFRED MANN 3	FRANK OXSHOTT 7
WILLIAM ROBINSON 4	* ERNEST MANN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Canon Hunter (who for many years was at the above church) and Mrs. Hunter.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

RICHARD D. DIVALL Treble	ROBERT STREDWICK 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	JOHN O. WELLER 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
LEONARD A. TIDY 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wren. The ringer of the 6th was elected a member before starting.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	FREDERICK ROOPE 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
WALTER BARRETT 4	FREDERICK R. BORETT Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN. Conducted by E. WHITING.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

ERIC G. BENNETT Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON 6
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 3	FRANK S. CLARKE 7
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

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N. Golden has now called a peal from each bell in this tower, being the first 'to complete the circle' here. This composition, reduced from 5,600, contains the 6th the extent in 5-6, all the 8-6's and eleven of the 8-4's, and is rung for the first time.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

Rung as a 'jubilee peal' for the Diocesan Guild, by special permission of the Vicar and the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Coles, to whom the band tender their united thanks.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
JOHN A. WAUGH 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

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ASHTREAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM WHITING Treble	*JOHN CRAWFORD 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE COOK 6
WILLIAM COOK 3	ARTHUR SMITH 7
ALAN R. PINE 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Major. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Canon and Mrs. Hunter.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,944 London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, and 608 Bristol. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	†JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HARRY KILBY 7
†ALICK CUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.
* 200th peal. † First spiced peal. ‡ First spiced peal in four methods.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
FRANK ROWLINSON 2	*FRANK H. NEWMAN 6
*JOHN F. PICKETT 3	*WILLIAM SMITH 7
*WALTER SLATER 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
* First peal of Major. These bells were rebung and two trebles added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in June last year, and this is the first peal ever rung in the tower.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	GEORGE PRYKE 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT L. PATTERSON.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Stephenson. Mr. T. H. Reeves hails from Birmingham.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WILFRED HENAGULPH Treble	GEORGE HORWOOD 5
FRANK BECKETT 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	RICHARD POST 7
*SIDNEY TAYLOR 4	†CHARLES E. WIGG Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. * First peal in the method. † First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A REAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN COOK Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ROBERT BRETT 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Rung on the 46th anniversary of the foundation of the Sussex County Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	GEORGE HOUGHIN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
WILLIAM J. WASEY 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
*PHILLIP E. BUTTON 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
FRANK B. LUFFIN 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. F. E. Collins, who is engaged by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in rehanging the bells of Chelmsford Cathedral, was elected a member of the association before the attempt. First peal in the method as a conductor.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE STOCKER... .. Treble	JOHN M. SKINNER 5
WILLIAM J. MANLEY 2	ALBERT LOVERING 6
FRED DIMOND 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
EDWARD SPRAGUE 4	GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

First peal for the ring of the 6th.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

First peal in the method by all. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the first Surprise on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TRULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK CAVILL Treble	SIDNEY A. WYATT 4
*JACK ROY 2	HENRY CHURCHILL 5
FREDERICK G. SPARKES 3	H. PERCY SPARKES Tenor

Conducted by F. G. SPARKES.

* First peal. First as conductor.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	EDWARD H. FINCH 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS 2	JOHN W. WARD 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	FRANK HARPER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR WATTS Treble	*CHARLES E. BASSETT 4
*CYRIL S. WEST 2	WILLIAM READ 5
GEOFFREY AMEY 3	WILLIAM AMEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

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

EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMOND.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	FRANK PRICE 4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells.

LONGCOT, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, 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 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 4
HUBERT E. TAYLOR 2	*THOMAS CLARKE 5
CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE ... 3	†ALBERT E. W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Doubles. Mr. A. E. W. Smith has now rung the tenor to peals of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER POOLE Treble	WALTER WILLIAMS 4
G. THOMAS BAKER 2	JACK ROY 5
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	*ARTHUR ROSSITER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

ARLESEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 4
*ARTHUR W. DILLY 2	ERNEST FREEMAN 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble.

GESTINGTHORPE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents.

A. CATTERWELL Treble	E. TURNER 4
B. W. PETTITT 2	C. BARKER 5
H. CATTERWELL 3	O. BROYD Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

WITHERNSEA, YOKES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ERNEST E. TAYLOR ... Treble	JOHN M. PICKERING 4
*THOMAS SHEPPARD 2	Cecil W. H. TOMLINSON ... 5
STANLEY WEBB 3	*PERCY J. METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung entirely by the local company.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALWYN TAYLOR Treble	JOHN R. BUCKLEY 4
CROMPTON HOWARTH 2	†JOSEPH BURGESS 5
RICHARD H. BYROM 3	JOHN BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Ringers of treble and 5 hail from Hamer and Friezland respectively, the rest are local ringers. Rung as a birthday peal for Walter Oates, one of the local ringers. J. Burgess was proposed a member of the Lancashire Association in the belfry.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge, and two each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM SWAIN Treble	FRED WHEELER 4
ERNEST MALLENDER 2	FRED CLARKE 5
VAUGHAN COX 3	FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Mallender, who afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

SAINTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

STANLEY INGLES Treble	STANLEY TEAGUE 4
HAROLD SADLER 2	FRANK SADLER 5
JOHN HALL 3	WILLIAM CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At West Croft,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	LEWIS WISEMAN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT CATTERWELL 7-8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Lewis Wiseman has now rung each pair to a peal of Major.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. Bray,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	FRANK LORD 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	HAROLD MARCON 9-10
JACK BRAY 5-6	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 11-12

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal 'in hand' on twelve by all the band and for the Guild.
First peal on twelve by all except C. McGuinness and H. Marcon.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At Bleak House, Leighton Road,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT FLERT 1-2	DOUGLAS HARRIS 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	CYRIL HERBERT 7-8
EDMOND J. HOBBS 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the association.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1931, in Two Hours,

At 66, CRESSING ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4
†ERNEST BRIGHT 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Minor on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DEVON GUILD.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS FOR INSTRUCTION FUND.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Cockington, Paignton, Churston, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, Kenn, Exeter, Clist St. George, etc. The bells were kept going to the Grandsire method during the afternoon, and a service in church was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Guild, the lesson being read by Mr. F. J. Laxton (Torquay), chairman of the branch.

After tea in the schoolroom, the business meeting took place, Mr. Laxton presiding. The annual report of the branch was produced and adopted, and was considered satisfactory. It showed that there had been an increase in membership, and that Sunday service ringing had been maintained.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and both suitably returned thanks. Stoke Gabriel was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, the date being left in the hands of the secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Kingsteignton for the use of the bells, and the meeting expressed regret at his illness. The organist was also thanked for assisting at the service. The visitors were also welcomed, and the president was thanked for his address in church.

The question of having collections at the services was again discussed, and it was decided to adopt this procedure, commencing at the next meeting, these collections to go towards the Instruction Fund.

This ended the business, and the party adjourned to the tower again, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday a meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Sutton-on-Trent, when members from East Markham, Edwinstowe, Billingham, Folkingham, Gamston, Peterborough, Ordsall and Orston were heartily welcomed by a full company of local ringers. During the afternoon and evening everybody had an enjoyable ring at methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise. Tea was served in a most excellent manner by a few lady workers, who were afterwards thanked for their admirable work.

The Rev. J. H. Elling, Vicar of Sutton-on-Trent, presided over the meeting, and in welcoming the association to Sutton wished them the best success during this year and the years to come.—The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, replied, and said that Sutton had a fine ring of six, but he would like to see them made into a complete octave in the near future.

The Rev. J. M. Elling was elected a vice-president, while the following new members were elected: Miss Elling, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Mr. M. Pollard, of North Anston.

It was decided to leave the place and date of the next meeting to the committee, as it was the general opinion that the annual meeting should be held a little earlier than in previous years.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding over the meeting. He also thanked the caterers and ringers for making such splendid arrangements, which he was sure everyone had fully enjoyed.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, January 24th, when about 35 ringers attended from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, Dorking, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, London, Mersham, Mitcham and Sreatham. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock and some good practice was obtained in various methods until five o'clock, when a short and enjoyable service was conducted by the curate. A very enjoyable tea had been arranged at Wright's Tea Rooms, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark). Five new ringing members were elected, which is a good start for the new year.

The annual report and balance sheet proved very satisfactory, and were passed by the meeting.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at the following towers, if possible, viz.: Dorking on Easter Monday, Beddington May 23rd, Ranmore Common July 25th (this to be a joint meeting with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild, if possible), Guildford September 26th, Benhilton November 28th, and the annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on January 23rd, 1932.

The present officers were re-elected, as were the committee representatives, with one exception, Mr. A. H. Winch resigning, and Mr. A. R. Pink being elected to fill the vacancy.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist for his services, and, last but not least, to Mr. Percy Cooper, the local steeplekeeper, for the excellent arrangements he had made.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock, everybody being catered for from beginners to experts. The methods practised during the afternoon and evening ranged from call changes to Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**MEETING OF NORTHERN BRANCH AT WORDSLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Wordsley on Saturday. In the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church were rung, after which they attended a special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Fowler), who was also the preacher. Mr. Simpkins was at the organ. The members were the guests of the Wordsley Parochial Church Council at tea in the Church School, and the Rector presided at the meeting which followed. Among those present were Messrs. H. Quarry and D. E. Cooper (wardens), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), and A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), members of the Central Committee of the association, H. Skidmore (Brierley Hill) Ringing Master, A. J. Skelding (secretary and treasurer), and representatives of the following bellfries: Brierley Hill, Oldbury, Netherton, Old Hill, Cradley, Oldswinford, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Kinver, Wordsley, St. Thomas', Dudley, Selly Oak, Halesowen, St. Thomas', Stourbridge and Clent.

The Rector expressed the appreciation of all associated with the Wordsley Parish Church that the branch had chosen Wordsley as their place of meeting, because it gave them the opportunity of coupling up with the work of the association the fine work done by their own bellringers.

The Rector was unanimously elected an hon. member of the association, and the following were elected ordinary members: Messrs. Frank Jones (Kinver), Kenneth Pardoe (Stourbridge) and Henry Goodman (Dudley). The next quarterly meeting was arranged to be held at Harborne in June. Mr. Harold Cooper (Wordsley) was appointed to conduct the quarterly peal, which will be rung at Wordsley.

The members discussed at some length proposals for the celebration of the jubilee of the association in 1932. At a previous meeting a suggestion by Mr. Salter that the bells at Bromsgrove or Kidderminster should be augmented to twelve bells was adopted, and it was decided to request the Central Committee to give this further consideration at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

The branch accepted with thanks the gift of a large number of volumes of 'Bell News,' offered by Mr. Harry Mason (Hagley). They will be in the care of Mr. Cooper, librarian of the branch, and will be for the use of the whole of the association.

Thanks were accorded the Rector, and organist, the donors of the tea, and the ladies who had done the catering.

HOW TO HOLD A BELL ROPE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Russam's letter shows me that I did not quite make myself clear in my letter of December 19th, in regard to the correct way to hold the tail end of the rope. He will agree with me that a correct hold will do two things. It will interfere the least possible amount with the grip on the sally, and it will cause no annoyance to one's immediate neighbours in the tower. Obviously then, the tail end should lie in the crutch of the thumb, transversely across the sally, allowing four fingers to grip the sally unimpeded by the rope's end. The tendency for every learner, without exception, that I have seen is to hold the tail between the four fingers and the sally. This has the effect of reducing the power of the grip and also throws the loop of the rope out and away from the ringer. This can be a nuisance, and, indeed, a positive danger, in a confined space. Whether the tail end be held in the right or left hand, or above or below the other hand on the sally, does not appear to matter.—Yours faithfully,
J. T. DYKE.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**RESIGNATION OF THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at the headquarters, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, January 24th, and was attended by about 40 members. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., and at 5 p.m. an adjournment was made to the crypt for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormick), who was present, together with the newly-appointed Vicar of Shoreditch. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the business meeting was held in the Church Hall. Here the Vicar welcomed the members in a very cordial speech, as did also the Vicar of Shoreditch.

The balance sheet was presented and passed. It showed a good surplus on the year's working, indicating that the society has not been inactive during the past year. Mr. J. D. Matthews was re-elected Master, Mr. G. Steere was re-elected treasurer, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. A. Hardy trustees, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. T. Bevan stewards, and Mr. R. Bevan and Mr. T. Newman re-elected auditors. Mr. G. A. Card was elected hon. secretary in place of Mr. J. Sparrow, who resigned.

After the meeting, a return was made to the tower, and ringing kept going until 9 p.m. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Sledman Cinques, Treble Ten, and a course of Cambridge Maximus.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A National Guild of Police Ringers was formed at Leicester last Saturday, with Inspector William Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police, as the first president.

Benjamin Annable, who joined the College Youths about the year 1721, was Master in 1746, and was one of the greatest among pioneers of the art of ringing, died on February 1st, 1756, and was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

Forty years ago next Monday, Harrison's 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex. Last Saturday, a peal in the same method was rung at the same tower. Mr. Walter Charman, now leader of the Warnham band, was in both peals.

February 5th is the anniversary of two long peals. On that day in 1783 a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley, and in 1888 12,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

Peal ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, is now an infrequent occurrence, but lest they may have overlooked it, we would remind the Ancient Society of College Youths that their society rang a peal of 7,018 Grandsire Cinques, 'being the longest that was ever done,' on the famous bells exactly 200 years ago on February 14th next. The event ought not to pass without a commemorative peal.

It is interesting to note that at least five of the band of two centuries ago afterwards became Masters of the society—Matthew East (1734), Samuel Jeacocke (1737), William Pickard (1740), Benjamin Annable (1746), and John Cundell (1753). Others of the band may have been Masters at some time or other, but the records between 1703 and 1731 are not complete.

The peal at Hallow, recorded in our last issue, was rung on January 17th, not January 10th as printed.

The restoration of the tower of Dunstable Priory Church has now been completed, and largely attended thanksgiving services were held on Sunday week.

Members of Oxford University Society will hold their annual commemorative lunch on February 7th.

Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, Worcestershire, has presented the complete copies of 'The Bell News' to the Worcestershire Association. Mr. Mason has always been pleased, in the past, to make any search through the pages of that journal for information desired by ringers, but, having now parted with the volumes, he will not, in future, be able to do so.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

REVISED ISSUE OF VALUABLE WORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw the attention of the Exercise to the two additional Central Council publications which appear this week in the advertisement.

The first is the revised issue of the book on 'The preservation of bells, etc.,' which is to be sold at ninepence, and the second, 'Method sheets,' refers to the plain courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major, which were printed in large type for the Council a few years ago, when a certain number were sold. There are two sheets, measuring 21 x 16 inches, one of which contains Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and the other Cambridge Surprise Major. They are printed thus for the purpose of instruction in the ringing room. They are to be sold at threepence per sheet.

When I received the above sheets recently from Mr. Young, he also sent me a parcel of 'Circuits of Stedman Caters' by John Carter, known to the Exercise as 'Carter's Broadsheet.' This is not a Council publication, but for the benefit of the Exercise I am prepared to send a copy to any member on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope; one 9 x 4 inches, with a halfpenny stamp, would meet the case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

THE CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. G. Hibbins' letter, it is quite true he published what was thought to be a Cambridge Youths' peal in August, 1924. It should, however, be unnecessary to remind him, as a former member of the society, that the belfry election of Mr. A. G. Rivers as an hon. member of the society needed confirmation at a subsequent meeting, as is the usual practice throughout the country.

The rules in force at the time of the 1924 peal, as Mr. Hibbins well knows, did not provide for the election of hon. members unless balloted for at a monthly meeting, and accompanied by the appropriate fee for election.

It was confidently hoped, after the 1924 peal, that the rules would be revised so as to include Mr. Rivers' nomination and duly elect him at a reasonable subscription rate. Unfortunately, the matter drifted on till December, 1926, when the question was brought to a head by the rejection of Mr. Rivers, with others, as members.

In the circumstances the 1924 peal must be credited to the Ely Diocesan Association only, and the particulars quoted in 'The Ringing World' of January 9th, 1931, stand as correct.

T. R. DENNIS,

Hon. Sec., Cambridge Youths.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.

AN ANCIENT CHURCH.

Dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, who before his assassination in 1170 A.D. presented the land for this purpose of the church, St. Thomas', Portsmouth, now the Cathedral of the new diocese, was completed and opened in 1180 A.D. It is a cruciform building with tower originally at the intersection of the transepts, but when the tower fell in the Middle Ages, it was rebuilt at the west end and the two cupolas of wood added. The bells (originally six) were cast from a ring of five presented by Queen Anne's Consort, and came from a Roman pharos off Deal. They were eventually cast into eight, with a 25½ cwt. tenor. These were recast and rehung by Taylor in 1912. An ancient peal board is in the tower as follows:—

On July 30th, 1749, was rung by Ebanr. Hoare 1, T. Valentine 2, James Keel 3, Wm. Palmer 4, T. Wynn 5, T. Barlow 6, Wm. Bedford 7, Wm. Crocker 8. The whole peal of Grandsire Triples in



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS, PORTSMOUTH.

3 hours and 10 minutes, being ye first 5,040 that ever was complicated here. Mr. G. Antram, Mr. Jas. Deacon, Churchwarden.

The bells, as a ring of eight, were first rung on December 21st, 1703.

Catherine of Braganza was married to her Royal Spouse in this church, and the original certificate is still to be seen. The beautiful stained glass was destroyed by the Cromwellian soldiery, and the architecture suffered somewhat by 'improvements' by the Puritans.

The tower was originally used as a watch and beacon tower, so that the appearance of pirates could be quickly communicated via Portchester Castle to Winchester, then the capital of England, and traces of the watchman's habitation may still be seen.

The heart of the Duke of Buckingham, assassinated by John Felton in the old High Street, is supposed to be preserved in a monument to his memory in the church.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

It was at the Cathedral that the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, when over 40 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Gosport, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Titchfield, Ryde and Wickham, also the Master (Mr. G. Williams). The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the Guild's service was held in the Cathedral. (Continued in next column.)

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

ST. BENEDICT'S TOWER A PRECIOUS RELIC.

The proposals put forward in our columns for a celebration of Stedman's Tercentenary at Cambridge during this year and, if possible, the restoration of the bells on which Stedman himself used to ring at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, to mark the event, have evoked a favourable reply from the Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenwood, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, who is well known as one of the greatest authorities on the subject, has very kindly undertaken to make an independent inspection and report.

In the past ringing has been restricted at St. Benedict's Church with the one object of maintaining the stability of the Saxon tower—a very precious relic—and any scheme of bell restoration will necessarily require very careful thought. It would, however, be a great thing to accomplish, if the Exercise could restore the bells and safeguard the tower where the 'father' of change ringing did most of his practical work for the art.

As soon as there is any outcome of the steps now being taken, our readers will be informed, and we look forward to the possibility of something being done to mark fittingly the very interesting event. Already promises of support are forthcoming in many quarters, and the suggestions we have made have met with general approval.

MORE THAN ONE GOOD PURPOSE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please give me the opportunity of supporting with the utmost enthusiasm your splendid suggestion for the celebration of Stedman's tercentenary. I remember ringing on the historic bells of St. Benedict's Church on Ascension Day, 1897. The restoration of these bells may well serve more than one good purpose. At present, unless any change has been made within the last year or two, there is not a single church in Cambridge where the bells are rung for the Sunday services. After such a reopening of these famous bells as you have in view, there will most likely be a six-bell band ready to undertake their regular ringing at once, as well as to train any young band that may be formed in the parish. With a small beginning thus made, Sunday ringing may in due time become the established usage in Cambridge, as in Oxford, and this will be the finest tribute of all to that illustrious Cantabrian whose memory we are exhorted to honour.—Yours truly,

F. L. L. EDWARDS.

(Continued from previous column.)

dral, at which the Rev. A. F. Smethurst officiated and the Provost (Canon T. H. Masters) preached.

An excellent tea was served in the Green Row Rooms, after which the business meeting was held, the Provost being voted to the chair. The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £30 5s. 6d., and expenditure £8 2s. 8d., leaving a credit balance of £22 2s. 10d., and was accepted.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) reminded the members that as he was also holding the office of general secretary he felt it impossible to carry on in both capacities, and left it to the wish of the members which post he should give up. As it was felt that the district should not create any difficulty to the Guild as a whole, it was finally resolved to relieve him of the office of district secretary. Mr. A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth) was invited to accept this position, which he consented to do.

The election of district officers resulted as under: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cohourg Street, Portsmouth; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; representatives on committee, Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone. The Rev. S. Cumpsty (Cathedral) was elected a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Petersfield and Steep on Saturday, April 25th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, also the organist. Afterwards the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which during the day ranged from the standard methods to Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION. A CONCRETE EXAMPLE.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 42.)

The following is a very good example of what transposition and variation is, and how it can be useful in ordinary practical circumstances. Some years ago I had the job of calling a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, and I wanted a peal for the purpose. There are several very good compositions in the 'Central Council Collection,' but what I wanted was one which, besides being musical, would let me see what every bell was doing right through without putting very much tax on an elusive memory. Perhaps, in case anyone may think I am claiming to be a smart conductor, I ought to say, would let me know throughout if every bell was in its right place. I argued it out something like this. I said: If I take the 'old' nine courses (Wrong and three Homes, twice repeated), and if I call a bob on 4-5-6 that will give me twenty-seven courses and, doubled by singles, fifty-four courses or a peal of 6,048 changes. This is a very old and well-known composition, and who the original composer was (if there were one) I should not like to say. If in this I call the bobs at the Wrong when the second is a fourth's-place bell, I shall very much improve the music, for that will keep the second out of both fifth's and sixth's at a course-end. As the single is called half-way and end, and the half-way is 32456, the second half of the peal will look different to the first, but actually will be the same composition. But the peal is too long; I only want a 5,000. I can reduce it by omitting three consecutive bobs at 'Home,' and if I do this four times I shall have a 5,152. But I do not like that number. I want something nearer 5,000. There is another way I can reduce the peal. Every course in which the second is a Second's-place bell ends with a 'Home.' If I call any one of these courses 'Middle,' 'Before,' 'Wrong' and 'Home,' I shall have the same course-end and reduce the length by one lead. And it cannot be false. Because the Middle will make the Second a sixth's-place bell, the Before will make her a fifth's-place bell, and the Wrong will bring her back to a second's-place bell. And in none of the courses of our original is the second either a sixth's or a fifth's-place bell. Notice that in this course, although the second is a sixth's and a fifth's-place bell, she does not get away from the lead, and so we do not have any 8-2's.

If I omit three consecutive bobs at Home four times, and call the short course nine times I shall have a 5,008. That is what I did. I dropped my 'Homes' at irregular intervals, and I put in my 'M.B.W.' where I thought fit; and we rang the peal. It looked like a very irregular one-part composition. I showed it to several of my friends, and none saw the secret of it, though I told them there was a catch in it. They only expressed surprise that I should have chosen such a peal to call from an inside bell, and in a method, too, we had not practised. I will let my readers into my secret now—I rang the second.

I had produced the peal from an old composition by very simple means of variation and transposition, and now here are a few questions which the curious may answer if they can:—

1. Was I justified in saying the peal was composed and conducted by me?

2. If not, whose composition was it?

3. How much 'originality' was there about it in any case?

4. And if this will not stand any real test of originality, how many of the compositions that people put their name to can?

If we examine any peal which contains some particular extent or some particular qualities, we shall generally find that it has a group of bobs which form the key of the composition. These bobs usually produce a Round Block, and it is they which make possible the extent or the qualities. Let us look at an example of this.

The extent of Bob Major with the tenors together and without singles is fifty-nine courses or 6,608 changes. There are sixty full courses (6,720 changes) to select from, but it is a general law of all methods that an even number of full courses cannot be joined together by bobs. All this is true of Double Norwich. The number of peals (whatever the number actually is) which will produce a 6,608, is the same in Double Norwich as in Bob Major, and, indeed, in every one of the eight hundred odd methods on the Plain Principle. But, by using three short courses, Mr. Lindoff was able to get a peal of sixty courses in Double Norwich containing 6,624 changes. Here is the key of the composition:—

23456	5	6
34256	—	—
23645	—	—
36245	—	—
23564	—	—
35264	—	—
23456	—	—

This group of bobs joins together six courses, an even number, but to do so six leads have to be cut out. When we have got these six courses it is quite easy to add the other fifty-four to them by bobbing 'Q sets.' It can be done so as to produce a one-part peal or (since this touch is in three parts) as a three-part peal, and there are many scores of ways in which it can be done.

(To be continued.)

THE PAINSWICK PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Wright's letter, it was not the 'Coles' of fire that he states were poured on the peal that 'put it out.' The 'Coles,' like good fuel, kept it going, and in the public eye. It was the 'water' in the figures that finally quenched the peal, and that is where 'Wright' was 'wrong.'

Joking apart, however, Mr. Wright's preposterous and childish claim that part of a false peal is a record surprises me, and I was about to refute it. But I feel so sorry for him, as well as for his band that I will leave him with his 'record.' He is apparently very easily satisfied.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

A RIDICULOUS CLAIM.

Sir,—I have tried to keep out of this twelve-bell record business, realising that an abler pen than mine was dealing with the matter. I had had no particular thoughts on the question, except that I considered it a little unsporting to attempt to 'beat' a record in one of the most difficult methods on twelve bells with a peal in the easiest method on eleven bells. I heard rather more than two hours of the ringing on November 8th, and have very little to say against it—1, 2, 11 and 12 were being rung magnificently, and the whole had an excellent heat.

No one sympathised with Mr. Wright more than I, and I wrote and told him so, but his present claim is ridiculous, and alienates my sympathy. What an excellent idea for a football team to adopt similar tactics! Let them make their own rules, and we should see Chilcompton Rangers at Wembley! I wonder if all the band subscribers to this idea? I should imagine not.

Concerning the falsity, the change 213547698e0 turned up. This I should consider to be one of the most easily recognised changes. One is forced to one of two conclusions: either the band was stone deaf, or the change was so badly struck as to pass unnoticed. There is no other explanation.—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

ANOTHER FALSE PEAL.

Last week we suggested that the figures of the 13,001 and of the 9,000 and 12,000 Grandsire Cinques, rung last year, should be published to allay any suspicion that might be entertained of their truth. The figures of the 13,001 were published in the annual report of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for 1921, and can thus be accepted as true. It has been pointed out, however, that peal number 1,133 in the Gloucester and Bristol Report (rung on March 28th, 1921, at Painswick) is false for the same reason as the 17,687.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. HAZELL.

A WELL-KNOWN EDMONTON RINGER.

With much regret we announce the death of Mr. Wilby J. Hazell, of Edmonton, who passed away on Monday, January 19th, at the age of 62 years, after an illness of 15 weeks. The deceased had been in the employ of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for about twenty years, and was a reliable, trustworthy workman, as well as being well known in ringing circles.

He was a native of Little Bentley, where he started ringing and obtained further practice in adjoining parishes. His first 720 of Bob Minor was rung at Great Bromley on February 6th, 1889, when he rang the treble. His first peal on eight bells was 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major at Foxcarth, Essex, rung in the morning. He then walked to Walter Belchamp and rang a peal of 5,040 Bob Major (3 hours) in the afternoon. These two first peals were rung with that well-known ringer, the late C. Sillitoe, of Sudbury. The deceased afterwards took part in several peals of Minor at Great Horkesley, Great Bromley, Great Bentley, Wivenhoe, etc. Removing to London, he joined the Edmonton company and rang a lot of peals in all the Surprise methods on tower bells, and in addition he rang many peals on handbells. He was a very good striker and sure ringer. The funeral took place on Saturday at Little Bentley, and was attended by many parishioners and friends from adjoining parishes. Among the ringers present were Messrs. A. Saunders (Grinstead Green), F. Claydon, F. Rigwell (Earls Colne), D. Elliott (Boxford), G. Jennings (Weeley), H. Wright (Clacton), G. A. Andrews and A. Andrews (Thorington), P. Almond, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C. Marvern (Tendring), E. Durrant (Thorpe), J. Bowell (Great Bromley), W. Honeywood (Mistley) and E. King (Edmonton). Letters of sympathy were received from Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. E. J. Butler (Chadwell Heath), and Mr. H. E. Bowers (Broomfield), who were unable to attend. Four members acted as bearers—Messrs. P. Almond, G. Andrews, C. Marvern and E. Durrant. The wreaths numbered over twenty, and included one from the Bell Foundry and one from Mr. C. H. Howard for the Essex Association.

W. J. N.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

FINANCIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED AT HINCKLEY.

Hinckley—in the language of the classics called 'Tin Hat,' for some obscure reason which the writer deponeth not—was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, January 17th. The large square tower of the Parish Church—one of the largest in Leicestershire—with its lumpy spire, contains a magnificent ring of eight bells, hung in the old frame, but with all the latest improvements in hall bearings, new fittings, etc., and from a ringer's point of view excellent in every way. The belfry, open at one side to the church, and lighted on the other by a huge plain-glass window, is ideal, airy, and with plenty of room to move about. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening by some sixty or more visitors, who came from far and near.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m. in the adjoining Church Hut, and deliberated at length on several important items, viz., the Chambers memorial, the annual report and subscriptions, investment of funds, etc., and made suggestions to bring before the general meeting later. The president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, was unfortunately absent through illness, and Mr. Wm. Willson deputised for him at the committee meeting.

Tea followed, and was announced in an unusual way by the 'Clarke,' who upset a table, causing a terrific din and the scattering of crockery, buns, milk, etc. This was soon rectified, and no one lost any of their appetite through the incident. Some sixty or more members and friends sat down, and six of the eight branches of the association were represented, viz., Burton, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Derby and Nottingham, and the members were pleased to welcome a number of visitors from Coventry, Chivers Coton, Nuneaton, including Miss E. D. Lewis, the hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild.

In the unavoidable absence of the president, the Vicar of Hinckley, Rev. H. J. T. Eacot, was voted to the chair, and a most excellent job he made of it, promising in his opening remarks to get through the business quickly, which he certainly did. He welcomed a very large number of visitors, especially mentioning the Rector of Stoney Stanton (the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A.), who is a keen ringer, and the Rector of Seals (the Rev. Fitzherbert, M.A.).

THE CHAMBERS MEMORIAL.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting was the question of the memorial to the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. The Secretary explained that appeals had been circularised through all the districts and a certain amount of money received in response. It was necessary to close this fund as soon as possible and so get the memorial finally settled, and the committee asked all local secretaries to send in to the hon. treasurer forms (whether with subscriptions entered or not) with all moneys received not later than January 31st.—It was unanimously agreed that, should the occasion arise, the committee be empowered to grant expenditure up to £25 for the purpose of the memorial, and any balance required to make up this amount beyond subscriptions received, same to be taken from the general funds.

As the transfer of funds held by the late president in trust had been completed, it was suggested by the committee, and authorised by the general meeting, that a sum of £100 be invested in the Church of England Building Society, which at present yields a 5 per cent. dividend. The small balance over is to be left in the general funds.

New members elected since the last meeting were duly confirmed, viz., 19 ringing, 3 honorary, 1 life. The auditors were reappointed.

The question of annual subscriptions and payment for reports was left over until the annual meeting, when the matter will be settled. Therefore the motion passed at Bottesford remains, that the annual subscription be 1s. 6d., and report issued free to fully-paid members, this to be retrospective as from January 1st, 1931. In the meantime, each local secretary and committee should get their members' views on the proposal, so that this rule may either be made absolute or otherwise at the annual meeting which will be held at Derby on Easter Monday.

No other business arising, the Vicar of Hinckley then invited the members to a short service in the church, during which he gave a very appropriate address on the significance and the call of the bells in the Church of England. No other country in the world, he said, had quite the same historic and beautiful associations in this direction as we had.

Further ringing on Hinckley bells took place until 8 p.m., when many adjourned to an impromptu 'convivial,' which terminated a most successful meeting.

A CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Sibsey, Lincolnshire, on Tuesday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, in honour of the 102nd birthday of Miss Wilhelmina Robinson, of Sibsey, a quarter-peal of Rob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: L. Newbolt 1, H. Johnson 2, Mrs. Laxton 3, F. Liggott 4, W. Wilkinson 5, F. Dewey 6, F. P. Harwood 7, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble and 3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Farnham on Saturday, and in conjunction with it the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held their quarterly meeting. Altogether over seventy ringers and friends assembled, among the visitors being Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Canon Girling), who was formerly Vicar of Leiston, Suffolk. In his practical address he referred to the attractions of ringers as a physical pursuit, a mental exercise and an opportunity for service. He described ringers as missionaries, and asked them to practise in their lives what they urged upon others by their message.

The catering arrangements at the Church House were considerably strained by the unexpectedly large party at tea. Canon Girling presided, and before leaving was thanked for the service, for his address and for the use of the bells on the motion of Major Gale, who afterwards took the chair for the business meeting.

The district officers were all re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. E. L. Aldridge; members of the executive committee, Mr. F. Nye and Major Gale, representing the ringing members, and Mr. W. J. Francis representing the hon. members.

The balance sheet showed a very successful year, the balance in hand in the district funds having been increased from £6 15s. 7d. to £11 9s. 8d.

The Ringing Master's report stated that there had been progress in most towers, but he regretted there were one or two towers where they could not get the local men to attend when they held meetings there. Four peals had been rung in the district during the year.

HON. MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the year 1930 was on the whole very successful. Six district meetings were held with an average attendance of 37 (the same as in 1929). The thanks of the district were due to Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, whose services as organist are always available for meetings. Three organised combined practices were held, at which the attendances were large and valuable work was done. The district, and Seale in particular, was unfortunate in losing the valued services of Mr. H. Gardner and Mr. H. Tinsey, who left for Sussex and Norfolk respectively. The district had been well represented at most Guild meetings, including the summer festival at Egham and Staines on July 5th. The number of ringing members for 1930 showed an increase of ten over 1929. The total was now 119. The number of honorary members for 1930 was more than double that of 1929, being now 32, made up as follows: Farnham 11, Aldershot 6, Hawley 6, Bagshot 3, Seale 2, Yorktown 2, Ash 1, Frensham 1. In conclusion, the secretary thanked all members and friends who had assisted him in any way during the past year.

The report was adopted, the General Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) complimenting the district, and particularly the hon. secretary, upon the very successful year, and especially upon doubling the number of hon. members.

Towers selected for meetings during the coming year were Crondall, Bagshot, Hawley, Aldershot and Seale, with Farnham for the next annual meeting.

At this meeting, nomination of the Guild officers had to be made, and the following now serving were renominated: Vice-president, Mr. W. Harrison; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having intimated that he wished to retire from the office of hon. secretary owing to pressure of other duties, persuaded the meeting to nominate Mr. G. Grover, the present secretary of the Guildford District, for the office. The district resolved to place on record appreciation of the services rendered to the Guild by Mr. Goldsmith.

Three new members were elected.

The general secretary welcomed to the meeting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, who were making their first public appearance at a ringing gathering since their marriage, and wished them, on behalf of the Guild, health, happiness and long life.—Mr. Johnston acknowledged the good wishes.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and ringing was then resumed at the tower, where in the course of the afternoon and evening touches in the standard methods were rung.

THE LADIES' MEETING.

Members attended the Ladies' Guild meeting from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Blackmoor, Chertsey, Farnham and Maidenhead. The following new members were elected: Hon. members, Mrs. J. Parker (Enfield), Mrs. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking); ringing members, Miss Norah Hodge (Parkstone, Dorset), the Hon. Barbara Gibbs (Hunsdon, Herts), Miss Ellen Chitty (Hunsdon, Herts), and Mrs. Read (Blackmoor, Liss).

For the first time Farnham bells were rung by a band of eight ladies, Miss Fisher, of Aldershot, mastering the tenor, which is a bell of 20½ cwt.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Cranleigh in May.

DEATH OF MRS. W. D. SMITH.**A LADY WELL KNOWN TO OLD LONDON RINGERS.**

Ringers, particularly among the older generation in London, will regret to learn of the bereavement suffered by Mr. William D. Smith, of Polegate, Sussex, and formerly an active member of the College Youths, by the death of his wife, who passed away on Wednesday week at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had been staying since just before Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes) at Whitechapel, where their son and his wife, who were over from Australia on a holiday, were also on a visit. Within a few days after their arrival, Mrs. Smith was confined to bed with plebitis, but was apparently getting better. Last Wednesday week, however, she had an unexpected relapse, under which she succumbed.

The funeral took place at Ilford on Saturday.

In the days when Mr. and Mrs. Smith resided at Hackney many ringers enjoyed their hospitality, and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to Mr. Smith and his family in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their golden wedding nearly four years ago, and it is interesting to note that the deceased lady was a great-niece of Sir William Cubitt, who built the present Houses of Parliament.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE BELFRY.**COLLAPSE WHILE RINGING WEDDING BELLS.**

There was a tragic occurrence in the belfry at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, on Thursday evening, January 15th. Mr. Thomas Short was ringing the eighth when he collapsed and fell backwards dead.

Mr. Short's first peal was rung in 1884 (the treble to Grandire Triples at Drayton, Berks, conducted by the late J. W. Washbrook), and in the same tower in 1888 he took part in three peals in one day, viz., 5,056 Cambridge Surprise, 5,088 Superlative Surprise, and 5,184 Double Norwich, and during the same year he also rang in the first peal of Cambridge on St. Helen's bells, Abingdon, and the first in the same method rung in Oxfordshire, at Dorchester Abbey. Another notable peal was one of Stedman Triples at Merton College, Oxford.

He did little ringing for ten or more years before the war, but after this he again took it up, and rang quite a number of peals with his old friend, the late Mr. H. Holifield, their last together being in 1923, when Mr. Short rang the bell which he was ringing at his death.

Since then he had done little ringing, but on this occasion he was filling a gap. There had been a wedding in the afternoon, and as the company were short-handed, Mr. Short rang in the afternoon and again in the evening, and the bells had been going about half an hour when he collapsed.

The deceased, who was 67 years of age, leaves a widow.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week, and in the evening, as a last mark of respect, a muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Abingdon Church by F. Barrett 1, T. Juggins 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. Honey 4, A. E. Lock 5, H. Humfrey 6, G. Caudwell (conductor) 7, J. Geering 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes) in 55 mins.: R. Eldridge (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss N. Denyer 3, W. H. Viggers 4, A. Cox 5, P. L. Eldridge 6, C. W. Denyer 7, E. J. Bragg (Grenadier Guards) (conductor) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss N. Denyer.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. J. Dove 1, A. Slade 2, W. R. Parker 3, H. Hoare 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. Sturgess 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung for evening service and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the seventh and tenor.

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NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Tea at 5.0. A good attendance is requested.—W. J. Davidson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chief Fire Station, Newcastle.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (2 towers) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all members try to support the work of the Guild by attending if possible? Visitors welcomed.—Rev. D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Book this date, Jan. 31st. On Saturday, Jan. 31st, a meeting will be held at Royston. Good bus and train services. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The tea is by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. F. Greig).—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service in church 5. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available from noon onward. Reports will be distributed in the Schools from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Divine service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, will be served in the Wakefield Co-operative Café at 5 p.m. General meeting in the Cathedral School Room, Brooke Street, at 6.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1930-31 are now due.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.). Subscriptions are now due and should be paid without delay.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by the usual meat tea (1s. 6d.), with business meeting afterwards at the Institute.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 'The Waverley,' by kind invitation of the Vicar of Carisbrooke, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Weobley on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea, 5.30, 6d. Business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 prompt. Business immediately after tea. Special business necessitates a good attendance.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Business meeting after tea. Ringing at St. Giles', 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting. Also at St. Clement Danes', 3 to 4.30. Practice meeting and social half-hour at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Members of the North and East District Committee are requested to note that a committee meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 4 p.m. Each tower should be represented.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Buses pass the church to and from Boston (Post Office) at intervals during the day. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lines.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 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 Hardingstone on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall, at a moderate charge.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint Meeting.—A meeting of these two associations will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, at Ware. Bells open during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea after. —W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Herts County Association.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, on Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—Geo. Siddle, Hon. Sec.

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. Andrew's, Holborn, on Feb. 5th, at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The 2nd annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only. All applications for tickets (5s. each) must be accompanied by remittance, and must be made to the undersigned not later than Saturday, Jan. 31st. As accommodation is somewhat limited, early application is desirable. All ringers and friends will be very heartily welcome. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John-the-Divine (10) 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) 3.15 p.m. till 5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and All Saints' (5) 3.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Business meeting follows. Those desiring tea please notify by Feb. 4th. — H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, Hants.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—A dinner will be held at the Greyhound, Worcester Street, Oxford, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before Feb. 1st. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's 5-7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. C. McGuinness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, as guests of the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith (Vicar) and his wardens, in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 4th. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4. N.B.—Brentford bells (6) available from 2.30 to 4.30.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.—J. Norbury, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Side, Macclesfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the school at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Beedon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. L. H. Coles, Beedon Vicarage, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th, for tea. Buses from Newbury at 2.20 p.m. (6 miles). — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available early. Tea 5 p.m. Important: Will members requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Thursday, Feb. 5th? Good attendance desired.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Murray). Tea provided for those who intend to be present and let me know by the Tuesday previous.—J. D. Johnson, The Ferns, Pershore Road, Hampton, Evesham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

A JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd?—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual commemoration lunch will be held on Feb. 7th at the George Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. An 8-bell tower in or near Oxford will be available in the afternoon.

BUSHEY, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea and meeting at the Institute at 6. Please notify for tea by the 4th. Cheap tickets by rail or motor coach from all parts. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Good train and bus services.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Next meeting Buckland, near Faringdon. Service 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. A. Webley, Faringdon, by the previous Wednesday.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped that members will turn up in force. Numbers for tea by the 4th. — H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. Please send numbers for tea by Feb. 9th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me. — H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, Liverpool, by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower opened 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 10th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Laurence's at 6 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify me their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the morning of the 10th? — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Rd., Earl's Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Next meeting at Welton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge (only for those who notify me by Feb. 11th). A good attendance requested. Buses leave Lincoln (Unity Square) for Welton 1.45, 2.45, 4; return 8 and 9.40. — Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing will be at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, and also at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, E.C. Tea will be held at A.B.C. Restaurant opposite, with business meeting afterwards. Times of ringing, tea and service will be announced later, and all members are especially requested to book this date in advance as a record attendance is expected. — Wm. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — The annual district meeting will be held at the Foresters' Hall, High Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 4 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral (12) and St. Stephen's (8) bells available from 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend service at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is particularly requested that members intending to be present should notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 12th. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Prince of Wales 5.15 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by Feb. 9th. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available after 2.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the Parish Hall at 5. Committee meeting at 4.30. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 11th. — George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.30, followed by the business meeting in the Vestry. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at Castle Restaurant. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 12th? Visitors welcomed. — Walter Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the first post on Thursday, Feb. 19th? Annual subscriptions are now due. — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

THE ADDRESS of Mr. J. Hunt has been changed by the G.P.O. to 5, Florence Terrace, Wellington New Road, Taunton, Somerset.

MARRIAGE.

SANDIFER—HEPBURN. — On Jan. 17th, at St. Peter's Church, Isham, by Rev. E. J. Atkins, R.D., Robert Geoffrey Sandifer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sandifer, late of Lincoln, to Cecil Ellen Hepburn, niece and adopted daughter of Mr. Walter T. Wilson, of The Pines, Isham.

SITUATION WANTED.

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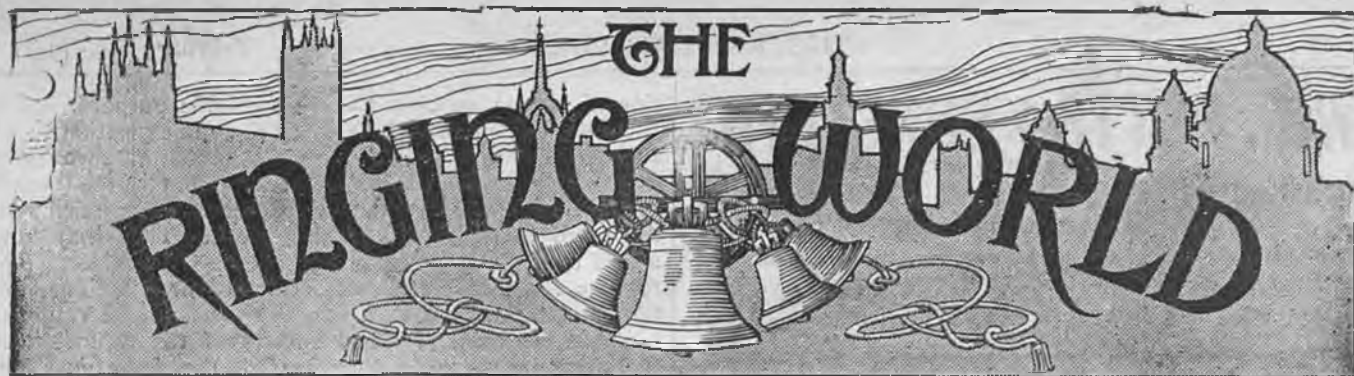
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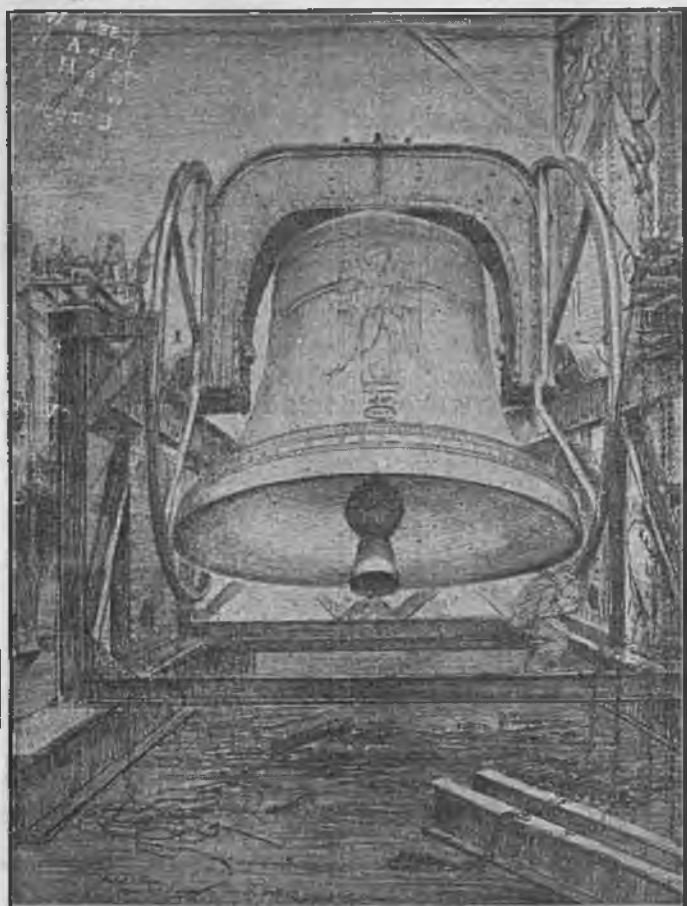
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It is now about five years since the Central Council's 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' went out of print. A revision of the work was completed long ago by the Methods Committee and, after various delays, the Exercise was promised the publication of the book as the result of the meeting in London last Whitsun. Now, however, there is further delay, due to disagreement between the Honorary Secretary of the Council, who is almost as if another Council meeting may come and go before the question at issue can be settled. In view of this further apparently inevitable delay the Committee have issued a statement explaining their position. Briefly, it is this: The Honorary Secretary wants the names of the officials of the Council printed on the cover of the book; the Committee insist that their own names, as authors, and no others, shall appear. To the outsider it seems to be a small point to quibble about and one which ought not to be allowed to hold up the publication of a work that is long overdue. There is, however, more behind the disagreement than the bare facts indicate. The Committee take their stand on the question of 'copyright,' and decline to be interfered with in regard to what shall be printed on the cover. The Secretary's attitude is based on a desire to make all the publications of the Council uniform in their style and in other recently revised books the officers' names have appeared on the covers and the names of the responsible Committee in each case on the title page.

There can be no question that established custom is on the side of the Committee. It was usual in the earlier Council publications, and it is customary in the case of books in general, to find the author or authors' names on the cover, and we think that in the case of the revised edition of the Minor Collection the men who have done the work are entitled to whatever distinction attaches to the appearance of their names on the outside of the book. Neither is it particularly clear why the names of the officials of the Council, who change from time to time, need take precedence over those of the individuals who have given their time and labour to the task. The question of the Committee's claim to the 'copyright,' however, does involve a serious matter of principle. It may be that, in the absence of a definite assignment of title, the Committee can claim a legal copyright in the book, but we feel quite sure that up to this moment the Council, as a corporate body, have looked upon all their publications as being in their sole right, the Committees who have done the work being in the posi-

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tion of agents appointed for the specific purpose. The Committee are not even in quite the same position as an author, who, having written a text book on his own initiative, offers his work to the Council for the benefit of the Exercise. The Methods Committee were definitely requested to revise an existing work. They may have added to it, but they have gone to the Council from time to time for confirmation of certain of their actions, and the Council have got to meet whatever financial responsibility is involved. Many members of the Council will, therefore, be surprised to learn that they have no rights in the book which they are issuing and that the Committee can, as it were, hold a pistol to their heads and say in effect, 'Unless we have our own way you shall not publish this book.' If the Committee are legally right it will be as well if the Council, before embarking on publications in future, made their position secure by obtaining the assignment of the copyright. In the meantime it is a great pity that so useful and badly-wanted a publication as the Minor Methods Collection should be held up for what, to most people, will appear to be a matter of no great consequence.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

*REV. H. LAW JAMES... ..Treble	*JOHN W. WOOD... .. 7
LEWIS SNELL... .. 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN... .. 8
HAROLD MARCON... .. 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES... .. 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS... .. 4	JOHN WALDEN... .. 10
C. BERT CHESTER... .. 5	H. LESLIE PASK... .. 11
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON... .. 6	ROBERT RICHARDSON...Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE... ..Treble	HARRY BAKER... .. 6
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	*CYRIL W. A. BROWN... .. 7
THOMAS E. SONE... .. 3	*WILLIAM BUTTON... .. 8
TOM SAUNDERS... .. 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 9
CHARLES H. SONE... .. 5	KENNETH PATTENDEN...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Royal. This composition (No. 306) is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HANDLEY...Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD... .. 5
HERBERT E. BOOTH... .. 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS... .. 6
JOSEPH FLAVELL... .. 3	ALFRED FALLON... .. 7
ERIC SANT... .. 4	JAMES SHAW... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Benjamin Fullwood, Sedgley.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D

THOMAS GUNNING Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 5
HOWARD H. YEATES ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 6
*MISS E. JESSIE ANGWIN ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 4	LEONARD G. TANNER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples on a working bell. Arranged for the ringers of 3rd and 6th, who hail from Truro Cathedral. Miss Angwin is the first Cornish lady to ring a working bell and a peal of Triples. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor's son, J. E. Lilley, who was unable to stand in. The band wish to tender their best thanks to Mr. G. Yeo for getting permission. The quickest peal on the bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	*GRAHAM LINDRIDGE ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN 2	*FREDERICK ELY ... 6
BASIL REDGEWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	WALTER HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. F. Pilcher, a former churchwarden, and an ardent churchworker at St. Michael's and for many years a member of local public bodies, whose death took place the previous Wednesday and the interment on the 24th; also as a token of respect to the late Mr. Wilby J. Hazell, who was interred at Little Bentley on the same day.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD V. FROST Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 5
†BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 2	THOMAS J. HULL ... 6
JOHN MALYAN 3	FREDERICK W. ALLEN ... 7
†THOMAS A. BLOW 4	FRANCIS KIRK ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal (aged 15 years). † First peal in method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CECIL BARRETT ... 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	CHARLES LOOME ... 6
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 3	WALTER BARRETT ... 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY ... 2	HENRY HARRISON ... 6
R. ALLAN HICKTON ... 3	JOSEPH A. BARRATT ... 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH A. BARRATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the three oldest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. GobeY—Edith Miriam (27), Winifred (24), and Mabel (23), all of whose birthdays occurred during the week.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	WILLIAM DURHAM ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	JOHN V. BASSETT ... 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

This composition, No. 378, is now rung for the first time. Mr. A. Waddington sat in the belfry and produced the lead-ends at the conclusion of the peal.

NORTH SHIELDS.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 4	THOMAS T. GOSTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. Arranged for Mr. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 5
HAROLD HAMER 2	GEORGE STAFF ... 6
WALTER STAFF 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
JAMES INGHAM 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
FRED BIGGS 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
JOHN EVANS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
*ROLAND BIGGS 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

WHEALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY HARGREAVES Treble	THOMAS JACKSON ... 5
ARTHUR EXTON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6
H. BERTRAM POTTS ... 3	WILLIAM PROCTER ... 7
*GEORGE GARRETT 4	*HARRY PICKUP ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. All are service ringers at the above church with the exception of 6th ringer.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

*NORMAN LEECH Treble	ALBERT LESLIE DUNN 5
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 2	JAMES WILLIAM SMITH 6
FRANK WILLIAM GIBBS 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
HAROLD AMPHLETT 4	†CHARLES W. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells by a local band, who are all regular Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank William Gibbs.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*BERTRAM GRIMSHAW Treble	†THOMAS ISHERWOOD 5
†JAMES JACKSON 2	†JOHN WISE 6
JOSEPH WOODS 3	THOMAS WALLWORK 7
*JAMES CORBRIDGE 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY Treble	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 5
*ERNEST W. SAVAGE 2	HENRY SMALE 6
ALBERT HOBDEN 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 4	ERNEST GOWER Tenor

Composed by S. J. BRIERLEY.

Conducted by E. GOWER.

* First peal in the method. The peal was arranged for Mr. H. Smale, of Harlow Common, Essex, who was made a member of the association prior to starting.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	FRANK AINSLEY 5
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	DAVID VINCENT 7
ROBERT L. PATTERSON 4	JOHN J. LEIGHTON Tenor

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Philip N. W. Strong, who was inducted by the Bishop of Durham on January 26th. * First peal away from the covering tenor. J. J. Leighton has now rung a peal on every bell in the three eight-bell towers in Sunderland.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HAROLD RUSHTON Treble	†ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. 6
*JOSEPH OWEN 3	†PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
*EVERETT FORD 4	*RICHARD YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. † 50th peal together. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and third as they only commenced to learn to ring less than a year ago.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes, 3½
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S THREE-PART, No. 58.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST W. BRADSMOORE 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Downager Lady Burion, of Rangemore Hall, Burton-on-Trent, patroness of the living of St. Paul's.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
*MRS. G. H. CROSS 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	HERRBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Suffolk Guild, and rung at the first attempt.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

RICHARD E. JONES Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by TOM WILDE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the seventh and tenor ringers. First peal of London as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Langley, Miss A. Langley and Miss I. Wolstencroft.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
*CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	FREDERICK G. COLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. George S. Bayley (father of ringer of the third), who passed away on the previous day in his 93rd year, at the residence of his eldest son, the Rev. George Bayley, Vicar of Huntingdon.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-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.

ALFRED FALLON	Treble	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL	2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY	6
JOSEPH FLAVELL	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
ERIC N. SANT	4	ALBERT D. COLLINS	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* 100th peal for this society. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Boswell (parents of the conductor); also as a 91st birthday compliment to Mrs. Knight (mother of Mr. H. Knight, of Wolverhampton), and as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield. The band express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Boswell for their hospitality after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK MILLETT	Treble	FRANK WILCON	4
ALF PALMER	2	LESLIE HURREN	5
STAN REES	3	C. H. HAWKINS	Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

Rung as a farewell to Canon Watcyn Morgan before taking up his duties as Dean of St. David's.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR CARTER	Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
WILLIAM RIMELL	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
*ARTHUR DEVEREUX	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

BIGBY, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*CHARLES H. BIRD	Treble	MRS. J. BRAY	4
JACK BRAY	2	*BERNARD GILLAIT, JUN.	5
†GEORGE L. HALL	3	FRANK LORD	Tenor

Conducted by F. LORD.

* First of Minor in five methods. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ANBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN C. ROYDON	Treble	GEORGE GILLING	4
FRED HAWKINS	2	EDWARD J. AVERY	5
EDWARD G. NORTON	3	*GILBERT E. GRIFFIN	Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Then tenor ringer was proposed a member before starting.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON	4
*ALBERT CRAWLEY	2	ERNEST BENNETT	5
*HARRY PARKER	3	JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. PATTENDEN	Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON	4
CHARLES TRIBE	2	CHARLES W. PLAYER	5
WILLIAM P. TICKNER	3	KENNETH PATTENDEN	Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

Arranged as a birthday peal for Mrs. Pattenden.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL	4
*EDWARD S. T. FARR	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	3	GEORGE GILBERT	Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in more than three methods. Rung on the 59th birthday of Mr. W. E. Taylor, and also as a birthday compliment to Miss Stella Davis.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN J. BASSETT	Treble	TOM SAUNDERS	4
CHARLES H. SONE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	5
WILLIAM DURHAM	3	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

POTTENHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	4
GEORGE E. CLODE	2	RAYMOND J. PHILPOTT	5
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ALFRED H. POLLING	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Marshall, of Puttenham, on the 42nd anniversary of their wedding, and Mr. Marshall's 67th birthday.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Tuesday, January 6th, at All Saints' Church, Feering, Essex, 1,280 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, E. Mingay 5, S. Pye 6, G. Hayward 7, F. Fludd 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the church and members of All Saints' Guild. This was the first peal by the Guild. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the day of the funeral of Mrs. M. Hamilton, who had resided at the Vicarage with her daughter. Also as a mark of respect to the late Princess Royal.

POLEBROOK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*GEORGE W. JEFFES Treble	*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3
BURLEY P. MORRIS 2	CHARLES WHITNEY 4
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells for the Guild, the last peal on them having been rung about 40 years ago.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

PERCIVAL R. NASH Treble	WILLIAM MAPP 4
HUBERT JONES 2	FORREST T. MASSEY 5
WILLIAM R. NASH 3	WILLIAM HABBERLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. NASH.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Hon. G. L. Hamilton-Russell, eldest son of Viscount and Viscountess Boyne, of Burwarton Hall, and Miss Joan Verney, daughter of Sir Harry and Lady Joan Verney, of 1, Rutland Gardens. The ceremony took place on January 20th at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS Treble	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells since relanging. The striking of this peal was creditable in spite of the indifferent 'go' of the bells.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ROBERT LEWIS Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS 4
*A. OLIVER LEWIS 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	HARRY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal for the above association. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Raxter, an esteemed member of the local band, who was married on this day at Droitwich.

KING'S CLIFFE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER WALDRON Treble	JAMES BLUFF 4
†GEORGE SLAUGHTER 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
JOHN R. NICHOLS 3	*LEONARD A. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to six in 1930. The ringers of the treble and tenor were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On January 22nd, 720 College Exercise: J. Walter, jun., 1, B. H. Wells 2, A. Holman 3, C. Killick 4, H. K. Hooper 5, H. R. Thorpe (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except 2nd and tenor

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION AT LINDFIELD.

The meeting of the Central Division at Lindfield on Saturday, January 24th, should be recorded as very successful from the point of view of numbers present, methods rung, and from a social standpoint. Nearly fifty attended. A special service was held in church, the Vicar (Rev. S. Swan) officiating and delivering the address. A collection taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 15s. 6d.

Those present then adjourned to the Tiger, where an excellent tea had been provided by the kindness of the Vicar and Lady Bagot, who were there to welcome the members on their arrival.

At the conclusion of tea, and before Lady Bagot left the room, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to her and to the Vicar for their generous hospitality, and this was acknowledged in an excellent speech by Lady Bagot.

The usual business meeting followed, mostly of a routine nature, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master.—Frederick Roy Langford (Seaford) and Alfred Morris (Lewes) were elected members. The election of Mr. F. W. Burnett (Portsmouth) and Mr. J. O. Weller (Westerham, Kent) as non-resident members was confirmed.

At the close of the meeting the Vicar, who is an 'Old Blue,' gave an interesting account of his historic row from Dover to Calais in 3 hrs. 50 mins.—a record for pair-oared craft which has not been broken.

The company returned to the tower, where ringing was again resumed till eight o'clock, the methods brought round ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

Mention should be made of the valuable support of the local members, to whose endeavours much of the success of the meeting was due. The towers represented were Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and The Good Shepherd), Balcombe, Bolney, Coleman's Hatch, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Heene, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Shoreham, Lewes (Southover), Tunner's Hill.

The following is copied from a stone in the churchyard:—

'In Memory of
Richard Turner,
who died November 13th, 1763,
aged 21 years.

Long was my Pain, Great was my Grief,
Surgeons I'd many, but no relief.
I trust through Christ to rise with the Just.
My Leg and Thigh was hurried fast.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch was held on Saturday at St. Stephen's, City, and despite the unfavourable weather a good number of ringers and friends were present. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and some of the members had their first pull on ten bells, rounds and 'Queen's' being mainly the order. The usual service was conducted by the Rev. S. R. Worters, of Brislington, who stepped into the breach at very short notice, owing to the indisposition of the Rector (the Rev. W. G. H. Thomas). The organist and choir boys were in attendance. Tea was afterwards excellently served by the ladies at St. Thomas' Parish Hall. The Master of the association (Rev. E. S. Saleby) was present, and afterwards presided over the business meeting.

The annual report and balance sheet showed an increase of performing members, and was passed by the meeting as satisfactory. Places for four quarterly meetings during the year were selected as follows: March, St. James', Bristol; June, Abbots Leigh; September, Westbury-on-Trym and Henbury combined; December, Brislington. St. Luke's, Badminton, was chosen for the next monthly meeting.

All the officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. S. R. Worters for taking the service, to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies for waiting at tea.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A meeting was held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, with a fairly good attendance. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods were brought round. A short service was held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Harill, with the Rev. C. H. Barker at the organ. A capital tea was laid in the schoolroom.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his helpful and inspiring address, use of bells, etc., and to the ladies who attended to the wants of those at the tea tables, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with applause.

In response, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the members, and expressed the hope that they would come again in the near future. Handbells were brought into use, and Messrs. J. Jaggard and J. Screen delighted the audience with a well-worn but ever welcome tune, followed by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters.

The next meeting is provisionally fixed to take place at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on April 18th.

BELL SOLD TO PAY WATER CHARGES.**WHY GATESHEAD HAS A LIGHT PEAL.**

The Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had a very enjoyable meeting at Gateshead-on-Pyne on Saturday, January 17th. About twenty members attended from Newcastle, South Shields, Sunderland, Houghton-le-Spring, Chester-le-Street, etc., and after some excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise, etc., during the afternoon, the party adjourned to the Anchorage, an old schoolroom near the church, for tea.

Mr. Wm. Story, of Newcastle, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and said it was always a pleasure to come to Gateshead, as the association were always made welcome.—Canon Stephenson, in responding, told a humorous story which had been dug out of the old records of the church. It appears that in the olden days the water supply for the parish was got from the little village of Heworth, and on one occasion the churchwardens of Gateshead were hard up and unable to meet the water bill. To settle the matter they gave Heworth one of their bells, and it is hanging in the tower of that church to this day. The churchwardens were left with seven bells, a very awkward number for ringing, and to get over this further difficulty they had the bells recast into eight, which accounted for the comparatively light weight of the peal now in the tower.

Thanks were accorded, on the motion of the president (Mr. E. E. Ferry) to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea, and it was decided, on the suggestion of the chairman, Mr. R. L. Patterson, Sunderland, to write Mr. F. Robson, West Hartlepool, the secretary for the district, expressing sympathy with him in his illness.

Messrs. Barber, Davidson, Anderson and Parker rang a touch of Bob Major on handbells, and some tune ringing by Messrs. Barber and Davidson with four bells each was loudly applauded.

The tower was then revisited, and the bells kept going until after eight o'clock.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Jarrow on March 7th.

A GOOD RECORD.

At Shouldham, Norfolk, on Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: W. Stewart 1, A. V. Bowen 2, G. Placco 3, A. Kirchen 4, B. Malby 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob by the same band for morning service on Christmas Day. This band, with the addition of K. Porter, G. Rudd, and Miss E. H. J. Price, have rung for every service on Sundays throughout the whole year, which is a record for the village. All the ringers are residents in the parish.

WELL-KNOWN LADY RINGER MARRIED.**CEREMONY AT ISHAM**

A wedding of considerable interest to ringers in all districts took place at St. Peter's Church, Isham, on Saturday, January 17th, the bride being Miss Cecil E. Hepburn, niece and adopted daughter of Mr. Walter T. Wilson, the treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. She was one of the pioneers of lady ringers in Northamptonshire, and was the first secretary of the Northamptonshire District of the Ladies' Guild. Miss Hepburn has taken part in many peals in various belfries, and is life member of several other societies. The bride rang her first peal at the age of 14, and conducted from the tenor the ladies' peal at Isham in 1923. The bridegroom was Mr. R. Geoffrey Sandifer, who is a member of the East Haddon belfry. Owing to the serious illness of Mr. Walter T. Wilson, the wedding was of a very quiet nature, and the reception already arranged for had to be cancelled at the last moment. The church had been beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. E. J. Atkins, R.D. Many well-known ringers were present, including Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Guild, Miss Thursfield, secretary of the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet. As the bridal party left the church, to walk through an archway of copies of the newspapers, 'Kettering Leader' and 'Evening Telegraph,' with which the bride has been associated during the whole of her business career, the bells were 'fired' and rung by the following lady ringers, all of whom are friends of the bride: Miss D. M. Atkins, Miss Mary Randall and Miss Dorothy Lewis (of Isham), Miss Kittie Moore (Weekley), Miss S. Thursfield (Cranford) and Mrs. Norman (Rothwell). No peal had been arranged owing to Mr. Wilson's illness.

Many messages of congratulations and good wishes were received from ringers from all parts of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Sandifer received many beautiful and valuable presents, including a breakfast service from the Isham belfry and a gift from the Rothwell members of the Ladies' Guild.

A THRIVING HUNTS BAND.

At the Parish Church of All Saints, Hartford, Hunts, on Sunday, January 25th, 720's of Bob Minor were rung by the regular Sunday service ringers at both morning and evening services: C. Pannell 1, E. Pannell 2, H. Lindford 3, J. M. Pannell 4, J. Smart 5, R. Hibberd 6. The band, which has been learning method ringing since March, 1930, under Mr. J. Smart, is now in a thriving condition, five new ringers having joined in the new year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mansfield Ginn, of Over, Cambs, who is 18 years of age and the son of Mr. A. J. Ginn, captain of Over ringers, took part in more than one hundred 720's in the year 1930, nearly 80 of which were rung for church services.

The vacant space on the fine peal board at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, is soon to be filled up. The peal of London Surprise, for which space was left, has been rung, and is the eighth Surprise method of which a peal has been rung on the bells since August, 1926.

The peal of London on Saturday was the first in which Mr. Harry Langley has taken part since his serious illness two years ago, and the band were delighted to have him back again in apparently complete health.

One hundred and thirty years ago to-day the Society of London Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Whitechapel. It was 'composed and called' by John Reeves.

The first Surprise peal in the Metropolis was a 5,600 Superlative rung at Bethnal Green on February 9th, 1850.

One hundred and ten years ago next Thursday a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Oldham in 7 hrs. 26 mins.

The peal of Bob Major at Crayford, reported in last week's issue, was rung on Friday, January 16th, not Saturday, the 17th.

In Parliamentary language, the reply to an inquiry made by the Helmingham ringers is in the affirmative. The first peal of Kent Surprise Major was called by Mr. George Dent, of Harlow, very shortly after the publication of the method.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Will secretaries please note that subscriptions on the revised scale became due on January 1st last, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, 165, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6. Honorary members are also invited to subscribe towards the funds.

For pro. E. ALEX. YOUNG,
W. A. CAVE.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The local committee of the Lancashire Association (with Mr. C. I. Davies as hon. secretary), who are making preparations for the Council's visit to Liverpool at Whitsun, have been able to arrange for headquarters at the Stork Hotel, where special terms will be granted to members.

The Lord Mayor has granted the use of the Town Hall for the meeting on Tuesday, May 26th, and although he may be on holiday himself he will, if absent from the city, arrange for an official welcome to the Council by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

The Council's visit to Liverpool promises to be an interesting and memorable one.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS. COMMITTEE EXPLAIN FURTHER DELAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We shall be glad if you will publish the following statement. Last Whitsuntide, at its meeting at Lambeth, the Central Council approved the publication of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' and voted a sufficient sum to defray the cost.

The MSS. were accordingly sent to the printer. The book has been in type for some months, and the final correction of proofs made. The Council is committed to an expenditure of over £70, a substantial part of which, we believe, has been paid on account. After the book was already in print, the hon. secretary informed us that instructions had been given by him that the names of the executive officers of the Council were to appear on the cover instead of those of the authors, as had always been done before, and announced just before leaving for South Africa that, unless his instructions were carried out, he would not pass the account.

To this demand we objected on the following grounds among others:—

(1) It is a departure from the thirty-five years' old custom of the Council and is entirely unauthorised.

(2) It is a breach of the tacit agreement between us and the Council, under which we gave our time and labour but surrendered no rights in our property.

(3) It is an infringement of our legal copyright. This, indeed, is the root of the matter.

The Council has never made any claim to the ownership of copyright of books produced by its members and published by it, and we feel bound to resist on behalf of others as well as ourselves this unprecedented demand of the hon. secretary that we should surrender our rights.

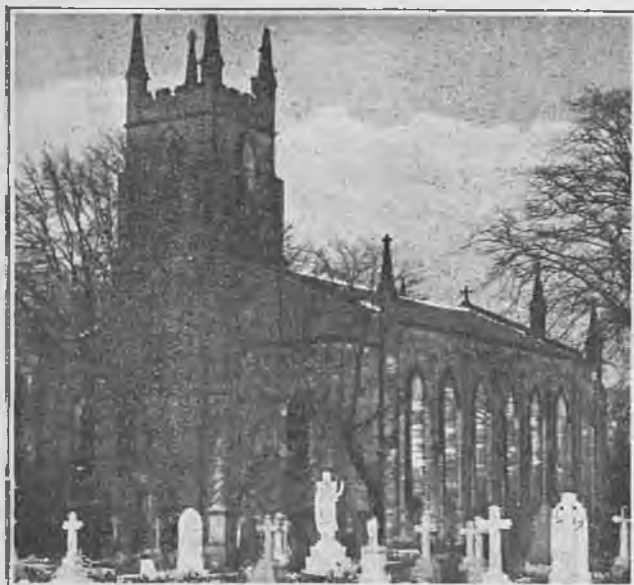
We greatly regret the disappointment caused to members of the Exercise who have been anxiously awaiting the issue of the book, but at the same time we have no alternative to withholding publication until this untenable claim to ownership of copyright (implied and expressed) be definitely withdrawn.

H. LAW JAMES.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
E. S. POWELL.

THE BELLS OF NORBURY, CHESHIRE

A CELEBRATED TOWER.

'Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire,' is a place known, at any rate by name, to a large number of ringers, for it was here that the possibilities of method splicing were first so completely demonstrated. Prior to 1925, many six-bell peals were rung culminating in the peal of 35 methods rung in December, 1923. Soon after that a great scheme of church restoration was embarked upon, including the recasting of four of the six bells and the addition of four new ones, the two oldest of the six, which came originally from Disley Church and bear the date 1617, being preserved in the church. Since then the Norbury ringers have done much to justify the possession of an octave, and last Saturday saw the culmination of their aspirations in the ringing of a peal of London Surprise Major, the eighth Surprise method in which a peal on the new bells has been rung.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

The two ancient bells which have now gone into honoured retirement were cast by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, and hung in Disley Church. These two, with three others, were at a later date brought to Norbury, when Disley got a new ring of six, and Norbury's bells were also made into a peal of six. They were rehung by William Greenleaf, of Hereford, about the year 1900, and it was in 1925 that the present peal came from the Loughborough Foundry. The old and new inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—(Peter Lee, Esq., 1750.) Recast 1925, as the Gift of the Nonconformists of Hazel Grove.

'Behold how good and joyful a thing it is,
Brethren to dwell together in unity.'

Weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

2.—(Peter Lee, Lord of Lime, Daniel Hepperley, F.R. 1748.) Recast 1925. In Memory of the Men of this Parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918. 'For God, King, and Country.' Weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

3.—Ringers' Bell, 1925. In Memory of Private Herbert Williamson, Loyal North Lancs. Regiment, who died December 15th, 1918, aged 38. For many years a ringer at this Church. Weight 4 cwt. 24 lb.

4.—Dedicated by the Freemasons of Hazel Grove and District, 1925. (Square and Compasses.) 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.' Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

5.—(Thomas, of London, Founder. God Save this Church. Thomas Leigh, Esq., Lyme Park. 1837.) Recast 1925. Weight 5 cwt. 16 lb.

6.—(All people may behold and see the workes of good Sir Peeter Leigh, 1682.) Recast 1873 and again recast 1925. Two crests on waist. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

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THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

WAS STEDMAN A CAMBRIDGE GRADUATE?

To the Editor.

Sir,—While we are thinking of the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman, there is one factor in his little known history that it would prove interesting to explore. 'Tintinnalogia' stands by itself as a book on ringing, and bears many marks that suggest the academical rather than the tradesman.

His residence in Cambridge, coupled with our lack of knowledge of his activities, seems to hint at the possibility that he may have been connected with one of the colleges. Is it too much to hope that some resident member of the Cambridge University Guild will make a search of University records on the off chance of discovering that he may have been at least a graduate of Cambridge?—Yours truly,

E. S. POWELL.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW WEALD BELLS TO BE AUGMENTED.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday last, was noticeable for the enthusiasm displayed by the large number of members present. The Rector (Rev. A. H. Lloyd), who is an hon. member, gave the association a cordial welcome to that ancient and historic church, and treated his hearers to an illuminating address. Some 75 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, at the close of which Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) thanked the Rector and Mrs. Lloyd, the Rev. L. C. and Mrs. Loveless, Mr. R. E. Geare (churchwardens), and several others for the splendid welcome given to the association that afternoon, and for a tea worth much more than the small sum charged for it. The Rector, in a witty speech, replied, and it is certain that it will not be long before his invitation to come again will be accepted.

After some handbell ringing by Messrs. Trollope, Cross, Thomas and the brothers Pye, the usual business meeting was held. Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) took the chair, being supported by Messrs. A. W. Coles (District Master), W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer), G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), W. Pye (Association Master), and C. T. Coles (hon. secretary). Amongst the many welcome 'visitors' present were Messrs. W. H. Hollier and J. A. Trollope, hon. secretary and vice-president of the South and West District. A letter from the president, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, regretting his inability to attend, was read by the hon. secretary.

After the minutes had been passed, the members present stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wilby J. Hazell, of Edmonton, who had been a member for about 23 years, and to the late Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. W. D. Smith, a most respected member since the association was formed.

The balance sheet, which showed a credit balance on the year's working as well as a sum of £5 paid to the Isleworth bell augmentation fund, was adopted, and it was noted that the assets of the district amount to the sum of £99 14s. 11d.

Twenty-eight new members were elected, including the Rev. L. C. Loveless (St. Giles-in-the-Fields) as an hon. member.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, and a vacancy on the Central Committee, which arose during the year, was filled by the election of Mr. H. Kilby (Willesden).

All Saints', Edmonton, was chosen for the next annual meeting, and St. Mark's, Dalston, for the next district meeting for March 7th.

The hon. secretary drew the attention of members to the appeal made for the erection of a memorial to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, one of the founders and late president of the association. A sum of about £15 was needed to carry out the scheme to place a mural tablet in Barnet Parish Church, and members were urged to support this.

Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer), on behalf of the committee, moved that a donation of £5 be given to the Harrow Weald band towards the cost of adding two bells to the existing six. It was intended to rehang the present peal, and the local ringers had undertaken to raise the sum of £100 for two new bells, and it was towards this that the sum voted was to be placed.—Mr. G. B. Lucas seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.—Mr. G. R. Goodship thanked the members for their generosity.

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded the Rev. A. H. Lloyd (St. Giles') and the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes) for the use of the bells at those churches, and to many others for valuable help rendered.

Ringing in a great variety of methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, and Stedman Caters to Cambridge Royal, besides rounds for several learners present, took place at the two churches named above during the afternoon and evening, and it was estimated that upwards of 80 members took part.

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7.—To Deum Laudamus. A Thankoffering from the Congregation, 1925. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Tenor.—Nisi Dominus Frustra. 1925. Arthur James Humphreys, B.A., B.D., Vicar. Edward Donovan Reeman, B.A., Curate. John W. Fernley, John T. Coles, Wardens. Weight, 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. Note F sharp. Each has on the waist the Foundry mark of Taylor.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 74.)

Now suppose one of my readers sits down and, taking the hint I have given him, writes out some of these peals. The chances are that he will get a peal which has never before been written out. Whose peal will that be? He has got the key of the composition from Mr. Lindoff. If he does not know how to bob his 'Q sets,' so as to add the other courses, he can find out from articles I have written from time to time in the ringing papers. According to recognised standards, he could call the peal his own, but, surely, he has done nothing except follow instructions given him by other people. Shall we, then, say that all these compositions are Mr. Lindoff's, since his peal contains the key of them all? I am afraid that that will not quite do.

I turn to 'The Clavis' and I find there a peal of Bob Major. Except that it is a three-part and has the sixty course-ends, it is apparently as unlike Mr. Lindoff's as any peal could well be. We look for the key of it, and we find it in the following set of bobs:—

23456 B. 5th. 4th.

35264	1	—	—
42635	—	—	—
56342	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

Not very much like the key of the Double Norwich, you may say at first sight, but if you look closer you will see that, allowing for the differences of the bob making in the two methods, one is the almost exact equivalent of the other. They both have the effect of joining together an even number of full and short courses, and they are able to do so for the same reason. Both make peals with the sixty course-ends possible.

Now I do not suppose for one minute that Mr. Lindoff copied his peal from Reeves. Nor, if he had, would he have been doing anything other than competent composers continually do. But I do think it quite possible that a man having found the key of Reeves' peal might have thought something like it was possible in Double Norwich. And once he started to look for it he could hardly miss it. Anyhow, we do know of these keys in Bob Major and Double Norwich, and we will ask: Are there any equivalents in any of the other groups of Plain Methods? What of Double Bob, for instance? We turn to the tables of lead-ends in 'Major Methods' and we do not need to search very long. Here it is:—

23456 B. W.

52436	—
23564	—
62534	—
23645	—
42635	—
23456	—

To this we can easily add the other fifty-four courses by bobbing 'Q sets.' We can do as John Reeves did and try and make our peal as near 5,000 as possible; or we can do as Mr. Lindoff did and try and make our peal as long as is possible. This has not yet been done, so I will leave off writing this article and work it out:—

23456 B. M. W. R.

24536	1	2
25346	1	2
35642	1	3
32546	2	1
24653	1	2
52643	3	1
43526	2	1
52436	1	1
23564	1	

The curious may settle, if they can, how far this is an original peal and who the author is, if there be one. Meanwhile, we have a good instance of how compositions, apparently quite dissimilar, are really related to each other.

(To be continued.)

A FRIEND OF RINGERS.

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF BRAY.

Ringers in the Oxford Diocese have lost a good friend by the death of the Rev. W. S. Riddelsdale, M.A., Vicar of Bray and chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who died at the Vicarage on Saturday. Mr. Riddelsdale was taken ill on Thursday, January 22nd, after conducting the funeral of an old inhabitant.

The Rev. W. S. Riddelsdale had for some years presided at the various meetings of the branch, and one could not but be impressed by his sound advice and sincere sympathy in various matters which arose for discussion. His services in the branch will be greatly missed, and the sympathy of the members goes out to those who are left in bereavement.

THE RULES OF TRUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When you say it would not be a very big step from having to recognise a peal of 5,160 Bob Minor, in which two courses had been added in the middle of one of the 720's, to the recognition of the attempted long peal at Painswick, you are comparing two incommensurable things.

If a peal, or, indeed, any change ringing, is attempted, and in the course of it any change, or changes, are repeated, that ringing is false. It is not recorded, not because of any rules, but because it is false. Nothing that the Central Council, or any other body could do, could ever make it anything else. It does not matter a bit whether the Painswick ringers are affiliated to the Central Council, or to any other body, they cannot make their 17,665 true, if any changes are repeated. If they were to attempt to record it as a peal, they would cease to be change ringers. They might call the ringing glorified call changes, but they could not call it true changes, because they obviously are not true.

Now there are other attempts which fail, not because they are in themselves wrong, but because conventions or rules have been made to shut them out. Thus an attempt at a long peal may break down after 5,000 changes have been rung, but it cannot be recorded as a peal, although it may have been quite true as far as it went, and may have included the necessary number of changes. This is a mere convention, which has been handed down to us. The Central Council could change this if it seemed good to do so, though it is not likely to, nor is any other body of change ringers.

In the case of five and six bells, there is a further convention. Because the extent does not run to 5,000 changes, repetitions are allowed. The way in which these repetitions are made is subject to rules, arbitrarily made. We may agree with these rules, or disagree, and want them altered. But we cannot say that it is impossible to alter them. In short, there is no inflexible truth in a 5,040 of Double or Minor. There cannot be, as the extent of true changes is not great enough.

It is not a fair argument for either side, in the proposals still before us, to say that the other side are lowering the standard of ringing, or that if one takes a step in one direction, one is therefore bound, or even likely, to take a step in quite another direction.

One may say that in Minor, each 720 must be true and complete in itself, and must be completed before beginning another. This is quite a good argument, but it bears with it the implication that it would be a step in advance, if a few rounds were rung between each 720.

Others may say that two or more 720's may well be intertwined. We may not like this, but there is no real argument in saying that it is a retrograde suggestion, especially as it is in that way that progress is now being made, e.g., in splicing methods. Nor is it right to assume that those who adopt this position may not also hold the opinion that no 'peal' of Minor should exceed 5,040 changes.

Arguments should be used for what they are worth, neither more nor less.

HERBERT DRAKE.

DEATH OF AN OLD BOLSTERSTONE RINGER.

The death occurred on Tuesday, January 20th, of Mr. Jas. T. Shaw, of Deepcar, who passed away at the age of 66 years.

Mr. Shaw had not been well for some time, and had not worked, but the end came very suddenly and unexpectedly. He was one of the original band who learnt to ring at Bolsterstone, under the tuition of the late Mr. David Brearley, when the bells were hung in 1892. He was a safe ringer and a good striker, and had rung about twenty peals for the Yorkshire Association. For several years, however, he had not rung, as the climb up to Bolsterstone, which is a thousand feet above sea level, was too much for him.

He was buried on Saturday, January 24th, when the local ringers, together with Mr. Samuel Harrison, of Conisborough, and Mr. W. A. Wooler, of Wortley, rang the tower bells, deeply muffled, as the funeral procession came up the hill and again as they went to the graveside for the committal service.

DEATH OF MRS. PRINCE, OF GRESFORD.

At the advanced age of 96 years, Mrs. Prince, of Gresford, mother of Mr. Arthur Prince, of Bath, passed away on January 22nd. On the previous Monday evening she was taking a walk when she unfortunately slipped and broke her right thigh.

The interment took place at Gresford Parish Church on Monday week, the service being conducted, in the absence of the Vicar (Ven. Archdeacon J. E. Williams), by the Rev. J. H. Barker-Owen, Rector of Isy-Coed, a very close friend.

Mrs. Prince was well known to many ringing visitors to Gresford, where her husband, who died in 1923 at the age of 90, was at one time a member of the band, and where, also, Mr. Arthur Prince commenced his ringing career.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.**

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Saturday at Leatherhead, there being an attendance of about thirty, who in the afternoon and evening participated in ringing at the Parish Church, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, conducted the Guild's service, and subsequently presided over the tea and meeting held at the Institute. He was supported by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), the District Ringing Master (Mr. A. Harman), the district hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith), Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. D. Cooper (hon. secretary of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association) Mr. D. Wright (Croydon), and members of the Guild from Ashted, Banstead, Cobham, Dorking, Epsom, Guildford, Leatherhead and Newdigate and visitors from Croydon and Benhillton.

The balance sheet showed that the subscriptions from members amounted to £26 13s., and the balance in hand had been increased from 8s. 9d. to £2 3s. This was considered most satisfactory, and was adopted, as was also the officers' report, which stated that 61 ringing and four hon. members paid subscriptions. Although ringing in the district had not entirely reached the standard hoped for, yet in some towers steady progress had been made. The bells at Christ Church, Epsom, had been restored during the year, but nothing had yet been done to Chapel bells, which were out of commission. The reorganised scheme of combined practices had been carried out with varying success, and the officers appealed to the members for better support in this direction. They would like to see more members visiting other towers than their own.

Four new members were elected, and the election of four others in a tower confirmed.

The District Ringing Master and hon. secretary were re-elected. There were four nominations for two places on the executive committee, but two candidates having withdrawn, Messrs. G. Marriner and W. Newberry were returned unopposed. The Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was re-elected as an hon. members' representative.

Although the general secretary intimated that he desired to resign at the next annual meeting of the Guild, all the retiring general officers were re-nominated.

Christ Church, Epsom, Newdigate, and Banstead were chosen for district meetings during the year, with a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Ramore on July 25th, and the annual meeting of the district at Leatherhead in January, 1932. It was decided to provide an instructor for Dorking tower, the arrangements being left to the district committee.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the district officers (including Mr. Alan Pink, whose removal from the district caused him to resign the secretaryship in the course of the year), and to the Vicar and the Leatherhead ringers, particularly Mr. Arthur Dean, for their assistance in making the meeting a success. The members then returned to the belfry.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) was held at Folkingham on Saturday, January 24th, when a very good attendance was made, ringers being present from Surfleet, Spalding, Peterborough, Bourne, Grantham, Nottingham, Whittlesey, Market Deeping, Edenham, Morton, Rippingale, Hough, and the local band. The Rector (the Rev. F. V. Heath) kindly allowed the use of bells during the afternoon and evening, and a good variety of Minor methods were successfully brought round, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise. It was also pleasing to see a number of young ringers scoring their first touch in different methods, and also those ringing rounds for the first time.

Service was held in the fine old church, which is of the Perpendicular period. The Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) officiated in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

The tea and business meeting were held at the Greyhound Hotel, an historical old coaching inn, which was a favourite midway calling place for coaches bound from Peterborough to Lincoln. A most sumptuous tea was provided, 27 sitting down.

At the business meeting the Rev. H. Law James presided, and the usual routine was transacted. There were no changes made in the officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. T. Kew, W. Exton and G. Beever, of Rippingale, were elected as performing members; Mr. J. Gibbard, jun., of Rippingale, and Miss F. Humphrey, of Folkingham, were accepted as probationers of the Southern Branch.

It was decided to hold the April meeting at Edenham, when it is hoped that the work being done by Messrs. Taylor and Co. will have been completed at this tower by the adding of two new trebles, and so making a peal of eight.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of bells, to the Rev. H. Law James for conducting the service, and to all who had made the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting. The tower was then again visited and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

C. T. H. B.

POLICE RINGERS.**A NATIONAL GUILD FORMED.**

Thanks to the initiative of Inspector W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Force, and the able co-operation of Detective-Constable Poole, of Leicester, a raid was made on the latter city on Saturday, January 24th, by police ringers from various parts of the country, including splendid musters from London and Manchester.

A company of nearly forty adjourned to the Police Recreation Rooms on arrival, owing to the Cathedral bells not being available during the morning. Whilst some refreshed the inner man, others endeavoured to emulate the prowess of Lindrum at billiards and Davis at snooker, with varying degrees of efficiency. Inspector Bottrill made use of the occasion to call an impromptu meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a National Guild of Police Ringers. The idea was received with enthusiasm and adopted forthwith. Inspector Bottrill was unanimously elected the first president, and Detective-Constable Harold Poole secretary and treasurer.

The President said he hoped the formation of the Guild would be the means of bringing all police ringers throughout the country in contact and lead to the arrangement of many successful social and ringing gatherings. It would probably also add to the interest taken in ringing by heads of forces, who would, perhaps, be induced to join the Guild as hon. members, and by their interest do all they could to facilitate the bringing together of members of the forces who became members.

In the afternoon the bells of St. John-the-Divine and St. Margaret's Churches were available for ringing, and full use was made of these splendid peals of ten and twelve respectively, even to the extent of trying 'Cambridge Maximus.'

Tea was taken at the Co-operative Society's cafe, and the company then again adjourned to the Recreation Rooms, where a hearty welcome was extended to the visitors by the chief constable of Leicester City, Mr. Oswald J. B. Cole, who was formerly chief constable of Worcester, and who had lived under the shadow of Worcester Cathedral, and therefore appreciated a good peal of bells. He promised to use his influence with the Dean of Worcester should a band of police ringers ever aspire to attempt a peal on those famous bells.

Thanks were accorded to the chief constable for his kindness in attending, to Sergt. Jenney, of Leicester City, and Detective-Constable Poole for local arrangements, and to ringers who assisted in providing an entertainment of handbell music, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Everyone voted the day a most successful one, and returned home full of confidence as to the success of the newly-formed Guild, which received an excellent start in membership.

All police ringers are cordially invited to become members of the Guild, and will be duly enrolled on forwarding the first annual subscription of 1s. to the secretary at 326, Netherborough Road, Leicester. He will also be pleased to welcome hon. members, whose annual subscription has been fixed at 2s. 6d.

OLD SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. Joseph Last has removed from the parish of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, another of 'the boys of the Old Brigade.' His association with the ringers was of long standing, and being both a splendid conductor and a patient instructor, he will be greatly missed.

At about the age of 18, he joined the company of ringers, and very quickly repaid the labours of his tutors. In company with Mr. Frederick Clarke, who is the only survivor of the old band, he used to walk many miles to various churches for a pull, and many were the nights he came home with feelings of satisfaction and victory over a new peal which had been scored. From the time when the village bells were in an unringable condition he joined the Hasketon company and was a most regular member, and many young men, including the writer, did he put on the right road to the science of ringing. Ill-health during the past two years compelled him to curtail his activities as a campanologist, and he passed away on January 9th, at the age of 75 years. The funeral took place on January 12th, and sympathy was shown to the widow and family by the many friends who followed him to his resting place. In the evening eight members of the Suffolk Guild rang a half-muffled peal as a last token of respect and to his memory.

C. W. P.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the number of changes in the peal rung at Alburgh, Norfolk, on March 29th last, said to contain 5,104 changes of Double Norwich, and composed and conducted by me. I regret that only 4,992 changes were rung on this occasion; how the error was made is not clear to me, since a 5,104 can be obtained from this composition in several ways without much variation in the calling, and at the time, and since Friday last, I was convinced that the peal conformed to the usually accepted standards of our art. In withdrawing this peal, I have to thank the band for the sporting way in which my apology has been accepted.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

By kind permission of the Rector, a successful combined practice was held at the picturesque little village of Chenies (near Chalfont Road station), on Saturday, by members of the Misbourne Valley towers in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. Eighteen ringers attended from Chalfont St. Peter, Amersham, Chalfont St. Giles, Fulmer, Hillingdon and Iver Heath. The appearance of Chenies church inside and out is quite in keeping with the trim little village. The sweet-toned peal of six bells by Mears are in first-class ringing order, and were kept busy until 8.45, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

The ringers were warmly welcomed by the local band, who said they had enjoyed listening to the method ringing, and extended an invitation to the visitors to come again when possible.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, January 24th. Ringing commenced at 4.15 p.m., and continued until 5.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, where a substantial tea was soon disposed of.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. A. Waugh, of Woodford, was elected Master and Mr. J. G. A. Prior, of St. George-in-the-East, secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. P. D. Roberts was elected treasurer, Mr. A. E. Reeve re-elected steward, and Messrs. E. D. Smith and W. Hewson committee members.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness, concluded the business, and a return was then made to the tower for further ringing.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN DARLINGTON RINGER.

The death occurred at Darlington, on Sunday, January 25th, of Mr. William D. Lister, who was a ringer at St. John's Church for 42 years. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1885, and was also a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He rang regularly for service and practice from 1885 to 1927, when he was compelled to retire owing to failing health. He always retained great interest in ringing generally, and particularly in the progress of the company and tower of which he was a member for so many years. He was not a great peal ringer, his number being about 22. He took part in a peal by railwaymen to celebrate the centenary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1925 at Shildon, that being his last peal. Of a very genial disposition, he was greatly respected by a large number of ringers in Durham and Yorkshire, and by all who knew him.

The bells in the three Darlington towers were rung half-muffled for evening service on January 25th as a token of respect and esteem.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO CHURCH WITH TWO PEALS OF BELLS.

The January quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday, January 24th, at Rugby. There was a fairly good attendance of members from Allesley, Brinklow, Chilvers Coton, Husbands Bosworth, Leamington, Lillington, Stoke, Warwick and Willoughby, together with the local band, while two visitors from the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were welcomed.

Various methods were rung on the eight bells of St. Andrew's Church from three o'clock until 4.30. A service was then held in the choir of the church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Coventry (Rev. J. W. Hunkin), who is also Rector of Rugby, and who gave a splendid address.

Tea was then partaken of at the Corner House Cafe, and the business meeting followed. The Ringing Master (Mr. J. H. W. White) presided in the absence of the president. Apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. L. White), Rev. J. A. B. Davies and Rev. J. H. Dingley.

Brinklow was decided upon for the February meeting, and Bedworth for March.

The question as to whether there should be reports issued covering the two years 1929-30 was discussed, and, the secretary having reported the balance in hand and the estimated cost, it was decided to proceed with the printing of the reports.

Six new members were elected, three from Brinklow, one from Chilvers Coton, and two from Rugby.

It was announced that the annual meeting would be held at Birmingham on April 18th, Mr. James George promising to make arrangements for the use of the bells of Bishop Ryder's Church and St. Chad's Cathedral.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and Mr. J. A. Fenton, who had made the necessary arrangements for the tea and meeting.

The members then returned to the church and ascended to the belfry in the old tower, where the five bells were rung for about half an hour before a return was made to the newer tower for ringing on eight bells, which continued until about eight o'clock. D. E. L.

YOUNG RINGER'S GREAT YEAR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please let me offer congratulations to Mr. James Bennett, jun., on his splendid record of 27 peals rung during 1930.

The record of his namesake, Ernest Bennett, of Norbury, Cheshire, is also worth mentioning. He also is 18 years of age, and his record for last year is 37 peals, 14 of which were Surprise Major peals in seven different methods: Bristol 2, Cambridge 4, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 3, Pudsey 2, Rutland 1, Yorkshire 1. He also rang Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 1, Double Norwich 4 (conducted two, one of which he also composed), Kent Treble Bob Major 2 (both conducted), Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 2, Minor in 1, 3, 4 and 7 methods 8 (conducted 3). On handbells: Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 2; total 37 (conducted 7). I may also mention that twelve peals were rung within eight days, and two ten-bell peals on the same day.

May both these young ringers and many other youngsters surpass their 1930 records during 1931.—Yours truly,

TOM WILDE.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley. The service was conducted by Rev. Canon H. E. Hone (Rector of St. Mary's, Barnsley) in the absence of the Rev. H. R. H. Coney, Vicar of Felkirk, who had been appointed, but was called away at the last moment to visit a sick relative.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, Canon Hone presiding.

The auditors, Messrs. P. Hawthorthwaite and M. Perry, presented their report of balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand on the year's work of £2 19s. 1d., and was considered most satisfactory.

The retiring officers were Mr. A. Nash (president), Mr. H. Chant (treasurer), and Mr. A. Panther (secretary), and the whole were re-elected for another year.

Mr. J. Major, of Felkirk, and Mr. C. Ryder, of Rotherham, were elected members.

Horbury was selected for the next place of meeting. Mr. A. Nash put before the members a suggestion that the quarterly meeting be a joint meeting of the local associations.—It was finally agreed that it be left over for the representatives of each tower to consult their members and report at next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his address and use of the bells, and also to Mrs. Hone and helpers for the splendid tea served. Ringing, which took place in the afternoon, was continued after the meeting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEANERY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES.

The annual meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, January 24th, at Castle Cary. Touches of Grandsire Triples were indulged in during the afternoon, and a choral service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. Preb. Ross, of Claverton, Bath (former Vicar and president of the Cary Deanery) being the preacher. After referring to the great pleasure it gave him to again address the ringers of the Cary Deanery, he gave an interesting address on the use of church bells, and mentioned some other early methods of calling people to worship. Tea was then partaken of in the Schoolroom by about 45 members, after which the business meeting followed.

The Rev. R. Moline, of North Cadbury, was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. E. F. Creed secretary, despite the fact that he wished to relinquish office owing to not having the time necessary to keep in close touch with the towers in the deanery.

To assist Mr. Creed, Mr. H. Sanger, of Evercreech, was appointed Ringing Master of the Deanery. Mr. E. F. Creed was also elected representative on the general committee.

Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, a letter was read from Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the association, explaining what portion of the deanery contribution can be used for instructional purposes. It was considered that the explanation given did not satisfactorily clear the matter up, and a representative committee was appointed to go into the subject and get a clearer ruling and to deal with other deanery matters. The committee elected was Mr. E. Creed (Castle Cary), Mr. H. Sanger (Evercreech), Mr. W. Tiley (Bruton), Mr. W. Osborn (North Cadbury), Mr. R. Look (Ditchat), Mr. Rainey (Marston Magna).

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Lupton, for the use of the bells and for asking the chair, to the Rev. Preb. Ross for his attendance and his address, to the choir and organist for their services, and to Mr. E. F. Creed for his untiring services in the past, and the ladies who so kindly waited upon the ringers at tea.

A return was afterwards made to the tower, where a busy and pleasant time was spent by members from Evercreech, Ditchat, Bruton, Babecary, Barton St. David, Henstridge, West Lydford, North Cadbury, Marston Magna, Yeovil and Castle Cary.

NOTICES.

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. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The 2nd annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. (5s. per head). The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John-the-Divine (10), 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), 3.15 p.m. till 5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and All Saints' (5), 3.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m. — Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Business meeting follows.—H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, Hants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, as guests of the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith (Vicar) and his wardens, in the Church Hall.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4. N.B.—Brentford bells (6) available from 2.30 to 4.30.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the school at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available early. Tea 5 p.m. Good attendance desired. — H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Beedon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Buses from Newbury at 2.20 p.m. (6 miles). — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

A JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The annual commemoration lunch will be held on Feb. 7th at the George Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. An 8-bell tower in or near Oxford will be available in the afternoon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Good train and bus services.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped that members will turn up in force.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea provided at 6 o'clock for all ringers notifying me not later than Feb. 4th.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

A SIGN OF SPRING.—Meeting at Bushey, Saturday, February 7th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Institute 6. Cheap tickets from all parts either by motor coach or train.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Rd., Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. and E. District. — Practice meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 7.30, and a social half-hour afterwards.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available 2.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Prince of Wales 5.15 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by Feb. 9th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. Please send numbers for tea by Feb. 9th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, Liverpool, by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 4.30 p.m., Barker's Restaurant. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 10th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Laurence's at 6 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify me their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hoppood, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 10th. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge (only for those who notify me by Feb. 11th). A good attendance requested. Buses leave Lincoln (Unity Square) for Welton 1.45, 2.45, 4; return 8 and 9.40.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Hunt, 8, Ranters Fold, Horbury, near Wakefield, not later than Thursday, 12th. All ringers welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the morning of the 10th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Rd., Earl's Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Foresters' Hall, High Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 4 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral (12) and St. Stephen's (8) bells available from 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend service at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is particularly requested that members intending to be present should notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 12th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available after 2.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the Parish Hall at 5. Committee meeting at 4.30. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 11th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.30, followed by the business meeting in the Vestry. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at Castle Restaurant. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 12th? Visitors welcomed.—Walter Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. to those notifying me by Wednesday, Feb. 11th.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower opened 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 10th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Next meeting Buckland, near Faringdon, on Feb. 14th. Service 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. A. Webley, Faringdon, by the previous Wednesday.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, from 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and also at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, from 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Service will be at St. Clement Danes' Church at 4.45 p.m., and tea will be taken at The Willow Restaurant, 48, Essex Street, opposite, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at 6.30. All ringers and members are asked to make a special effort to be present.—Wm. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. C. Beckley, 14, Lawn View, Station Road, Sutton, by Thursday, Feb. 12th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) ready from 4.30. All ringers welcome. Come and try this nice little lot.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Annual meeting at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room, Normandy Street, 5. Notification for tea by February 12th, please.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The Bolton Borough Police have again invited ringers, their wives and friends to the Old Hall Street Club on Saturday, February 21st, for a 'free and easy' social. Please forward names to me not later than Thursday, 19th inst.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the first post on Thursday, Feb. 19th? Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells are available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly let me know not later than Feb. 18th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 43rd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at

the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by 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.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, by the Wilton Guild, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 51 mins.: E. J. Bull 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. J. Wyatt 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, A. W. Hayward (conductor) 7, S. G. Coles 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise Major by all the band.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Berridge 1, Miss Elsie Smith 2, W. Bates 3, B. Shaw 4, N. Harrison 5, W. Biggin (conductor) 6, C. Bates 7, A. Fox 8. The above was rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Elsie Smith to Mr. Joseph Berridge, who are both capable ringers and natives of Norton parish.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 18th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. W. Clarke 1, H. Patrick 2, E. J. Sargeant 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evensong at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Osborne 1, H. Egby 2, A. W. Osborne 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, G. E. G. Moody (St. Mary's, Putney) 6, L. T. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Jeffery 8.

A SURREY RECTOR'S DEATH.

On Monday evening, January 19th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Shalford, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,440 changes) in 54 mins.: K. A. Girdler 1, W. Pullen 2, H. E. Schupke 3, H. O. Schupke 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, L. G. King 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and first as conductor.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. H. Hamilton Jackson, M.A., Vicar of Shalford since 1919, who was interred at Milton, Oxfordshire, earlier in the day. Mr. Jackson had been an hon. member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild since its formation. He had been ill for a long time, following an operation. On January 15th he was missed from his home, and later on his body was found in the Tillingbourne stream not far from the Rectory.

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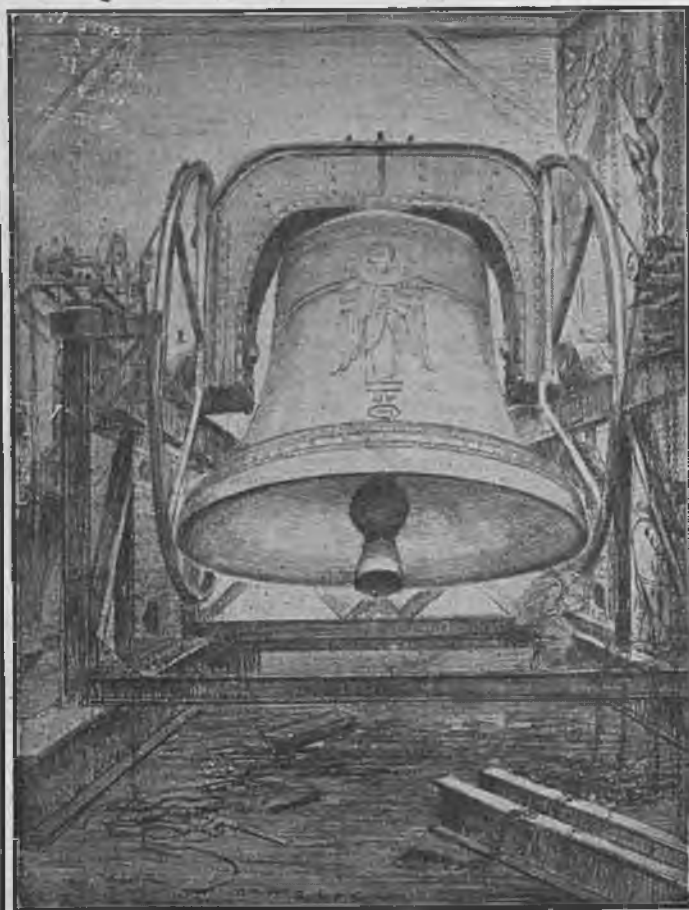
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The death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies removes from the Exercise one of its most outstanding figures and a charming personality. Few men have served the art of ringing as he has done, and none has brought to bear upon the science a greater intellect. Very much of the knowledge possessed by ringers of to-day is the result of his work, begun over fifty years ago. A scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, his mathematical mind was early directed to the investigation of the construction of peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and for his labours in this direction alone the Exercise will remain permanently indebted to him. In those early days Mr. Davies was associated with investigators like Jasper Snowdon, Sir Arthur Heywood, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and that non-ringing but eminent campanological mathematician, Mr. W. H. Thompson. Before their time composition in both these methods had been to some extent haphazard. Men had obtained peals largely by trial and error; but these investigators reduced the subject to an exact science. By their work they were able to prove that certain natural laws operated in the production of peals, and thus they made the way far easier for those who have followed them, by laying down well defined paths which it is necessary to follow to reach certain desired ends. They eliminated, as it were, many of the 'blind alleys' into which composers used to stumble and grope in search of peals, and by the publication of the results of their labours they saved others that fruitless wandering in the wilderness which earlier lack of knowledge made almost inevitable.

But there are other directions in which Mr. Davies laid the Exercise under a debt to him. It was he who, after the death of Jasper Snowdon, completed the work which Snowdon began. He was the author of 'Stedman,' and only four years ago finished off the 'Snowdon Series' with a work on the Surprise methods, which had been continued by the late Mr. William Snowdon from the earlier writings and notes by his brother Jasper. Wherever, indeed, there was work to be done in the cause of ringing Mr. Davies was ready to shoulder a task, and not the least onerous of those he undertook was the office of hon. secretary of the Central Council, which he so ably filled for twenty years. But he did not despise the humbler duties. He had, at various times, filled a district secretaryship in the Winchester Guild, and been twice Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, of which he was one of the founders, while one of the first offices he filled was that of hon. secretary of the Oxford University Society.

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No one man that we can recall has filled so many parts in the Exercise and filled them so successfully, and yet ringing was not his only pursuit. The claims of his clerical duties always, of course, came first, but, outside these, in addition to his interests in ringing, he was actively identified with the work of the Royal Astronomical Society, of which he was a Fellow, and was, indeed, one of the foremost members. His full and active life is now ended. We mourn his death; and the Exercise is honoured that a man of such talents and one prepared to give so generously of his time and ability has passed across the campanological stage and left behind him not only so much evidence of his service to the advancement of the art, but memories that will be cherished by all who knew him.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

* WILLIAM TILLET Treble	* JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SRDGLEY 2	* J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
* GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
* HARRY R. ROPER 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
* WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
* HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ROBBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells and by the association.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS Treble	* H. BERNARD WELLS 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	AMOS W. CLARE 7
JOHN F. GALYER 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Robert Henderson, an old Surrey cricketer, churchwarden and ringers' friend, who was buried here the same day.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	JOHN A. RANGLES 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

This peal was rung with bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy and esteem for the late Rev. W. D. Williams, M.A., Vicar of Bodelwyddan (brother of the Vicar of Gresford, the Ven. Archdeacon J. E. Williams), who died in his 64th year, and the late Mrs. Prince, the oldest parishioner, who passed away in her 96th year, and who was laid to rest in the churchyard the previous day. This peal was the first one rung entirely by Gresford-born men, all having been born within a mile of the grand old church. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	ERNEST MINGAY 5
*JOHN MASON 2	†ERNEST BRIGHT 6
*REGINALD W. PYE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
†ALBERT WIFFEN 4	CHARLES BOTTON Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal of Major round the circle, making eight towers in the county in which he has done this.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN BEAMS Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
*GEORGE W. STEERE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
†RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 975th peal.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Blake, a member of the Cathedral Society.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE 6
*RICHARD G. BELL 3	FREDERICK H. CROOK 7
AUGUSTINE V. GOOD 4	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in D.

ALPHEDUS J. BERRY Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE ARCHER 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
ERIC G. BENNETT 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This 54-course composition, which contains the 2nd the extent home, 40 courses in 2-3 and never in 5-6, is rung for the first time.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE H. ARCHARD Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 6
WILLIAM A. SWIFT 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
HARRY MOCKRIDGE 4	SIDNEY HILLIER Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
FRANK W. BUCKLAND 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*EDGAR W. LOFF Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	DONALD G. CLIFT 6
ARTHUR HAWKINS 3	GEORGE POYNELL 7
GEORGE HAWKINS 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The tenor ringer's 50th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. Herbert Addams-Williams, M.A., for many years Rector of Llangibby, and Rural Dean of Usk, who died at Clifton on January 29th. Also to the memory of Mr. William Simmonds, for many years vergor of this church, who prior to the restoration and augmentation of these bells was one of the old six-bell ringers. This peal was rung immediately following his funeral.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR W. LOFF Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
*EDWARD H. STRADLING 2	GEORGE HAWKINS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	DONALD G. CLIFT 7
GEORGE KNIGHT 4	†ERNEST VINPANY Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. Herbert Addams-Williams, M.A., who was buried on this day in Llangibby Churchyard. He was for 33 years Rector of the parish, and it was through his efforts the bells were restored and augmented from six to eight.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED POTTER Treble	JOHN DENNER 5
BENJAMIN WELSBY 2	* ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... 6
MATTHEW BERRY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JAMES DENNER 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Walkden, the Rev. H. R. Bailey, who was inducted to the living the same afternoon.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
RALPH E. MACKRILL 2	FRANK CORKE 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	† ALFRED J. BOLL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCE.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of London. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. J. Wilkins.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL Treble	WALTER J. NURTON 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 6
FREDERICK E. STONE 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
STEPHEN MADDISON 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
JOHN T. BROWN 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4	SYDNEY E. ANDREW Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by SYDNEY E. ANDREW.

First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES CROFT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
WILLIAM H. HOAD 2	THOMAS HOAD 6
GEORGE KING 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. Haviland), who is leaving Brightling for Heene, Worthing.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
* FRANK HEAZEL 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
* FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, February 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	* ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM JONES 2	HARRY BOSWELL 6
LESLIE FLAVELL 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
JOSEPH FLAVELL 4	WILLIAM LAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* 50th peal for the above society. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect and sympathy to the late Mrs. Barlow, who was for many years a ringer at the above church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	* FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	† THOMAS J. FOWLER 7
FREDERICK BIGGS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Treble Bob away from treble. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the chairman of the branch (Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A., Vicar of Bray), after an unsuccessful attempt for peal at Bray on February 5th.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN R. TAYLOR Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK 3	* JOHN ROSKELL 7
JOHN BROWN 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 172). Conducted by WM. SHARPLES

* First peal on eight bells. Mr. John R. Taylor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. These bells were augmented to eight and restored by the Freemasons in 1926.

DALSTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
FRANK BERRY 4	FREDERICK FREESTONE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH Treble	*ALBERT LEES 4
FRANK STONELEY 2	RICHARD LONGDEN 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rector (Rev. J. H. Kidd), who was interred at his native place in Ireland on December 31st. Treble and 4th ringers belong to the local band.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

JOHN HOPE Treble	HARRY PROPHETT 4
HUBERT R. ACOCK 2	HENRY DAY 5
ARTHUR N. BARNFIELD 3	GEORGE F. PEARE Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

First peal for the ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6, who are local Sunday service ringers. Ringers of 1 and 2 from Fairford. First peal on the bells since they were recast.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church;

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*C. DUKES Treble	I. RAWLINGS 4
W. E. WILLIAMS 2	†G. R. HANKS 5
†J. BODRNE 3	W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, February 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 52 mins.: F. E. Mitchell 1, H. J. Skeir 2, J. E. Cooper 3, G. H. Humphries 4, A. W. Clark 5, R. Davies 6, A. J. Cawley 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of the 4th, 6th and 7th.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JIM RALPH Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT 4
JOHN TARGETT 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea by W. J. Tiley.

SHIRLAND.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 480 of Chase, 840 of St. Dunstan's, 840 Grandsire, 1,440 of Old Doubles and 1,440 changes of Bob Doubles. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN WOODWARD Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 3
WILLIAM PARKES 2	HUBERT BAILEY 4

BERNARD BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD BAILEY.

All the ringers hail from Blackwell.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES HAYTINGS Treble	CHARLES YOUNG 4
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	ARTHUR J. GINN 4
MANSFIELD GINN 2	WILLIAM BAVIN 5
DENNIS ADAMS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 2	ALPHACUS J. BERRY 5
HARRY MOES 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Lord Henniker and Mr. Ted Youngs.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES W. KNIGHT Treble	CHARLES W. CLINCH 4
LEONARD A. TIDY 2	*JOHN O. WELLER 5
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 3	EDWARD E. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Treble Bob, first peal of Minor, and rung at the first attempt.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	JOHN BASS 5
WILLIAM SEORT... .. 3	HAROLD V. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mrs. Robinson, formerly Miss M. Gilbanks.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford, Kent and Double Court and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 21 cwt in E.

*CHARLES W. BURTON ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 4
*JOHN MASON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
STANLEY PYE 3	*CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Burton.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Woodbine and two each of Oxford and Kent.

CHARLES E. WEBB ... Treble	THOMAS F. HEWITSON ... 4
JIM TEBAY 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

This peal was rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also on the 45th anniversary of his connection with the above tower.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

*ALFRED MEAKINS ... Treble	JOHN HIGGINS 3
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 2	*ERNEST HILLIER 4
*FRANK JOHNSON Tenor	

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 gr. 9 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	DAVID S. COLLINS 4
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	WILLIAM SMITH 5
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: E. Cassell, sen., 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, C. Collis 3, J. Herbert 4, A. C. Williams 5, C. E. G. Moody 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, F. Hendy 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: E. Cassell, sen., 1, H. G. Owen 2, W. H. Worsley 3, W. Malins 4, C. E. G. Moody 5, W. T. Elson 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, F. Hendy 8. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BURGESS ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JACK TIPPER 2	JOHN WORTH 5
*HAROLD DEAN 3	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung after meeting short for Major. The peal was arranged as a 21st birthday peal to Mr. J. Wainwright, of the Christ Church, Macclesfield, band.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.
Tenor 9 gwt. 2 gr. 17 lb.

GEORGE LAW ... Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 4
ERNEST PEARSON 2	JOHN HOPE 5
*JESSIE PRYMAN 3	*JOE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

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

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.
Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT COLLINS ... Treble	RAYMOND J. WEBB 4
WILLIAM BAILEY 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 5
FREDERICK J. TALBOT ... 3	WILLIAM BAKER Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon E. Hester. An entirely 'local' peal, all the ringers being members of the tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Composed by JOHN RODGERS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.
The conductor's 50th peal on handbells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 65, ELSDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 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
ADAM DEAS 9-10	

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Adam Deas.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE GIFT TO WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the splendid gift by Mr. H. Mason, of Hagley, to the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association of all the beautifully bound volumes of 'Bell News,' our librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, 34, Wheeler Street, Stourbridge, will be only too pleased to give any information required in the future that has been so readily given in the past by Mr. Mason. I hope the books will be in his possession directly after the annual meeting to be held at Worcester on Easter Monday.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. SKELDING.
Secretary, Northern Branch.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Dunstable on Saturday last, about 40 members and friends being present during the afternoon and evening from Bedford, Barton, Boughton Regis, Luton, Leighton, Linslade, Woburn, Harpenden, Hitchin, Husbome Crawley, and the local tower. A welcome visitor was Mr. W. H. Coles, of Taunton, Somerset.

The bells were kept going in many methods from London Surprise Major to Plain Bob. During a break, owing to a baptism taking place, a good course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on handbells.

Tea took place at the C.E.M.S. Rooms, and was followed by the usual business meeting, the chair being taken by the Rev. G. C. Rolfe (Rector), supported by the Rev. A. Rust, Miss Steel, Mr. C. Herbert, and Mr. A. King (vice-presidents).

Before the election of officers took place, the Rev. A. Rust proposed, in a moving speech, that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Baker with the expression of the great loss felt by the district at the passing of Canon W. W. C. Baker.

The officers were all re-elected. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that he had been secretary for eleven years, and thought someone else should be elected. However members would not hear of it.

Mr. W. H. Coles was elected an honorary life member of the association.

Long and interesting discussions on various matters took place, some of which may be heard of at a future date.

After the usual votes of thanks had been passed, the tower was again visited until 8 p.m. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Tilsforth on March 8th.

BISHOP AND RINGERS.

On Sunday week, the Bishop of Guildford dedicated at Haslemere a portion of the Parish Church set aside for a 'Children's Corner' and a new oak belfry screen, presented by Sir Richard Garton, and embracing a new oak peal board, the last gift to the church before his death of the Rev. O. S. Walford, who in his early days was himself a ringer, and always took a keen interest in ringing at Haslemere, where he gave a good deal of instruction on handbells to young members of the band.

In the course of the dedication service a few rounds were rung on the ten bells. After the service, the Bishop visited the belfry, and had a word with all the ringers, saying how much he appreciated the work of ringers generally, and laying emphasis on the importance of service ringing and the ringing of all the bells for the purpose.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Hilpert on Saturday, February 7th. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and ringing in various methods was carried on. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. B. Proby). The branch chairman read the lesson, and Mr. L. Watts presided at the organ.

Tea was very kindly provided by Major and Mrs. E. A. Mackay at Hilpert House, and here a party of 35 gathered around the tables, the following towers being represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Holt, Bradford-on-Avon, Seend, Rowde, Warminster, North Bradley, Bratton, Trowbridge, Melksham and Hilpert.

A short business meeting followed the tea, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. After extending a hearty welcome to all, the Chairman spoke of the sadness which had been felt throughout the branch by the very sudden death of the vice-chairman, Mr. B. L. Cook, of Bratton. As they all knew, Mr. Cook was a man of exceptionally fine character, a thorough churchman and a pillar of strength for the Devizes Branch and the Salisbury Guild.

Those present stood in silence for a few moments in honour to his memory, and the secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence and sympathy from the branch to the widow and family of the late Mr. Cook. Messages of sympathy were also received from the general secretary of the Salisbury Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. C. H. Jennings, secretary of the Dorchester Branch.

Two new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. J. Merritt, Urchfont, and Mr. G. Sandford, Seend. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Kevil on March 7th, as West Lavington bells will not be available.

A letter was read from Mr. C. F. Andrews, Trowbridge, who suggested that a series of lectures should be given at the branch meetings on 'change ringing.' After some discussion, it was decided to give it a trial, and the secretary was instructed to arrange with Mr. Andrews, if possible, for the first lecture to be given at the midsummer meeting at Trowbridge.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Hilpert and to Major Mackay for so kindly entertaining the ringers. Both gentlemen replied, assuring the branch of a hearty welcome to Hilpert at all times.

Ringings, which was continued during the evening, included Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

During the year 1930 there was a large increase in the number of peals rung, compared with 1929, the total being 2,015, against 1,665.

Messrs. John Tayler and Co., of Loughborough, are to recast the bells for Eaton Socon Church, Bedfordshire, which was destroyed by fire last year. The remains of the old ring of six are to be made into a lighter peal of eight.

No fewer than sixteen towers were represented at a monthly combined practice at Horsham on Saturday. This shows something like enthusiasm.

A peal is to be attempted at Cornhill, London, to-morrow to commemorate the bi-centenary of a peal of Grandsire Cuiques rung at this famous church on February 14th, 1731. It was the longest that had been rung on twelve bells up to that time and occupied five hours and 19 minutes. 'B. Annable call'd bobs,' and was one of the three men who rang the tenor.

On February 16th, 1789, a peal of 14,224 Bob Major was rung by St. Martin's Youths at Aston.

Ten thousand of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch on February 18th, 1777.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have little fault to find with your criticism of our statement on the Minor Method Collection, but perhaps you will allow me to stress one or two points so as to avoid misunderstanding.

1. The question of copyright amounts to this and no more, that the people who do the work for the Council are entitled to the credit for it.

2. We have no desire or intention to dispute any of the Council's rights in the book. The question has never risen before, because the respective rights of authors and Council have hitherto been scrupulously respected.

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5.—We should be quite willing to surrender the copyright to the Council if it is for the good of the Exercise. It is another thing, however, for our rights to be infringed by the unauthorised action of the Council's officials.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'COPYRIGHT.'

Dear Sir,—I have always understood that the great essential for obtaining copyright, or for patenting, is **proof of originality.**

The various Method Committees, from time to time, have collected and issued in different books, touches, peals and methods by unknown, known, and living authors, in addition to what they have supplied themselves, and I should be glad to learn by what right the present Methods Committee can claim copyright of a book, containing such diversified material, which they as instruments of the Central Council have collected for publication.

One of the members of the present committee is constantly trying to make us believe that no one has any right, or property, in any touch, peal or method he may have composed, and yet this gentleman is one of the signatories to the letter from the Methods Committee which appeared in your last issue claiming copyright of books containing compositions of authors other than themselves!

On the part of this gentleman in particular, it appears to be another flagrant case of 'don't do as I do, but do as I tell you'!—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

NEW CHURCH CLOCKS.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., the well-known church, turret and house clock manufacturers, of Whitechurch, Shropshire, have received instructions to make a new Westminster chime clock for the tower of Ludlow Church, Salop, and also another for Banstead Church, Surrey. They have also a large striking clock with four dials in hand for Brixham Church, Devon, and recently completed a Westminster chime clock with four dials for Whitslabe Parish Church.

They have just shipped a Westminster chime clock with four dials to Brakpan Town Hall, South Africa, a four-dial striking clock for Dar-es-Salaam, a chiming clock for Drifontein, Southern Rhodesia, and two four-dial striking clocks for the Canadian Government.

DEATH OF THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.**SCHOLAR, INVESTIGATOR AND AUTHOR.**

We deeply regret to record the death of the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, M.A., of Kemerton, Tewkesbury, who passed away at a Cheltenham Nursing Home on Thursday of last week at the age of 74 years. He had never been really well since he underwent an operation about three years ago, and his death followed a second operation performed on Saturday week.

By the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies the Exercise has sustained a great loss. His services to ringing can never be fully gauged, and by his work as an investigator and author, as well as by his labours as hon. secretary of the Central Council for twenty years, he has laid the Exercise under a perpetual obligation to him.



REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies' ringing career began early. His father, Canon C. G. Davies, was Vicar of Tewkesbury, and here he first learned to ring a bell. The Abbey company found progress very slow, but they got on to Grandsire Doubles and Triples. On going to Oxford University, Mr. Davies joined the then new-formed University Society, of which he became hon. secretary and afterwards Master, being succeeded in the latter office by his life-long friend, Canon G. F. Coleridge. At that time there were in residence, in addition to Mr. Davies and Mr. Coleridge (as they then were), H. A. Cockey, W. G. Willett and J. F. Hastings, and all later entered the Church and became prominent in the Exercise. Mr. Davies was ordained in 1880 at Lichfield Cathedral to the curacy of Whitechurch, Salop, where he worked up the local company to ring Stedman Triples. Afterwards, while at Chaceley, in Worcestershire, he completed and published his work on Grandsire, which was afterwards incorporated in Snowdon's standard work on this method. After filling curacies at Redmarley, Worcestershire, and Whiteshill, Gloucestershire, he went to Ringmer, Sussex, where at a church with eight bells he was again able to coach a band, who, before he left,

could ring Stedman Triples. It was at Ringmer Church that Mr. Davies was married.

His appointment to the living of East Marden, a village among the Sussex Downs, once more took him to a church without a ring of bells, but his activities in the interests of the Exercise were increased by his being elected, in 1901, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, on the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. He discharged the duties of this important office for twenty years with great ability and courtesy, and on his retirement in 1921 he was presented by the Council with a 'loving cup' as a small token of their appreciation of his long services.

In 1902 Mr. Davies took the living of Frotherne, Gloucestershire, where he remained for many years, during which time he became Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, of which he was one of the founders. He was in office when the association celebrated its 25th year, and it was a happy thought which again led to his election to the office in the association's jubilee year in 1928. After a long residence at Frotherne, Mr. Davies occupied for a few years the living of Deane, near Andover, and on his retirement he returned to his native Tewkesbury.

While incumbent of the fine old Abbey, Mr. Davies' father initiated a great restoration scheme, which, however, he did not live to see finished, but it is interesting to note that the son was one of the preachers at the jubilee celebration of the completion of the work.

Mr. Davies had rung a great many peals on eight and ten bells, including the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, but what his exact total was it is impossible to say, as he kept no record. His great contribution to ringing, however, has been his researches into the mathematical problems involved in the science, and he was the author of a great deal of valuable material upon which much modern knowledge has been built up. After the death of Jasper Snowdon he collaborated in completing the work which the former had begun. His researches into Grandsire Triples are incorporated in Snowdon's book on that method, his work on Stedman is an even more prodigious study. Mr. Davies undertook the authorship of the 'Stedman' of the Snowdon series, and he completed it with that precise attention to detail which characterises all his writing. 'Stedman,' with the historical details compiled by Jasper Snowdon, and an important and valuable appendix by Sir Arthur Heywood, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and Mr. W. H. Thompson, is one of the greatest text books ever printed on a ringing subject. Subsequently, Mr. Davies completed for the Snowdon series the book on Surprise methods. He also wrote various pamphlets which he published himself, including one entitled 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples.' He was a frequent contributor to the Ringing Press, having himself edited the ringing columns of 'Church Bells' for some four or five years. Among his contributions to 'The Ringing World' was a valuable article elaborating proof that Middleton's peal of Cambridge is the only possible one in the method with tenors together, while it was only three weeks ago that he penned a short letter giving his support to our suggested scheme for celebrating Stedman's Tercentenary.

Little need be said here about Mr. Davies' abilities as a composer. His productions will stand for all time; some of them, indeed, are classics.

To the very end Mr. Davies, although for some time he had been debilitated by physical infirmity from taking active part in ringing, retained his keen interest in the art, and by his passing the Exercise has lost not only an able and loyal servant, but one of the greatest figures that has ever adorned its ranks.

Of his interests in astronomy, which was an equally absorbing study to him, we have no need here to speak, except to say that Mr. Davies was one of the most honoured Fellows of the Royal Astronomical Society.

The funeral took place at Tewkesbury on Monday, and during this week bells at many places throughout the country have been rung in muffled to the memory of the deceased.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO REV. H. B. WOOLLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As some know of the augmentation of Over (Cambs) church bells to the octave, it occurred to me one might be put up in memory of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, first Vicar and Rector of the united benefices of Longstunton, who died two years ago, and to whom we as ringers have not as yet put up a memorial.

A proposal was made to erect a tablet of the muffled peal rung to mark the respect shown to him, but, unfortunately, this proposal did not meet with the approval of the Church Council at All Saints', Longstunton, of which I was then secretary.

Mr. Woolley was untiring in his efforts in the cause of ringers, and he it was who helped the Over band from 'stone' to method ringing. At the meeting held at Chatteris the ringers present supported the idea. I would like, firstly, to ask the Cambridge University Guild for a lead, and I am sure we ringers of England, for the Rev. H. B. Woolley was known in every county, would soon follow.

—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

LEICESTER RINGING SOCIETIES.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

Emulating the example set by Bristol, the Leicester ringing societies have in the last two years successfully combined to establish an annual dinner, and their efforts have resulted in bringing together the ringers of Leicester and neighbouring towers in an evening of happy social enjoyment. Last Saturday a company of about eighty sat down to dinner at the Victoria Hotel, after having, during the afternoon, enjoyed ringing at the various towers in the city. The chair was taken by Mr. A. J. Harris, who was supported by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley), the Revs. R. C. Johnson (St. Saviour's), H. Hurst (St. Margaret's), H. V. Williams (St. John-the-Divine), and D. E. K. Llewellyn (St. Peter's, Belgrave), Mr. W. Willson and Mr. William Miller, 'father' of the Leicester ringers, who is eighty-two years of age, and has been a ringer at St. Mary's for about sixty years. Among the visitors were Mr. J. Oldham, Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. D. Collins (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Coppock and Miss I. Thompson (Nottingham), Mr. R. F. Deal (London), Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) and Mr. S. Proctor (Grantham), and ringers from the following Leicestershire towers: Cathedral, St. Margaret's, St. John-the-Divine and St. Saviour's, Leicester; Belgrave, Anstey, Cossington, Thrusington, Husbands Bosworth, Croft, Peckleton, Melton Mowbray, Belledon, Earl Shilton and Waltham. The excellent arrangements had been carried out by a committee consisting of the chairman and Messrs. W. Willson, F. H. Dexter, J. Grant and W. H. Clarke, with Mr. A. Disney, who ably discharged the secretarial duties.

After an admirably served meal, the loyal toast was submitted from the chair, and the National Anthem sung.

THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH.

Mr. W. Willson proposed the toast of 'The Church of England' in a characteristically outspoken speech. Look where they would, he said, in countries where there was no national church they found religion at a low ebb and the morale of the people in the same category. He trusted the time would never come when, in this country, the Church was separated from the State. There were 'wreckers' in the Church of England, let them make no mistake about that, and it behoved all who loved the Church to constitute themselves stalwarts and sentinels. There were those in the Church who talked of reunion. Reunion with those who agreed with them—yes; but with those who would make the Church of England the vassal of another nation—ten thousand times 'no' (hear, hear). A religion that called for the abdication of your reason bordered upon the superstitious, and superstition in the twentieth century was a very poor substitute for sincerity. He thanked God that they had at the head of their diocese a 'white man' (applause). Their Bishop was a strong man, who would be stronger still for their support. He was not afraid to say, 'So far and no further' (hear, hear). Let them give him their support. Mr. Willson added that he was glad that both inside the Church and outside of it there were organisations doing Christ's own work. He referred to the Church Army and the Salvation Army, for whose efforts he had warm praise.

The Bishop of Leicester, in responding to the toast, thanked Mr. Willson for his kind reference to himself, and also for the other words he had uttered. When a man spoke like that, they knew that he cared for the Church, and that he loved the Church. Such men were the strength of the Church (applause). The Bishop touched briefly upon what the nation owed to the Church, not only in regard to religion, but in art and in education through the centuries, and in all she had done in raising the standard of life, both moral and spiritual, among the people. Times changed, and the Church's ministry must change in some respects, although he sometimes thought it was possibly changing a little too fast. The strength of the Church to-day lay very largely in the faithful, humble, devoted men, the clergy, who in their own parishes were serving God and mankind with wonderful sacrifice. Knowing what he did about the Church and about the clergy, he honoured and respected his brethren, the clergy (applause). There were others whom he honoured and respected, and they were the wives of the clergy (applause). The men and women who were the strength of the Church to-day were the men and women who in parish after parish took some share in the life and work of the Church, who were faithful to it and gave their best to the Church, and who could be relied upon to give it. There were a number of such men in that room that night (applause). He thanked the ringers for what they were doing. The days were fast receding when, after ringing for service, the ringers retired elsewhere than to the nave of the church. More and more those whose ministry was in the belfry practised it in their lives, and one of the great influences for good in this direction had been their association. The association did good in many ways. It was good for comradeship; it was doing much to promote all that was best in their craft—and it was a great and noble craft. As loyal churchmen, he knew they all loved the old Church, and if ever the time came when they had to defend the Church, they would be ready to defend it with all their strength (applause).

INTERESTING FACTS FROM HISTORY.

The Chairman submitted the toast of 'The Leicester Societies of Ringers,' and passed in review many interesting historical facts in connection with ringing in Leicestershire from the time when, in

1616, six gentlemen went to Loughborough to ring the bells of the Parish Church, and rang changes 'greatly to the satisfaction of the townsfolk.' Moreover, the local ringers 'did ring them on their coming and on their departure,' and the churchwardens expended ten shillings on their entertainment. As in those days, said Mr. Harris, a sheep could be bought for sixpence, they had 9s. 6d. left, and he left it to his hearers to imagine what was done with the rest of the money (laughter). The chairman went on to refer to the visit which Fabian Stedman paid to Leicester in 1669, in which year the Leicester Scholars' Society was founded, and added that Mr. Willson had possession of the old record books of that period and down to the formation of the Midland Counties Association in 1882. About 1776 Squire Fortrey, of Norton-cum-Galby, gave two bells to St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, to make them into a peal of ten, and a friendly rivalry existed between the Leicester and Nottingham ringers, of whom Wm. Doubleday Crofts was the leader. Squire Fortrey offered a set of cup handbells to whichever of the two bands should first ring a peal of 10,000 or over, and the Leicester Scholars agreed to start for the peal every Monday morning. Four times they rang eight thousand, and once they rang nine thousand, on which occasion the peal was lost because the third man missed the sally. They had to remember that in those days the bells were rung without stays, so that if a man missed the sally the bell went right over. On February 25th, 1777, the Leicester Scholars made an attempt in the morning, and rang five thousand changes, and broke down. They started again in the afternoon of the same day, and completed a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters in 7 hrs. 12 mins. The next day a collection was made for the ringers, and amounted to £33, which was a considerable sum in those days. Squire Fortrey gave them the peal of handbells, and these were still in the possession of Mr. Joseph Needham. There were originally 20 of them, but some got cracked or broken, and Mr. Needham had had them put into good order. In 1778 the Nottingham men rang their peal, which was 10,260 (about 200 changes longer than the Leicester peal), and Squire Fortrey gave them also a set of handbells, which were still in existence to-day. The Chairman went on to refer to other events in connection with Leicester ringing during the last century, and spoke of the founding of the Goscoe Society, of which Mr. P. Hardy, who was present that night, had been secretary for over 30 years, and of the Midland Counties Association, which was formed in Leicester in 1882. He alluded to the many great performances which had been achieved since that time. The seed which Stedman planted in 1669, he said, had flourished and grown into a magnificent tree. Ringing in and around Leicester had gone forward ever since, and, looking round, he could say they need have no fear for the future (applause).

A TRAINING GROUND FOR SERGEANT-MAJORS.

Mr. H. Jenny replied to the toast in a humorous speech. His connection with ringing in Leicester, he said, extended over about twenty years. It had been a very pleasant association, for there was amongst the ringers a spirit of comradeship that one rarely found among other bodies of men. But that, he added, only applied outside the belfry (laughter). Inside the belfry it was, he always thought, a wonderful training ground for regimental sergeant-majors (laughter). It had been a pleasure to him to be associated in Leicester with some of the men who had contributed largely to the making of history, and whose names would be written on the pages of peal ringing for all time. There were two or three who had passed beyond—the late Mr. George Cleal, Mr. Charles Fowler and Mr. Bultery. There were some famous ringers still with them, in Mr. Colton, Mr. Wm. Willson, Mr. Fred Dexter, Mr. Ernest Morris, and, last but not least, Mr. Harold Poole, all of whom had done a great deal towards the success of ringing in Leicester and the surrounding districts. He had thought of including himself among the list (laughter), because on a recent occasion when they had in Leicester a gathering of police ringers, and he induced the chief constable to welcome them, he (the chief constable) said he had two expert ringers in his force, Detective-Constable Poole and Sergt. Jenny. He was just beginning to think about the next size in hats (laughter) when he remembered that, after ringing something or other, something went wrong, and one of the regimental sergeant-majors came across to him and said, 'Call yourself a ringer? We can buy ringers like you at ten a penny' (loud laughter). A gathering like that, concluded Mr. Jenny, showed that the Leicester ringing societies were alive, and while they had among them such men as those he had mentioned they would continue to thrive and enjoy evenings such as that.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Hardy and acknowledged by Mr. E. C. Gobey.

A welcome was extended to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' whose health was proposed by Mr. W. Willson and duly acknowledged; and Mr. H. Jenny thanked the members of the organising committee for their work and the artists who had contributed to the programme.

A feature of the evening was the very enjoyable musical entertainment. Earl Shilton ringers, who have recently given performances in front of the microphone, played a number of popular tunes in fine style. The quartettes and duets of the St. John-the-Divine Male Voice Quartette were greatly appreciated, as were the songs (Continued in next column.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The historic city of Wakefield woke with a knowledge that a strange visitation was being paid to it by the Yorkshire Association on Saturday, January 31st, when members gathered for their annual general meeting. The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, and it was with heartfelt thanks to the other general officials that the president found his way thither. Early in the afternoon the fine ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral were set going to various methods.

Mention is made of bells at the Cathedral of Wakefield as early as 1470. There have been at least four different rings of bells here. A church record speaks of Pack and Chapman replacing in 1778 a peal placed in the tower in 1739 by a peal of eight bells, which latter were replaced in 1817 by the present back ten, these being rebung in 1892, and two trebles added at that time to make up the present ring of twelve, tenor 51 cwt. in C. As one hears the splendid back ten, which are the product of the famous Whitechapel Foundry, the thought is aroused as to how the product of modern foundries will stand such a test of time.

The bellry has many famous records, the most interesting probably being the one in 1822 relating to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rung, to the dismay of ringers who, some eighty years afterwards, claimed that distinction for their own performance.

There are evidences of a Saxon church and a Norman church having stood on the site of the present Cathedral, which building dates back to the early 15th century and is full of interest to the antiquarian. The commanding tower, with its splendid crocketed spire, is a landmark for miles around.

Divine service was held in the Cathedral, to the sharp ringing accompaniment of a pianoforte, the organ being undergoing repairs. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Wakefield (Rev. Canon Macleod), a most helpful and encouraging sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon J. Young, the Vicar of East Ardsley (himself a ringer), from 3 Colossians 23.

A bountiful tea was served in the Wakefield Co-operative Cafe, at which some eighty members foregathered. The business meeting was held in the Cathedral Boys' School with the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the principal officers of the association.

The report of the committee was passed on the motion of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. F. Newsholme. The balance sheet, which showed a gain of £14 13s. 8d. for the year, was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Reynier, seconded by Mr. H. Grimwood.

Mr. J. Cotterell was elected as hon. treasurer for the ensuing three years on the motion of Mr. J. Moxon, seconded by Mr. F. Salmon, and cordially thanked for his many services to the association during his twenty-four years of office.

Notice of motion was given by the president on behalf of the general committee for the decision of the next general meeting to make the two following alterations to rule 2: 'Delete the figures 1885 in line two, paragraph four, and substitute the figures 1895.' Add to paragraph two: 'New ringing members who so desire can compound their subscriptions and qualify for life membership, by a single payment of the sum of two pounds ten shillings, this to be paid in their first year of membership, and other ringing members may qualify for the same privilege by the payment of a similar sum in any one year.'

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wakefield was moved by Mr. C. D. Potter, seconded by Mr. H. Grimwood, and a vote of thanks to the local band for their great efforts for the comfort of the visitors was replied to by Mr. A. Scott.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Cathedral organist and choir and carried.

An invitation to hold the May meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, was duly accepted, after which thirteen new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the chairman, more ringing, and a snowy journey home, brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

SURPRISE RINGING IN LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hope you will not mind my correcting another of the statements in 'Bellry Gossip.' The first Surprise peal in the Metropolitan was not the 5,600 Superlative at Bethnal Green in 1850. Seven Surprise Minor Methods were rung at Whitechapel in 1737 by a mixed band of two Eastern Scholars, three London Youths, and one College Youth. I do not know if every one of the methods would now rank as Surprise, probably not. I am writing from memory, but I think the methods included Cambridge, London, Bristol, Chester and Rochester.

Reeves called two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, but both were false.

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by individual members of the party. Miss C. Elkington played violin solos very effectively, and Mrs. L. A. Hardy, A.V.C.M. (elder daughter of Mr. W. Willson, and herself a ringer), was the pianist. In addition, a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells. Altogether, a very delightful evening was spent.

FAREWELL TO A 'PIONEER.'

DEPARTURE OF MR. WILLIAM HAIGH FROM GILLINGHAM.

For nearly fifty years Mr. William Haigh has been a bellringer at Gillingham Parish Church, Kent, the earlier period being in association with Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, and at that time many first peals in various methods and for the association were scored. The latter part of his service, however, has been spent in a long struggle to keep scientific change ringing alive in the district, and no pioneer ever worked against greater odds.

Mr. Haigh is now leaving the district to take up residence at Etchingham, Sussex, and on Sunday morning, Feb. 1st, after ringing had ceased, the Rochester Cathedral bellringers and other members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association assembled by kind invitation of the Dean, Dr. Talbot, in his dining-room to bid farewell to Mr. Haigh, who has carried the banner of campanology for so many years in the district. A generous response to an appeal by the district secretary enabled a beautiful gold watch, suitably inscribed, to be the combined parting gift from the Dean and Chapter and bellringers of the Rochester District as a token of their appreciation of a life's work.

The presentation was made by the Dean, and in asking Mr. Haigh to accept the watch, he said that in no way did it represent any payment for his services, that being impossible. On behalf of himself and the Chapter, he thanked Mr. Haigh for his services, particularly in connection with the Cathedral, and, in wishing him good health and long life, said he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of the whole of his colleagues. The Dean recounted the fact that Mr. Haigh had been a ringer at Gillingham for 49 years, and during that time had held the office of leader at the Cathedral for 26 years. Other offices he held were nine years on the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and 38 years as district representative on the committee of the Kent County Association, an office which he relinquished only as recently as November last, when he realised his impending departure.

Mr. Haigh, replying, thanked the Dean for his kind words, and remarked on the many kindnesses shown by the Dean and Chapter during his association with the Cathedral. He also thanked the ringers, and assured them that he would always prize such a manifestation of their appreciation of his work among them.

THORNHAM RINGER'S DEATH. A NORFOLK ENTHUSIAST.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Cattermole, of Thornham Magna, Norfolk, who passed away at his home on January 24th, after some weeks' illness, at the age of 62 years.

George Cattermole was a peal ringer of real worth, and, further, he was a teacher of the art with as much enthusiasm. His first peal, which he himself conducted, was rung on December 16th, 1893, at Wickham Skeith, and was the first peal by all. His company went on to ring peals in 14 Minor methods in 1903, and, finally, on December 26th, 1912, a peal containing 14 Treble Bob extents was completed, George Cattermole ringing the tenor and calling the peal. In 1923, a peal of 10,080 in 14 Surprise methods was successfully accomplished at St. Mary's, Thornham Magna, at which church the previous 10,080 was also rung. His last peal was rung nearly two years ago. Altogether he had scored 154 for the Norwich Association and 15 for the Suffolk Guild.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 28th, when the Rev. the Hon. Victor Henniker, officiated, and four brother ringers (Messrs. A. J. Berry, H. Collins, A. Cattermole and H. Moss) bore the remains to their last resting place. It was found impossible to ring handbells over the grave, but immediately following the interment a 360 of Treble Bob was rung on the tower bells by: G. Kemp 1, A. J. Berry 2, H. Moss 3, D. Whiting 4, F. Hayward 5, and E. E. Poppy (conductor) 6. In the evening a representative company of Norwich Diocesan and Suffolk Guild ringers paid their humble tribute to George Cattermole's memory with a muffled peal on his beloved bells.

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THE NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE.

The bells at Hensfield, Sussex, were rung half-muffled for the evening service in sympathy for the victims of the New Zealand earthquake disaster, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round, in which two of the lads now being instructed by the veteran Mr. Charles Tyler made their first attempt for a quarter-peal in the method, and rang without a mistake: A. Crutenden 1, Eric Morey (first quarter-peal) 2, F. Parsons 3, William Morey (first quarter-peal) 4, A. E. Baker 5, W. J. Alliss 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, G. Payne 8.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, writes that many ringers I sides himself will doubtless be grateful to know as early as possible whether Mr. J. S. Wilde is safe or in any way affected by the terrible catastrophe.

While we have no information on the subject, we think that Mr. Wilde may be considered safe, as his home is in Dunedin, in the South Island, and there have been, so far, no reports of any loss of life in that part of New Zealand.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual general meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. The members met in the belfry of the Parish Church at 4 p.m., and the bells were rung until five o'clock, when a service was held in the church.

The Rev. R. Talbot, Vicar of Reigate, gave the address, and he was assisted in the service by the Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan. The Mayor of Reigate (Mr. Temple Newell) read the lesson, and Mr. H. Bashford presided at the organ.

Tea was provided at the Tudor Cafe, Bell Street, and the Rev. R. Talbot presided over the business meeting.

The treasurer, Mr. Maurice A. Northover, presented the annual report and balance sheet. The balance for the year ending December 31st, 1930, was £22 11s. 7d., an increase of £6 4s. 9d. on the previous year.

The Secretary reported that during the past year, 20 peals had been rung, and the membership numbered 111, including two hon. members. He also reported that the standard of ringing generally had improved throughout the district, although in one or two cases improvement was not so marked as the committee would have desired.

The following new members were elected: Reigate, Mr. Frank Linter; Godstone, Messrs. F. Hall, E. Lawrence, J. Hoare, and F. Bird; Burstow, Mr. A. Kenward; Leigh, Messrs. Eric Bright and George Winchester. The Mayor of Reigate and the Rev. R. Talbot were elected honorary members.

Mr. R. Thorpe was elected Master for the ensuing year, Mr. Maurice A. Northover treasurer, Mr. A. Bull secretary, and Mr. A. Gear auditor. Mr. L. Tidy, of Limpsfield Chart, Mr. E. Razzell, Horley, and Mr. F. Jeal, of Redhill, were elected on the committee.

It was resolved that the next annual general meeting be held at Horley. The following places were approved for the bi-monthly meetings for 1931: Charlwood, Leigh, Burstow, Limpsfield Chart and Redhill. It was resolved that the quarterly peal be rung at Bletchingley, Mr. G. Hoad to be the conductor.

Mr. B. Wells reported that during 1930 85 touches of 720 changes and eight quarter-peals were rung.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Mayor of Reigate, Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan, Mr. Bashford and the churchwardens of Reigate Parish Church.

DEATH OF MR. B. L. COOK.**LOSS TO A WILTSHIRE PARISH.**

The parish of Bratton, Wilts, has sustained a severe loss in the sudden death, on January 30th, of Benjamin Lewis Cook, churchwarden of the parish. His was a character of great charm and originality. All his life he had been a devoted son of the Church. On his retirement from the police force nearly ten years ago, he returned to his native village, where he spent the last years of his life in loyal service to the Church. He was an enthusiastic bell-ringer, inspiring others with his enthusiasm, and was a prominent member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. No incumbent ever had a more faithful and zealous churchwarden, or a more loyal and sympathetic friend. For one whose only schooling had been at a little village school, he was remarkably well-informed, being a keen student of Church history, local history and archaeology. He died at the age of fifty-eight, in the full vigour of life, quite suddenly and unexpectedly, engaged in the work of clearing away the last of the autumn leaves in the churchyard of Bratton, near the church at whose altar he knelt Sunday by Sunday.

The interment took place at Bratton Church on Wednesday of last week. The Rev. S. Collett officiated, and the large gathering testified to the respect and esteem in which Mr. Cook was held. The remains were borne to their last resting place by eight members of the Wiltshire Constabulary. The service at the church was choral. The hymns, 'Brief life is here our portion' and 'Glory to Thee, my God this night' (Mr. Cook's favourite hymn) were sung. The Vicar, in addressing the congregation said: 'You would wish me, I know, to voice your feelings, and mine, too, in this our hour of sadness. Speaking first for myself, I can truly say that I have lost one of the most loyal and faithful friends I ever possessed, one whose friendship I shall look back upon as one of the inspirations of my life. And I know that all of you who were brought into close touch with him could see the fine lines of his character, his gracious courtesy, his absolute sincerity, his steadfast zeal, his strong and simple faith, his great love of God and his church. To know Ben Cook was to love him, and to feel that the world is indeed the poorer for his passing.'

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild were represented by Messrs. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), Mr. F. Green (branch secretary), Messrs. S. Hillier and J. Francis (Ringing Masters), E. A. Perrett, E. F. White, G. H. Archard, W. C. West and Mrs. West, Messrs. J. H. White, W. Hart, etc. (all from various towers in the Devizes Branch), and the local ringers. The bells at Bratton were rung muffled after the service and again in the evening, and also at Devizes by the combined ringers of St. John's and St. Mary's.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**RECORD MEETING OF WINCHESTER DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester. As it was on the day of the funeral of the Princess Royal, the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled during the afternoon and evening, a touch of Grandsire Cinques just previous to the service being much admired. The service was held at St. Maurice's Church, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. S. M. Watson), and a very striking address was given by the Rev. E. M. Thomas, curate of Romsey.

A record party assembled at Messrs. Dumpers, High Street, for tea, the towers represented including Bishop's Sutton, Hursley, King's Somborne, Lymington, Micheldever, North Stoneham, Overton, Petersfield, Romsey, Stockbridge, Titchfield, Twyford, Wonston, Wallop and Winchester. The business meeting followed, at which Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, was voted to the chair. He was supported by Mr. W. H. Loveland. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, Minor Canon Woods, and the Rev. S. M. Watson.

The Chairman extended a welcome to all present, and said he was particularly pleased to see so many young ringers.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Cyril Smith, King's Somborne) read a brief report of year's working.—The report and accounts were adopted.

The secretary was directed to send a letter of sincere sympathy to Mrs. Briggs on the sad loss of her husband (the late Rev. A. E. Briggs, Vicar of Owlesbury). Several new members were elected, among them the Rev. G. M. Elliott and Miss Noice, hon. members, and ringers from Wallop, Twyford and Hursley.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the hon. secretary, who wished to resign: The Rev. Canon Braithwaite, chairman; Mr. Wilfred Andrews, representative; Mr. George Smith, auditor; Mr. George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester, was elected hon. secretary.

On the proposition of Mr. Andrews, the next annual meeting will be held at Winchester, on January 2nd, 1932, and quarterly meetings at Fitchborne, Twyford, Stockbridge and King's Somborne.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Cyril Smith for his past services as hon. secretary for several years, also to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells. The bells of St. Maurice's Church were not available owing to the tower being unsafe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING AT BROMLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, on Saturday, January 24th. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening to rounds for beginners and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and several Surprise methods for the initiated. The association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Prebendary B. E. Relton), who gave an interesting address on 'Worship, what it is and what it stands for.'

After the service a substantial tea was provided in the Church Institute, some seventy members of the association being the guests of the churchwardens (Messrs. S. G. Beer and H. G. Dunn). Immediately following the tea, handbell ringing was much appreciated.

At the business meeting four honorary members and twelve practising members were elected, including the band at Cudham, where the bells were recently augmented to a peal of ten.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., read a report of the proceedings of the association's committee meeting held at Tonbridge in November. This was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett for a clear and concise report.

St. Mary Cray and Cudham were suggested as the place of next meeting, St. Mary Cray being chosen on being put to the vote.

Mr. Jeffries proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding, to the organist (Mr. F. Fertel), to the churchwardens for their generous hospitality, and to the ladies for their help in making the gathering such a success. He congratulated Bromley on possessing a fine peal of bells.—The motion was carried with applause.—The Vicar responded, saying that he thought bellringers performed a very essential work in the church. Their own bellringers at Bromley had made a very considerable effort to raise funds towards the expenses incurred in re-hanging the bells, and had raised £37 18s., mostly in quite small sums. He was glad to know that the job had been carried out satisfactorily.—Mr. H. G. Dunn (churchwarden) expressed his pleasure at again meeting the members at Bromley.

This concluded the meeting, the company returning to the tower for further ringing.

JOINT MID-WEEK MEETING.

A very successful joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at Ware on Wednesday of last week. Members were present from Edmonton, Enfield, Bishop's Stortford, Melbourn (Cambs), Harlow, Harlow Common, Benington, Hertford, Ware, Hunsdon, Widford and Little Munden.

The Vicar conducted the service, and in the course of a very appropriate address offered a hearty welcome to all assembled.

Methods were rung from Grandsire to Cambridge Major, and a very helpful and enjoyable time was spent.

GOOD WORK IN THE PEAK DISTRICT. MONTHLY MEETINGS 'WELL WORTH WHILE.'

The annual meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bakewell on Saturday, January 24th, when members were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Darley Dale, Derby, Dore, Duffield, Eyam and Fairfield. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor about 18 cwt.) were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening in the various standard methods. A substantial tea was provided at the Wheatsheaf, and the annual business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam (vice-president), supported by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (hon. secretary), Mr. W. A. Wallace, Derby (general treasurer), and Messrs. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) and Mr. C. Draper (Duffield), of the general committee.

The secretary gave a brief report on the work of the past year, which had generally been a year of progress. Eleven meetings had been held, with an average attendance of between 25 and 30, and the ringing at all of them showed an upward tendency. At all the meetings a cordial welcome had been received, and on several occasions a substantial tea had been provided gratis. At each meeting, too, one or more new members had been elected, so that the holding of these meetings each month had been well worth while. A hearty welcome was extended to the new members, and especially to the Fairfield tower, who had joined up en bloc. The secretary again referred to the enthusiasm and hard work of the Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. A. G. Wallace, without whose support much less would have been accomplished. In regard to future policy, the Secretary, as last year, suggested that much could be done by interesting incumbents and Church Councils in the society, and instanced his own tower at Dore, where all subscriptions and a nomination fee are paid each year by the Church Council as a matter of course. It was again suggested that an eight or six-bell method should be selected for special attention at each meeting, Double Norwich being suggested for eight-bell towers and Cambridge Minor for six bells. In conclusion, the Secretary expressed his grateful thanks to all in the district who had shown him so much courtesy and kindness, and stated his belief that this year would see even better meetings. The glorious Peak district of Derbyshire, its beautiful historic churches, such as Hathersage and Tideswell, and two splendid peals of eight bells recently installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Hope and Tideswell, should make it an ideal area for spring and summer meetings.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary for his report and for his work during the year, to which Mr. Lewis Cockey suitably responded.

THE SUGGESTED INCREASE OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam), who expressed a strong wish to retire, had to be almost forcibly prevented, and was unanimously re-elected, the members deciding to grant him dispensation regarding meetings which he could not attend.—Mr. J. A. Lewis Cockey (Dore) was re-elected hon. district secretary, and Messrs. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) and E. H. Holmes (Matlock) were re-elected members of committee.

The question of the possible raising of the subscription was discussed, and the position was explained to Members by Messrs. W. A. Wallace (Derby) and C. Draper (Duffield). It was decided to ask the secretary to represent the district and to vote at his discretion, which he agreed to do, but suggested that as many members as possible should attend the annual meeting at Derby and vote at the general meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Darley Dale, probably on February 28th. It was mentioned by the secretary that a cordial invitation had been received from Mr. H. Newbury, of Hathersage, and that he would, as last year, provide tea for all members. The meeting gratefully accepted the invitation, and the hope was expressed that it might be possible to pay a visit a little later in the year, when the weather might be expected to aid in the enjoyment of this beautiful and historic place.

A hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to organise a very joyful meeting closed the proceedings.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, of Sheffield: John Tuke 1, R. Harrison, sen. 2, George Lewis (conductor) 3, R. Harrison, jun., 4, Jas. A. Dixon 5, L. E. Last 6, Thos. E. Lee 7, Harry Hurst 8. Mr. George Holmes, who is a member of St. Marie's company, and was formerly a member of the Cathedral Society, is one of the best-known ringers in Sheffield and district.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 8th, at 10a, The Terrace, Lawrence Street, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 35 mins.: William A. Best 1-2, James George (conductor) 3-4, William J. Pettigrew 5-6. Messrs. Best and Pettigrew have only recently commenced change ringing, and this is their first quarter-peal.

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 to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available 2.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Prince of Wales 5.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. —Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 4.30 p.m., Barker's Restaurant. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Laurence's at 6 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chair Street. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) ready from 4.30. All ringers welcome. Come and try this nice little lot.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge. A good attendance requested. Buses leave Lincoln (Unity Square) for Welton 1.45, 2.45, 4; return 8 and 9.40.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Foresters' Hall, High Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 4 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral (12) and St. Stephen's (8) bells available from 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend service at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available after 2.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the Parish Hall at 5. Committee meeting at 4.30.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.30, followed by the business meeting in the Vestry. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at Castle Restaurant. Visitors welcomed.—Walter Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower opened 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, Feb. 14th, not the 21st, as was suggested. Bells ready 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, from 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and also at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, from 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Service will be at St. Clement Danes' Church at 4.45 p.m., and tea will be taken at The Willow Restaurant, 48, Essex Street, opposite, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at 6.30. All ringers and members are asked to make a special effort to be present.—Wm. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Annual meeting at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room, Normandy Street, 5.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The Bolton Borough Police have again invited ringers, their wives and friends to the Old Hall Street Club on Saturday, February 21st, for a 'free and easy' social. Please forward names to me not later than Thursday, 19th inst.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the first post on Thursday, Feb. 19th? Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells are available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Feb. 18th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Church Rooms, 1s. per head. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting at Berkhamsted will be held on Feb. 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. For tea please notify by the 18th.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Anyone requiring tea please notify me. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Will all those requiring tea please notify by Feb. 18th: Mr. F. A. Adams, 213, Church Street, Old Whittington, Chesterfield. Look your five-bell methods up and turn up in hundreds!—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Priory Church at 4 p.m. Tea to be followed by business meeting at 4.45 p.m., at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A. Those intending to be present, please let me know by Thursday, 19th inst. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available at 3. All ringers welcome. Please make an effort to attend. — W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The Langford memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, The Square, Beaminster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, in Schoolrooms for those who notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 18th.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 17th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. Ernest F. Payne, 18, High Street, Syston, not later than Thursday, Feb. 19th. Meeting in belfry after tea. All members and friends welcome. — E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — A meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Good bus service from Worcester. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 25th.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, S. Shore, Blackpool (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Reports ready. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Feb. 28th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Gordon Temperance Hotel, 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—The 43rd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the district will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at 5.30. Tea will be free to all who notify me by Feb. 24th. All ringers welcome and a well attended meeting is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-upon-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Further particulars later. Nominations for general officers to be sent to me in writing not later than March 1st.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets obtainable of W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Secretary, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Ringing will be arranged during the afternoon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Arthur H. Smith is now c/o Mrs. Russell, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

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ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Chappell 1, W. Williams 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, W. J. Norton 4, C. Jones 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Weathersby 8.

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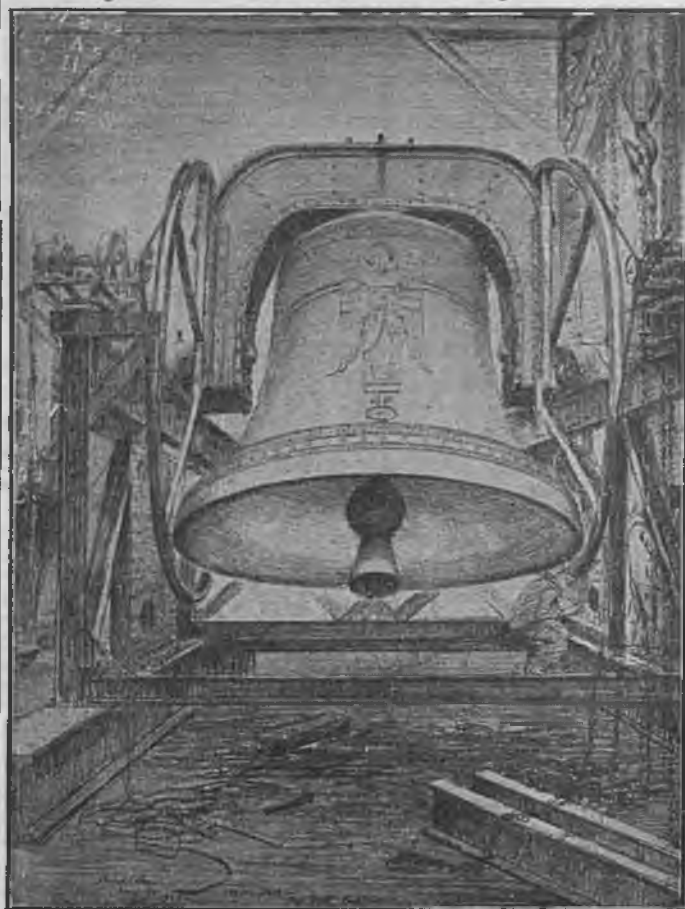
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THE DRAG ON THE WHEEL.

There is a good deal of truth in the statement made by the Hon. Secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday when he said: 'One usually finds that where the appointed head ringer has no ambition to make progress he usually takes good care that no one else shall beat him.' He was referring to the difficulty with which the Guild is confronted in getting certain towers to show any interest in ringing, either by joining the Guild, or participating in combined practices or meetings. Most ringing organisations find this same difficulty somewhere in their area, and there seems no way of overcoming it except by persistent effort; and even that is often unproductive. The obstacles which are presented to ringing associations in towers of this description are largely responsible for the big discrepancy between the return of the number of ringers shown in the Church Year Book at over 46,000 and the numbers who actually belong to the county and diocesan bodies.

Those who have had any experience in the organising of ringing associations have met the type of head ringer referred to. He either has not the inclination or the ability to get on himself; therefore he will not or cannot help others, and for fear of loss of prestige he sees to it that the rest of the band are not given any facilities to progress. The ringers in their turn, having no encouragement, are content to 'stick' where they are, but it is seldom that a band without ambition can long be kept together, and one result is that very often slackness creeps in and even Sunday service ringing is not efficiently maintained. The best remedy is the drastic one of asking the 'head ringer' to resign, but only the incumbent or the ringers themselves can do this, and it is seldom that either can be influenced to take action in this direction.

For those who are endeavouring to extend the work of ringing organisations the task of trying to 'rope in' such hands is well-nigh heartbreaking, and when in any such case they are successful they deserve all the congratulations that can be offered to them. Associations can do something by way of getting bells and belfries put into decent order by tactful approach through diocesan authorities, if direct representation fails, but there is little means open to them to combat the influence of the man who poses as a leader, but is in reality acting as a drag on the wheel of progress. The problem is not easy of solution—in that respect it is like some other of the difficulties which confront those who are anxious to further the continued expansion of the Exercise and the advancement of the art. You cannot make men attend meetings or join an association, and when they carefully stay away

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from the belfry—as many of this type do—when an association meeting is held, the task is a pretty hopeless one. The pity of it is that their baneful influence is at work all through the year among the other members of the band who look to him as leader and take his word as law in the belfry.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

OHELTHENHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	JOHN HALL 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CYRIL TANSELL 10
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 6	JOHN C. PERKINS Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Stedman by the ringer of the 6th. † First peal of Stedman Cinques away from tenor.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	ALFRED PYE 7
EDWARD J. BEER 2	HARRY HOVERD 8
HERBERT AUDSLEY 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN. 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	GEORGE H. CROSS 11
GEORGE A. CARD 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	FRANK SKIDMORE 6
ALFRED PEARCE 2	HENRY PRING 7
RICHARD CLARE 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 8
GILBERT PEARCE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by the late Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as an 'in memoriam' peal to the composer (obit. February 5th, 1931).

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK E. STONE Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	ERNEST STITCH 7
GEORGE HAWKINS 3	GEORGE POPNELL 8
DONALD G. CLIFT 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ARTHUR HAWKINS 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Caters as conductor. Ringers of 1, 6 and 7 hail from Aberavon, 2 from All Saints', Newport, 3, 4 and 5 from Usk, 8 from Bedwellty, 9 from Abergavenny, and tenor from Cardiff. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Fred Atwell for obtaining permission and making all arrangements for the peal, and to Mr. C. Greedy for meeting the band both before and after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	*JOSEPH SLATER 5
*MISS ANNIE POTTER 2	JOSEPH H. RODVARD 6
*MATTHEW BERRY 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
*NORMAN BEAPS 4	WILFRID J. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID J. MOSS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung on the birthday of J. Slater.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER ... Treble	*WILLIAM DENYER 5
*MISS NANCIE DENYER 2	*L/Sgt. E. J. BRAGG, G. Gds. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
*WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JONATHAN HONEY ... Treble	ALFRED H. WEBB 5
WALTER V. WEBB 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JOHN NOBES 4	WILLIAM LANBELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLAR.

Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams for their kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

The conductor's 500th peal on tower bells. Rung on the eve of the 75th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal, also on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. F. J. French, an hon. member of the association, and Mrs. French, and to celebrate the marriage at the Cathedral, Chelmsford, on the same day, of Mr. W. M. Ridgwell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ridgwell, of Earls Colne, and Miss M. J. Cass, of Chelmsford.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*STEPHEN PARRY ... Treble	*JAMES B. SHAW 5
*HAROLD HAMER 2	GEORGE STAFF 6
WALTER STAFF 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
JOHN H. C. MASSEY 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

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

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

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	*JOHN LLOYD 7
*HAROLD V. COOPER 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London Surprise Major 'inside.'

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED CHAMBERS ... Treble	JOHN HARLING 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
MISS M. CLAYTON 3	JOHN BOOTH 7
NORMAN KENYON 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY H. SMITH ... Treble	ARNOLD ROTBERRY 5
*ARTHUR BENTLEY 2	*WILLIE STEPHENSON 6
MATTHEW DENNIS 3	*WALTER AINLEY 7
ALBERT TOWNEND 4	*BRIAN WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. J. B. LAYES. Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was for 19 years secretary of the Central Council.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*E. B. BROWN Treble	W. ELLBRINGTON 5
†S. YATES 2	J. REED 6
MISS LANCASTER 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
T. METCALFE 4	T. LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal on eight bells and rung at first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

NORMAN V. HARDING Treble	*GEORGE E. CLODE 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM T. BEERSON 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 20th anniversary of a peal of Norfolk Surprise Major rung in this tower on February 10th, 1911, also conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
*JACK M. CRIPPS 3	CRCIL NICE 7
†KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES S. REDHEAD Treble	*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	*ADAM DEAS 6
*JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 4	THOMAS T. GORTON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by T. T. GORTON.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR 7
HENRY HOVERD 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by DR. E. L. TAYLOR.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
*A. ROY WOODARD 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal and second attempt.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*CECIL CURTIS Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 6
CHARLES E. LOVETT 3	FRANK DAVEY 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK CARDWELL Treble	COLIN RYDER 5
DORICE TURNER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
MRS. COLIN RYDER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. NASH.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method in the county and by the Guild.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours & Twenty-Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	HERBERT FULCHER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CYRIL BARBER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN A. WAUGH Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
*HAROLD A. EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY Treble	MISS ROSE A. BELL 5
WALTER STAFF 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
JOHN NASH 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
JAMES INGHAM 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

First peal of 'spliced' by all except the conductor. First peal of 'spliced' as conductor. Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. John Mitton, of Todmorden.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST F. WHITE Treble	*DONALD FLOWER 5
SYDNEY HILLIER 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
NORMAN V. ANDREWS 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	EDWARD C. MAKLOW Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. WEST.

* First peal 'inside.' This peal was arranged by the Devizes Branch and rung half-muffled as a tribute of sympathy and respect for the late Mr. Benjamin L. Cook, vice-chairman of the branch, who died suddenly on January 30th, and to the memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who died on February 5th.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
JOHN BASS 4	PERCY RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE

* First attempt for a peal on eight. The above was arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of the association's respect for the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies

LONDON,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 5
ARTHUR CUTMORE 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
E. RALPH MACKRILL 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON 4	*WILLIAM E. BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier, joint hon. secretary of the above association.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES T. WARD Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER 2	JOHN J. MAWEY 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	HARRY CHAMBERS 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

This is the first peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. Anderson Y. Tyler and Walter Perkins have now rung 143 peals together.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of George Cattermole, late of the local company, who was interred that day.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS BARKER Treble	EDWARD LAWSON 4
HERMON NELSON 2	ARTHUR HATCH 5
JACK CHARNOCK 3	FRED BLACKLIDGE Tenor

Conducted by FRED BLACKLIDGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL Treble	HERBERT ROOKE 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER 5
*HAROLD DENMAN 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT

* First peal in five methods on an 'inside' bell. The North Notts Association's one hundredth peal.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*VAUGHAN BRANCH Treble	GEORGE GILLING 4
GEORGE E. SHALLISH 2	EDWARD J. AVERY 5
EDWARD J. NORTON 3	GEORGE BRANCH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. AVERY.

* First peal away from the tenor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty 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.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

UBLEY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CESAR DAVIS Treble	JOHN HOUSE 4
ERNEST TOSSELL 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
WILLIAM WEBB 3	*JOHN WATTS Tenor

Conducted by JEFFERY TOSSELL.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON Treble	HARRY PARKER 4
SYDNEY HOUGH, SEN. 2	*NORMAN HOUGH 5
JOHN WORTH 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mr. S. Hough for their kind hospitality after the peal.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM STRICKLAND ... Treble	ROBERT CARDWELL 4
LAURENCE GREEN 2	JOSEPH SWIFT 5
GEORGE MARIES 3	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

Ringers of 3, 4 and 5 are from Lytham, remainder from St. John's, Blackpool.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

O. BROYD Treble	B. W. PETTIT 4
A. CATTERWELL 2	C. BARKER 5
*R. RAYNER 3	J. JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

* First peal of Minor. This is the first time a peal has been attempted at Castle Hedingham.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY GAYTON Treble	HENRY STAPLETON 4
PEARL INSKIP 2	*ALFRED EVEREST 5
SYDNEY FOSKETT 3	ERNEST FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST FREEMAN.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHARLES SUTTON Treble	ARTHUR ALLMAN 4
JOHN PARKER 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal, and has been a ringer at the above church for 38 years. First peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall.

SEDLSCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

W. H. LAMBERT Treble	*J. POWELL 4
R. E. LAMBERT 2	*W. GORRINGE 5
E. BROMLEY 3	R. T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells. E. Bromley was made a member of the association previous to starting for the peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar and Mrs. Noble for their kind hospitality after the peal.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. BROOK Treble	W. D. TAYLOR 4
J. HOWES 2	H. MAY 5
W. E. BAKER 3	H. BUSHIN Tenor

Conducted by R. BROOK.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TEWKESBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: Antelope, Canterbury, Bob Doubles, Dream, St. Dunstan's, and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*EDWARD MARGRETT ... Treble	*WM. BARTLETT 4
*HUBERT POULTON 2	CHARLES DYSON 5
ALFRED HANNIS 3	*JOSEPH HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DYSON.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, formerly Master of the association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At 56, Moorland Avenue.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY CARTER 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	HAROLD MARCON 7-8
*HAROLD WALKER 9-10	

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal in hand.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

At 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DEVON GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST MEETING OF NEW BRANCH.

The newly-formed Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild held its first meeting at Rockbeare on Saturday, February 14th. The numbers were most encouraging, some 45 ringers being present. The six bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung, also some call changes with the local men.

The Vicar gave a most interesting address on his experience of bells in China, West Africa and elsewhere, and offered a very warm welcome to the Guild.

After service, a sumptuous tea was provided in the Village Hall, and the grateful thanks of the branch were expressed to Mrs. Hill and the other ladies who had made such comfortable arrangements.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. E. A. Julian (chairman of the branch), the president paid tribute to the memory of the late treasurer of the Guild, Mr. John Stokes, and those present stood for a moment in silence.

Eight new members were elected, and the next meeting fixed for April 25th at East Budleigh. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. T. Caldwell, for his kind welcome and hospitality.

BRISTOL OPTIMISTS.**UNITED GUILDS TO ISSUE REVISED DIRECTORY.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds took place at St. Thomas' Church Room on January 31st. Under a new rule, passed in 1930, out-district members at 1s. per annum are eligible to occupy the chair of the Guilds. Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. Knight and Mr. H. Babb were honoured as members by election upon the proposal of the chairman.

Mr. F. Skidmore was elected as pro-vice-chairman.

The balance sheet showed a profit of 2s. 10d. upon the year's work, but there was still nearly £6 due to the hon. treasurer for the previous year. The Guilds, however, have willing friends who easily raise from £4 to £5 at one effort, and so in this optimistic spirit it was agreed to send an official representative to the Birmingham, Yorkshire and College Youths dinners in future. Mr. J. A. Burford (conductor of St. Stephen's, Bristol) was appointed as representative for the Birmingham gathering. Mr. W. S. Emery was a very popular choice, but he withdrew his nomination. Regret was felt, however, that both could not be sent as representatives, as both are very popular with friends at Birmingham.

The 'staid' officials were re-elected. The Directory Committee gave an outline of the third edition, which is to be inaugurated this year, and readers of 'The Ringing World' should watch the columns for a notice to this effect in April or May.

Experienced church bellringers in various parts of England had been co-opted to help the Guilds in their third edition, and success was assured. The forthcoming edition would contain classifications as hitherto, and, in addition, an Empire section and topical touches for Sunday service ringing by a well-known author. Other attractive items would appear according to the support financially given, and it is assured that even if 300 pages are involved (if such support be given) this volume will be issued at the same subscription as before, viz., 1s. In any case a guarantee will be made of a volume not less than the second edition, and beyond that, entirely upon the support given.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the chairman invested the incoming chairman with the chain of office, Mr. P. C. Williams relinquishing his office to Mr. H. Burt. Mr. Williams, a chairman and hon. treasurer, has occupied a unique position by holding dual office, and, although realising the honour extended to him, appeared quite relieved to get back to 'normal life' (one office).

The Guilds have, at the end of their first decade, enjoyed a 'smiling year,' for which they had their smiling treasurer as chairman.

IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY E. W. TIPLER.

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Twice repeated.

The first peal in the method was rung by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, on Saturday February 14th, 1931, conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new Guild, to operate within a twelve-mile radius of Hastings, has been started, with the object of stimulating further interest in change ringing in that part of Sussex. There is to be a meeting once a month, and the first is at Battle on Saturday week.

Mr. R. J. Dawe, well known in Sussex ringing circles, underwent an operation in the Victoria Hospital, Lewes, on Saturday, and is, we are glad to say, making satisfactory progress. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

On an average two 720's a week were rung at Wickham, Hants, during 1930. In all the local band rang 105 extents, made up of College Single 34, Kent Treble Bob 32, Oxford Bob 22, Bob Minor 8, Double Oxford 5, Oxford Treble Bob 2, and Grandsire 2.

Death has removed a great lover of bells in the person of the Rev. Frank Roughton Wilson, who died on February 5th. He was formerly Vicar of Brixham, Devon, where he restored the bells.

The report of a handbell peal at Sible Hedingham has been sent without mention of the time.

The hoped-for attempt for a peal at St. Michael's, Cornhill, last Saturday, to celebrate the bi-centenary of the 7,018 Grandsire Cinques, had to be postponed.

London lost a peal of twelve bells when the ring at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire on February 17th, 1836.

Oxford University Guild, of which the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was one of the early presidents, was founded 59 years ago to-day.

A hundred and ten years ago to-morrow a peal of 14,016 Treble Bob Major was rung at Oldham in 7 hrs. 26 mins.

The first peal of Double Norwich Major rung on handbells was accomplished at Cambridge forty years ago next Monday. And the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey is still carrying on the good work among the undergraduates.

SOMERSET'S GLORY.

NOVELIST RECTOR'S PRAISE OF BELLS AND TOWERS.

At the annual dinner of the Society of Somerset Folk, held in Bristol, Canon J. O. Hannay, the novelist Rector of Wells, spoke of the glory of the bells of Somerset in the following beautiful phrases:—

'Of all the delights I have experienced since I came to Somerset, there is none which has given me so much keen and exquisite pleasure as the ringing of bells in the towers of our churches.

'I know of no sweeter sound on a summer's day than the bells.

'In winter time, when fumbling along lanes in the darkness, suddenly the air grows glad with the great ringing of these bells with their Christmas message coming through the winter night.

'Far off, in the grey tower, you see the glimmering light through the narrow window where the ringers are.

'These bells—these towers—

'Have you anything in your county more glorious—more beautiful than these?'

REMINISCENCES OF BIRMINGHAM RINGERS.

TOM MILLER'S RECOLLECTIONS.

On Monday, February 9th, the ringers and campanological friends of the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad's, Birmingham, spent a very happy evening as the guests of Canon Roskell at the Bishop's house. The Canon carved the boiled beef with a masterly hand, and upon the word 'go' knives and forks were busily engaged in supplying the needs of the 'inner man.' The chief guest was, of course, Mr. Thomas Miller, who has been a ringer at this tower for over 53 years. Looking round him, at the theological books in the library, Tom remarked that St. Paul must have been a very clever man, but he (Tom) doubted if he had ever heard a decent course-end in his life.

Mr. Miller said that since the death of his wife his domestic duties had kept him away from Sunday ringing, and this compelled him to resign the office of towerkeeper. Then he told us in his inimitable manner some interesting yarns of old Birmingham ringers. He told the company how John Banister came from London, and, after listening to a peal being rung at St. Philip's (now the Cathedral) told the band exactly where the conductor had 'cooked' it.

John Banister, said Mr. Miller, was a man with a magnetic personality, who declared that the best ten years of his life were spent in Birmingham. To prove that his memory is still as retentive as ever, Mr. Miller went on to say that John Banister died on August 10th, 1880, and was buried on the 15th at Wotton Cemetery—grave number 49721.

He referred to William Chattell, well known as 'Billy the Baker,' and the ringers of the old St. Philip's Society, then known as 'the Forty Thieves.' This is Chattell's description of St. Philip's bells:—

'The tenor is a good bell, the ninth is cracked, the eighth is out of the peal, the seventh is a "tub," the sixth is flat, the fifth is a "blarney," the fourth is "false-gaited," the third is "muddled," the second has no cannons, and the treble is a "makeshift."'

Unfortunately, they are still the same, and show no signs of improving with age.

Someone must persuade 'Old Tom' to write his reminiscences; they will make interesting reading.

G. E. F.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

BY CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

While travelling to Tewkesbury by train for the funeral of my old friend, I ventured to put a few notes on paper recalling memories of my oldest and earliest ringing friend, tried and proved, and never once found wanting—the Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, M.A., F.R.A.S.

Coming up to Oxford in 1876 as a scholar of Pembroke College from his beloved Tewkesbury, where his father was Vicar, we first met in the Rose Lane Schoolroom, where the University Society of Change Ringers was wont to gather for handbell practice weekly. From that day, nearly 55 years ago, a close and intimate friendship has existed between us. Having learnt the art at Tewkesbury, and adding to his knowledge in the belfry at Cheltenham, where his schooldays were passed, he proved a most valuable recruit to the University Society; soon leading its members through Doubles and Minor, on to Triples, he was quickly able to steer them through the first peal rung by the society, with never a bad blow in it. F. A. Milne, W. C. H. Burne, H. A. Cockey and W. Saltren-Willett were contemporaries of C. D. P. Davies, joined in the next two years by A. B. Perceval, F. A. H. Du Boulay, C. C. Child and J. F. Hastings—all ringers of repute, though the names of some may be forgotten. Seven of these took Holy Orders, and did good work wherever they were, Davies himself being Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, an honour repeated in the jubilee year to his great satisfaction.

On taking Holy Orders, our friend (I say 'our friend,' for I am sure he never made an enemy) served as curate at Whitchurch (Salop), Claceley and Redmarley (Glos), Ringmer (Sussex), becoming later Rector of East and West Marden—where a family of two sons and two daughters were born—Fretherne (Glos) and Deane (Hants), where he restored the ring of five bells and added a treble in memory of a beloved grandson, then living with him, the parents being in the Straits Settlements. He conducted the first 720 on the bells at their dedication.

A serious operation, from which he never wholly recovered, compelled him to resign the living and retire to Kemerton, near Tewkesbury, where he had always desired to end his days, and, if possible, to be laid to rest under the shadow of the grand old Norman fane, which was dear to him from boyhood.

Here at Kemerton, though leading a semi-invalid life, and largely dependent on others to take him out in a bath chair, his main delight was to welcome his numerous friends and spend his hours in writing on matters pertaining to ringing, and in reading and study, for his mind never lost its acumen. A great pleasure came to him when invited to preach in the Abbey on the occasion of the jubilee of its restoration—begun by his venerable father and finished by his successor, the late Archdeacon Robeson. With assistance he mounted the pulpit and delivered his sermon seated on a chair. None the worse for his effort, he looked back to it with supreme satisfaction as a crowning event in his life.

During one of Canon Wigram's ringing tours in Herts our friend read a letter to us at breakfast, received from Jasper Snowdon, complaining of a cold in the head; in the afternoon a telegram, 'Jasper is dead,' caused the evening peal at All Saints', Hertford, to be rung muffled to his memory. An instinctive feeling came over some of us that Jasper's mantle was destined to fall on our friend. The future did not belie our expectations, for works on Grandsire and Stedman were in due course to make their appearance, with others of great interest, written or edited, all showing a master mind, including numerous letters and articles to the ringing Press.

For many years he was ringing editor of 'Church Bells.' On the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, secretary of the Central Council, who so fitted as our friend to succeed him in that important post? For 19 years he carried on the duties of secretary to the greatest satisfaction of the members, and not least the president, Sir A. P. Heywood, whose sole comment was, 'I have nothing to do but preside; Davies arranges everything.' No wonder the Council gave tangible proof of their appreciation of gratitude on his retirement from office.

A born mathematician and scientist, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society at the early age of 33, and later occupied the proud position of president of the British Astronomical Society, an honour highly prized by him. Visits to Spain and other countries to observe total eclipses of the sun took him from time to time from an occupation in which he excelled—the grinding and polishing of telescopic lenses—a difficult work, not often undertaken by amateurs.

Of his home life there is no need to write (for some it would be an impertinence to do it). Enough to say that all who came into contact with it could not fail to be influenced for good—father, mother, sons, daughters and grandchildren, all bound together in one perfect bond of love. Not a few felt the inspiration of that beautiful home of family life, lived 'in the very bond of peace and of all virtues.'

Of late the regular weekly visits of the Rev. E. G. Benson, curate of Tewkesbury, and member of the Cambridge University Guild, were a source of unbounded pleasure. With his help, all ringing

literature in the house was newly got together and arranged; much done in the way of tabulating, etc. Nor did these visits cease till a few hours before death, when Mr. Benson took him the Reserved Sacrament from the Abbey to the Cheltenham Nursing Home—his last communion on earth.

His last homecoming to the Abbey—the stately ceremonial of the Requiem, the beautiful singing of the Abbey choir, with the lovely solo from Schubert's Litany, sung by his son, 'because his father would have wished it'—not only reverberated among the massive Norman columns, but filled all hearts—and there were many—with a sense of triumph rather than of sorrow; of gladness rather than gloom. The committal was taken by his oldest friend of Oxford days—and of every day since—in the cloister garth, hard by the south-east corner of the Abbey, whose services and fabric were the ruling and dominant passion of his life.

And so we left him in God's safe keeping, with the sound of the handbells over his open grave, and the majestic notes of the muffled bells in the tower, as the grave closed over one 'true and just in all his dealings'—one that did good in his generation among his fellow-men, and not least among those he loved as fellow-members in the great ringing fraternity. R.I.P.

THE FUNERAL.

INTERMENT AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

The funeral of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies at Tewkesbury Abbey was a deeply impressive one, and the large and representative assembly was a testimony to the love and esteem in which he was held. While the mourners were assembling, the Abbey organist (Capt. P. Baker, M.C., F.R.C.O.), played Coleridge-Taylor's 'Lament' and 'The Sorrow Song' by Rowley. The Abbey choir attended, and the cortege was met at the north porch of the Abbey by the Vicar of Tewkesbury (Rev. E. P. Gough), the Abbey curate (Rev. E. G. Benson), and the Rector of Ashchurch (Rev. C. M. Napier Sharpe), the other robed clergy being the Revs. J. A. B. Mercier (Rector of Kemerton), Canon W. Lea and Rev. J. H. T. O'Connor (Vicar and curate of Overbury), and Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Full choral Eucharist was conducted by the Abbey clergy, the hymns being 'Praise to the Holiest in the height,' 'The King of Love my Shepherd is,' and 'For all the Saints.' Towards the close of the communion service, Lieut.-Commander J. D. R. Davies sang Schubert's 'Litany.'

Mr. Davies was interred in the Abbey Cloister Garth on the south side of the edifice, the committal being read by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The family mourners were Mrs. C. D. P. Davies (widow), Mrs. F. W. Cole, of Benson (daughter), Lieut.-Commander J. D. R. Davies, of Guildford (son), Major F. W. Cole (son-in-law), Mrs. J. D. P. Davies (daughter-in-law), and Mrs. Hancock (cousin).

Among the large congregation were representatives of the parish of Fretherne, where Mr. Davies was Vicar for 16 years, and of other parishes where he had been priest; the Royal Astronomical Society and the British Astronomical Association were represented, and among the ringers present were Rev. R. H. Whitford (Bristol), Messrs. W. A. Cave (acting hon. secretary of the Central Council), W. Yeend (hon. secretary, Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), W. Dyson (chairman, Tewkesbury Branch), A. Wright (hon. secretary, Stroud Branch), J. Austin (Gloucester), etc.

Three of the bearers were Tewkesbury bellringers (Messrs. E. and H. Deveraux and H. Fellowes), the fourth being Mr. Davies' gardener (Mr. Hall).

At the conclusion of the interment, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave by Messrs. J. Austin, A. Wright, W. A. Cave and Rev. R. H. Whitford.

A muffled peal was rung on the Abbey bells in the afternoon.

Among the beautiful tributes sent were wreaths from 'The Central Council of Church Bellringers'; 'in memory of our vice-president, Tewkesbury Abbey bellringers'; 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers, in memory of our founder, vice-president and Master for 15 years intermittently'; 'Members and Council of the British Astronomical Association'; and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers (Cheltenham Branch).

A number of peals, recorded in their proper place, were rung muffled in memory of one who did so much for the science and art of ringing, while at many places where peals were not possible, muffled touches were rung.

A muffled peal at Tewkesbury Abbey was unfortunately lost after 1 hr. 40 mins.

Officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Association resident in Bristol attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Ambrose's Church, a change course after 1,344 changes excellently struck ending the attempt: Edgar Guise (hon. secretary) 1, F. G. Leaker (adviser) 2, P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer) 3, J. G. Jeffries (committeé), 4, W. Knight (hon. secretary, St. Stephen's) 5, L. Gale (Portishead) 6, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 7, F. Skidmore (chairman of Bristol Branch and pro-vice-chairman of Bristol United Ringing Guilds) 8.

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A GROUP OF PIONEERS.

This group, from a photograph taken in 1878 at Huntsham Court, Devon, is of particular interest at the present moment.



Standing in the back row are: Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham, who, with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, founded the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in 1878; Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, the author of the well-known text book on change ringing; and Jasper W. Snowdon, of Leeds, whose work in connection with publications on ringing matters is so well known that it need not be referred to here. At the time of this photograph he had just been instrumental in forming the Yorkshire Association, of which he was first president.

Seated in the middle row are: The Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, Master of Winchester College, who in his young days did so much for ringing, and was one of the founders of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in 1879; 'Squire' Leonard Proctor, of Benington fame, whose band of village residents made history in Surprise ringing at the little Hertfordshire Church, where they rang what is believed to be the first true peal of Cambridge Major; Rev. R. H. Dyke Acland Troyte, brother of Mr. C. A. W. Troyte. In front are Mr. C. D. P. Davies (he had not then taken Holy Orders) and Mr. W. P. Fulford, of Exeter.

The ringers were the guests of Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, and it was mainly as the result of this gathering, at which the possibilities of ringing associations were largely discussed, that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. Phillott decided to call a meeting to form the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. It was Mr. Troyte's brother, Mr. J. E. Acland Troyte, who, while at Oxford, established the University Society in 1872.

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Muffled ringing also took place at Cheltenham Parish Church, where in 1888 the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was one of a band that rang a peal of 13,054 Stedman Caters.

On Monday, February 9th, eight members of the local band at Presbury, Glos. rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled, in 40 mins., as a last token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies: W. Newman 1, J. Causon 2, H. Halford 3, W. Rose 4, W. Hale 5, C. Tovey 6, T. Pendry (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. The deceased gentleman on October 14th, 1886, conducted the first peal (Grandsire Triples) on these bells after their restoration and augmentation to eight. This peal was rung by seven clergymen, with the assistance of the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, M.A., who rang the tenor.

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 9th, the bells were rung half-muffled by the local members of the Middlesex County Association.

On Tuesday evening, February 10th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters, concluding with a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, with the bells half-muffled. Those taking part in the ringing were Miss L. Chapman, G. R. Edwards, J. F. Smith, J. Martin, J. Brown, T. W. Gilmore, T. Hammond, E. Counce, G. R. Newton, W. Fisher and L. L. Gray.

At the College Youths' practice at St. Magnus', City, on February 12th, the bells were half-muffled. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung and the De Profundis recited. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was an old member of the College Youths, and was the 'pioneer' of the ringing of Holt's Original non-conducted at St. Giles' in 1883, the band being made up by Mr. James Pettitt.

At St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, on Thursday, February 12th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: Miss M. E. Romaine 1, C. F. Smith 2, W. A. Romaine 3, L. Harris 4, S. Macey 5, A. Bennett 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8.

At St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday last, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, with half-muffled clappers: G. A. Baker 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, T. Roden 3, T. Smith 4, E. F.

Mitchell 5, F. Brotherton 6, W. H. Lawley 7, H. Boswell 8, W. A. Cooper 9, G. Langley 10.

At Maisemore, Glos. on Sunday, February 15th, with the bells half-muffled, six six-scores of Stedman Doubles and four of Grandsire Doubles (1,200 changes) by the following: B. Etheridge, J. Austin (conductor), W. H. Harris, J. Gough, W. B. Etheridge, E. Nemes and H. Austin (Matlock). It was also rung as a last token of respect to Mrs. Wyburn, mother-in-law of the hon. secretary of the Gloucester Branch of the Diocesan Association, and on the anniversary of the death of Mr. G. L. Brundon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the members of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held on Saturday, February 14th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, and attracted upwards of thirty ringers. The bells were raised shortly after three o'clock, and service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Tinsley, who delivered an interesting address. The company adjourned to the Parish Room adjoining the Vicarage for a substantial tea, provided by the local band.

The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and also joined the association as an honorary member. Four new ringing members were made, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who had made such a success of the tea. Further ringing took place until 8.30, several members ringing their first touches in some of the more intricate methods. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise, and some good striking was heard.

Sutton-in-Ashfield tower contains a splendid ring of six bells by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the weight of the tenor being 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F. The back three were added to an existing three in 1921 as part of a war memorial, and recently, through the generosity of a Sutton churchman interested in the bells, the three old bells have been placed on ball bearings, and other minor improvements effected.

Members were present from Blackwell, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Polesley, Ripley, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Worksop and the local band, and the attendance of friends from the Bolsover district was greatly appreciated. This was one of the best meetings held recently.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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We have seen that after Jasper Snowden's time composers recognised that a peal could be varied in two ways—by beginning at a different lead-end and by reversal. It was a great advance on the older ideas, but it had the result also, that people were inclined to think and argue that if a peal was not related to another in one of these two ways it must be a distinct and original composition.

Much the same thing happened regarding methods. From the time of Fabian Stedman, ringers recognised that there are three variations of Plain Bob—Single, Reverse and Double. William Shipway, who was a thorough, systematic and methodical worker in all that he did, sought to make this a general rule and to apply it to the majority of methods. He also showed that there is a general rule for getting the odd-bell variations of even-bell methods on the Plain Principle—Bob Minor, Reverse Bob Minor, Double Bob Minor, Grand-sire Triples, Reverse Grandsire Triples and Double Grandsire Triples are all variations of one method. So, too, are Single, Reverse and Double Norwich Court Major and Caters. And all six variations should be called by the same name. It was not possible to alter the name of a method like Grandsire, but it was possible in the case of less-known methods, and he did it. The old Nottingham Single became Single Court, the old Court Bob became Double Court. Norwich Court Bob became Double Norwich Court, and a new Single Norwich was supplied; and so on.

The Exercise generally has accepted Shipway's rule, and with one slight exception it has been adopted by the Central Council; and we now divide methods where possible into their Single, Reverse and Double Variations. But, again, people are inclined to think that outside these variations methods are distinct and independent things. It is not so. Methods have variations just as close as these others, and one set actually more important. This Shipway could just as easily have got from Single, Reverse and Double Bob. Every six-bell method (with treble and working bells) has two variations, one with second's at the lead-end and the other with sixth's. And wherever the bells are in natural coursing order at the half lead-end, each of these has two variations, one with first's and the other with fifth's. Some of these variations will not be of any practical value. Some will run round at the first lead-end, and some will have a bell lying in the same position for more than two consecutive blows.

The same rule is true for eight bells or any other number. Thus, Double Oxford is as nearly related to Double Norwich as Single Norwich is, and Hereward and Pershore are equally variations. They are variations not merely constructionally, they are variations for practical ringing purposes. You will find this explained and illustrated in Major Methods.

Those ringers who have practised Norfolk Surprise (and nowadays they are many) will recognise the great similarity between that method and Double Norwich. The work is very similar, the sequence of the work is the same, the calling is the same, the lead-ends and course-ends are the same, and the actual rows are very nearly the same. Let us look and see what the exact relationship between these two is.

A.	B.	C.
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
	12345678	12346578
	21436587	21435687
24135678	24135678	24136578
42316587	42316587	42315687
	24135678	24135678
	42316587	42316587
24361578	24361578	24361578

A is Double Norwich.

B is the same thing, but with every pair of rows written out twice. You will notice that this gives us a Treble Bob Method, a Surprise Method, except that it has repetition of rows.

In C the fifth and sixth lie still in the first section, and again in the second section, and these Oxford places take away the falseness and give us Norfolk Surprise.

Thus the relationship between Double Norwich and Norfolk is that first each pair of rows is doubled to give the treble a dodging hunt, and then additional shunts are added to take away the repetition of rows.

(To be continued.)

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger, Essex, on Saturday, February 14th, in 1 hr. 2 mins., a date touch (1,931 changes), consisting of 131 Plain Bob, 360 College Exercise and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: S. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, A. Appleton 3, J. B. Buckingham (conductor) 4, J. R. Owen 5, H. B. Gardner 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rector on his return from Ceylon, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

LEWES RINGERS' DINNER.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Members of the Southover (Lewes) Bellringers' Guild, who were joined by many of the church officials and other friends, spent an enjoyable time on Wednesday evening of last week on the occasion of their annual dinner, held at the King's Head Inn, which has long been the 'ringers' house' at Southover, and is well known to scores of visitors. The new Rector of the parish (the Rev. D. G. Matthews) occupied the chair in his capacity as president of the Guild for the first part of the evening, and as he then had to leave for another engagement his place was taken by Mr. W. Townend (a vice-president).

After the loyal toast, Mr. R. Hide proposed 'The presidents and vice-presidents,' and expressed appreciation of the support which the Guild received from these gentlemen.

The Rector, as president, first responded, and said he was very pleased to occupy that position.

Mr. W. Townend also replied, and said they all owed a great debt of gratitude to the bellringers for coming along and ringing the bells Sunday after Sunday (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted the toast of 'The Southover Bellringers' Guild,' and said it was a peculiar pleasure for him to be present. One of the reasons was that when he came to Southover he was coming home. He recalled the time about 35 years ago when the Guild was first founded, and he occupied the office of secretary. Throughout the intervening years the Guild had continued, despite many vicissitudes, and its success had been largely due to the continued work of several stalwarts, particularly Mr. A. J. Turner and Mr. R. J. Dawe. The present Rector was the sixth incumbent of the parish who had been president of the Guild, but while Rectors came and went, Mr. Turner and Mr. Dawe seemed to go on for ever. He wondered if many people realised what it meant to struggle on year after year keeping the ringers together. Disappointments came, and sometimes they were sufficient to make men give up the work altogether. He congratulated the Southover ringers on keeping together so well, and they now had one of the best bands they had had for many years. It only showed what could be done, and he hoped the members would continue to rally round and help in the good work that was being done (applause). He hoped the Guild would go on and flourish.

Mr. C. J. Rugg (secretary), who responded, said he was very pleased to see such a large and representative gathering. He proceeded to give a short resume of the year's work, which, he thought, had been fairly satisfactory, not so much on account of peal ringing but with regard to what, after all, was their most important work, that of satisfactory Sunday ringing. During the year one member had made 150 attendances, four had made over 140 and nine over 100. He thought that was remarkably good (hear, hear, and applause). Time was when they had difficulty in finding sufficient members present to ring, but during the past year the attendance had been very satisfactory. He would like to especially mention the work of Mr. Dawe (their captain) and Mr. Turner (the vice-captain). It was he who had made 150 attendances (applause). They had rung two quarter-peals, one of which was in honour of the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth's birthday. They were sorry to lose the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, but it was evident that their new Rector intended to give them every encouragement (applause). Continuing, Mr. Rugg said he hoped they would be able to make the members of the congregation a little more 'ringer conscious.' Because their work was done before services started the congregation did not appreciate it like they should do, and it was not even mentioned in their annual report.

Mr. R. J. Dawe next proposed the toast of 'The Sussex County Association.' He said it had been in existence for 46 years, and had done an immense amount of good amongst ringers, as also with regard to the restoration of bells and bellfries. It had brought them into closer touch with the clergy. He regretted, however, that the association did not have its full representation on the Central Council. They were entitled to four members, but only elected one, and he very seldom attended. He thought it was a great pity that the association did not join with other similar organisations and take its share in the work of the Council.

Mr. J. T. Rickman, Master of the Sussex County Association, who responded, remarked that, although the association had not put up many sensational records, they had done several things of which they might well be proud. The objects of the association were first the cultivation of the art of scientific ringing, secondly the care of the bells and bellfries, and thirdly, the recognition of ringers as church officials. There were three classes of ringers, he continued. The first were certain to be present, the second those who might not be present, and the third those who were almost sure not to be present (laughter). He was very gratified to find that the Southover ringers all belonged to the first class. He saw men present with whom he rang ten, twenty, thirty and even forty years ago, but although they were still able to carry on, they had to look to the younger men in the future.

Mr. H. E. White proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. G. W. Stokes responded.—The concluding toast was that of 'The Hostess.'

Several of the company contributed songs during the evening, and courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**THE G.O.M. OF BRAINTREE ELECTED HON. LIFE MEMBER.**

The Northern Division of the Essex Association had a most enjoyable meeting at Rayne on Saturday, February 14th, when 31 members, representing 14 towers, were present. This is the first meeting to be held at Rayne since 1924, and it was the first time that several of those present had visited this tower. Ringing commenced at 2.45 with a well-struck touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, followed by touches of Cambridge and London Surprise.

A service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. Hutchinson, M.A.), in which he referred to the valuable assistance the ringers gave to the church by ringing the bells and reminding not only those who attended the services, but others who were unable to attend, that it was the time for prayer. Mr. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson, and Miss Hawkes kindly officiated at the organ.

An excellent tea was provided at the Old School House, the Rector taking the chair.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Howard proposed the election of Mr. G. T. Bartram, J.P., C.A., of Braintree, as an hon. life member of the association, and this was unanimously carried. Mr. Howard spoke of the excellent work Mr. Bartram had done for the Church and the ringers. He had completed 50 years of public work, and a peal had been rung at Braintree Church in honour of this unique occasion. To show his appreciation of their kindly thought, he (Mr. Bartram) kindly entertained the band, together with other ringers, to an excellent dinner. He also placed a peal board in the belfry commemorating the peal.

One other ringing member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Kelvedon on May 2nd.

The Master thanked the Rector for the warm welcome he had given them, and he was sure they all appreciated his presence at tea. He also thanked the organist for her services, and the ladies who had prepared the tea. Continuing, Mr. Howard said he must compliment the ringers of Rayne on the condition of their belfry. Everything was spotlessly clean, and it was a great credit to them.—The Rector, in reply, thanked all the ringers, and said he was very pleased to see them there.

Handbells were then brought into prominence, and touches of Grandire Triples, Bob Major and Bob Royal were brought round. Some of the members then paid a visit to Braintree Church, where touches of Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**THE SUGGESTED QUARTERLY JOINT MEETINGS.**

The monthly meeting was held at Horbury on Saturday, February 14th. The towers represented were Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Lindley, Pontefract, Royston, Sandal, Wortley, Wath and the local company.

Ringling commenced early in the afternoon, and continued in various Minor and Major methods until 5.30 p.m., when tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe, after which the business meeting followed. In the absence of the president, Mr. R. Thickett, of Horbury, occupied the chair.

A discussion arose on the suggested joint quarterly meeting of the local associations. Some opposition was raised, but it was finally agreed to give it a trial for two years, providing each district has a meeting in turn, and that that district chooses its tower. There were five towers selected for the shield contest to be voted for at the next meeting, namely, Crofton, Darfield, Cawthorne, Penistone and Horbury.

Royston was selected for next place of meeting. Five new members were elected, and, after the usual vote of thanks, further ringling followed.

THE BELLS OF BURNHAM, BUCKS.

The tower at Burnham, Bucks, has in the past been a happy hunting ground for many peal ringers, and, without a doubt, this will catch the eye of many who can look back with pleasure to their visits to this church.

Time came when the bells became absolutely unringable, and by a superhuman effort on the part of the villagers, sufficient funds were raised to get the bells in peal ringing form again. The job has been completed, and two bands have already attempted peals there. There is still an outstanding debt, and it was thought that by this means it would probably be wiped off. The local ringers have subscribed very liberally, as have all parishioners. Will ringers please help? Donations, however small, will be very gratefully accepted by the Vicar, the Rev. Percy Nott, The Vicarage, Burnham, Bucks.

A HALF PEAL.

At All Saints' Church, Clipston, Northants, on Saturday, February 14th, a half-peal of Grandire Doubles (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 35 mins.: Edwin Bott 1, Fred Maguire 2, George Hollick 3, Ernest Marsh 4, Maurice Wilford (conductor) 5. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. Longest length as conductor, and believed to be the longest length on the bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A CENTRAL RESERVE FUND SUGGESTED.**

About fifty members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on Saturday. Ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Churches, and a choral service was held at the former, where, in the unexpected absence of the pre-arranged preacher, the Provost (Canon Kirwan) gave a brief address. He referred to the work being done by the Guild, and said he looked upon the members of the Cathedral band not only as ringers and churchworkers but as his friends. He went on to allude to the forthcoming season of Lent, and pointed to some of its lessons, urging that it should be a period for self-knowledge, self-discipline and self-culture.

The Provost presided at the tea and meeting held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, and was supported by Rev. Sir John Herschel (Rector of West Clandon), Mr. Walter Ryde, K.C. (who is a ringer and now endeavouring to raise funds for a peal of bells at his own church at Grayshott), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary), and Mr. G. Grover (district secretary).

The towers represented were the Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Haslemere, West Clandon, Old Woking, Cranleigh, Witley, Wonerst, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Worplesdon, Ewhurst and Shere, while there were visitors from Biddington, Walton, Farnham, Aldershot and Leatherhead.

The following district officers, nominated at the previous meeting, were declared elected: District Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Melville; district secretary, Mr. G. Grover; auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden; hon. member of the executive committee, Mr. S. Marshall. A ballot for two ringing members on the executive committee resulted in the election of Messrs. R. Whittington and S. Petter. The balance sheet, which was adopted and considered very satisfactory, showed receipts amounting to £27 7s. 6d., and, after paying over £9 6s. 9d. to the Guild treasurer, a balance in hand of £14 6s. 7d., as compared with £8 5s. 9d. at the beginning of the year. There were in the district 149 ringing members, against 144 in the previous year, and 25 hon. members against 15.

In his report the Hon. Secretary said that although in some cases as a result of combined practices new life had been put into several hands and new members obtained for the Guild, the position of the district, so far as the support of district meetings was concerned, was about the same as last year. As in previous years, the meetings had been attended by the same small number of loyal members, and he was afraid that his appeal of last year for better support of these meetings had not been answered to any appreciable extent. The increase in ringing members was accounted for by the number of new members who had been enrolled through the efforts of Mr. Whittington in his combined practice area, and the very sincere thanks of the district were due to him in this respect. As against the increase from Mr. Whittington's district, in his own area Albury (8) and Shere (3) had dropped out. The increase in the number of honorary members was almost entirely due to direct action from the quarterdeck (laughter and applause). The Secretary regretted to say that his efforts to stir up interest in the Guild and to promote joint practices in his own area, comprising Albury, Shere, Merrow and Clandon, had failed completely. Albury band refused quite definitely to entertain the idea of combined practices, and, in the words of the captain there, 'There was job enough to get them there on Sundays without worrying about practices.' His efforts at Shere and Merrow had also been without success. What was really wrong with all these towers, the secretary added, was that they each lacked one ringer sufficiently commanding and keen to push the others on. One usually found that where the appointed head ringer had no ambition to make progress he usually took good care that no one else should beat him. With regard to the balance in hand of £14 6s. 7d., he was of the opinion that some part of this might be used to start a central reserve fund for the Guild. He quite expected someone would suggest raiding this balance for teas, but at present that was quite out of the question. In the first place, if this were done the balance would in a few years' time have vanished, and, in the second place, at least two of the other districts in the Guild would, if they attempted to make an allowance for teas, be bankrupt within two years. It was not fair for one district to make an allowance to members unless all the districts could do so, and he did not see that this would ever be done unless the Guild could, out of income from invested funds, finance the districts to some extent. Perhaps that district was in a better position that some of its neighbours, but the time had not yet come when any one of them could rest on its oars. Sometimes, after a few years of smooth running, members of an organisation such as that thought everything was all right, and they need not bother, and slackness began to creep in. They must avoid this danger, and remember that the efforts and support of every member were needed just as much now as they were when the Guild was founded. Let them try to make this, the fourth year of the Guild's existence, the most successful one the district had seen, both in the quality and quantity of the Sunday service ringing, in the number, variety and quality of the peals rung, in the frictionless running of the district, in the spade work and in the attendance at meetings.

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Lincolnshire District of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday last at Lincoln. The bells of St. Peter at Gowts were kept going in methods from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise during the afternoon and early evening. Afterwards St. Botolph's bells were at the disposal of the ringers.

The service was conducted by Canon Townoe, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to St. Peter at Gowts. St. Peter's Institute had very kindly been put at the disposal of the branch, and tea had been arranged by the local ladies. These included Mesdames McGuinness, Walden, Freeman and Chester. The ladies, together with several lady ringers, gave most of the tea. After making a moderate charge, the proceeds were handed over to the secretary to be put to the branch funds.

The Vicar, organist and ladies who arranged tea were thanked by the secretary (Mrs. B. Richardson) before the gentlemen adjourned to the belfry or indulged in the ringing of handbells.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mrs. J. Bray. The Misses Atkinson and N. Atkinson, of Spalding, F. Humphrey, Folkingham, and M. Taylor, Bassingham, were elected ringing members, and Mesdames Freeman and Chester hon. members.

Surfleet was proposed by Mrs. McGuinness, and seconded by Mrs. East, as the place for the next meeting, and this is to be held as a joint meeting with the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Guild on May 2nd.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 31st, when ringers were present from Bigby, Elsham, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Thornton Curtis, Mablethorpe, and Mr. Hobson, of Hull. The Vicar, the Rev. T. Russell Warrilow, kindly allowed the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held, at which, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Hedley Burrows, Vicar of St. James', officiated and gave an address.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Church Hall, 29 members sitting down to a good meal provided by Mrs. H. Migay, assisted by ringers' wives and friends.

At the business meeting which followed the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry, presided, and the officers were re-elected.

The secretary's report for the year was presented, and a vote of thanks passed to him. Names of representatives on the district committee should be forwarded to the secretary at once.

The district bell fund accounts were presented by the president and Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, and the collection for the bell fund amounted to 13s.

Places and dates of meetings were chosen as follows: Winterlton, Saturday, April 11th; Caistor, May 16th; Louth, June 13th; Bigby, July 18th; Burton-on-Stather, Thursday, July 30th; Laceby, Saturday, August 15th; Claxby, Thursday, September 10th; Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, October 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Atkinson and seconded by Mr. J. Kennington to the Vicar for the use of the bells and arranging the service, and for the use of the hall, and to Mr. A. Rushby for presiding at the organ, to the caterer and helpers at the tea, and those who had made the arrangements. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the president for presiding, who suitably responded.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Fakenham on February 7th. Mr. A. L. Coleman was elected to the chair. Letters of apology were received from Mr. G. Burton, branch chairman, and Mr. W. Clover, a member of committee.

All the existing officers of the branch were re-elected with the exception of Mr. B. Thompson (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. E. Lovett, of Norwich, was elected in his place.

About 25 members attended the meeting, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon to Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford and Bob Major, also Minor for the beginners, and everyone agreed that the meeting was quite enjoyable and a great success.

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The secretary was congratulated upon his report, which was adopted. The Hon. Treasurer said he was not in favour of a central reserve fund, and suggested that if there were any surplus fund the Guild might print a more detailed annual report.

From the other conveners of combined practices who were present satisfactory reports were received concerning each area.

It was resolved that meetings be held at the following places during the ensuing year: Shere (8), Bramley (6), Womersley (6), Haslemere (10), Pirbright (6), and Godalming (8), the dates to be arranged by the secretary. The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on February 13th, 1932.

All the retiring Guild officers were renominated, and three hon. and one ringing members were elected.

It was resolved to recommend to the annual general meeting of the Guild that a sum of three guineas be given to the Grayshott bell fund.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—The 43rd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by 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) and Bishop Ryder's (8) 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 to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The Bolton Borough Police have again invited ringers, their wives and friends to the Old Hall Street Club on Saturday, February 21st, for a 'free and easy' social. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells are available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Church Rooms, 1s. per head. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting at Berkhamsted will be held on Feb. 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Priory Church at 4 p.m. Tea to be followed by business meeting at 4.45 p.m., at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A. —G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Anyone requiring tea please notify me. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Look your five-bell methods up and turn up in hundreds! — J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available at 3. All ringers welcome. Please make an effort to attend. — W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, The Square, Beaminster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Usual arrangements. — H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting in belfry after tea. All members and friends welcome.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21st, at St. Luke's, New Cut. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — A meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Good bus service from Worcester.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Dudge, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, S. Shore, Blackpool (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Reports ready. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service. Turn up in good numbers.—P. C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagdsen, Beds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Feb. 28th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Church House, 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at 5.30. Tea will be free to all who notify me by Feb. 24th. All ringers welcome and a well attended meeting is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashwell.—On Saturday, Feb. 28th, a meeting will be held at Ashwell. This fine peal of six have just been rehung. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made for those who notify not later than Wednesday, 25th. The Rector is very keen to encourage change ringing here, so please make an effort to attend and so help the local band.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the newly formed Hastings and District Ringers' Guild will be held at Battle on Feb. 28th. Tower will be open from 3 p.m. This Guild is formed to take in a radius of 12 miles from Hastings. Subscription: 1s. per annum. New members will be welcomed. Ringing meeting once a month in different towers.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—The peal of 6 bells (Rudhall, 1769), which have been tuned and rehung in a cast-iron frame for eight by Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 3 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome. Tea (1s. each) at the Lyon Memorial Hall 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea must notify me without fail by Wednesday, 25th. — E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnet.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy). Please notify Mr. B. D. Buttress, Balsham Road, Fulbourne, by Feb. 26th.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Rings at the Pulhams available Saturday, Feb. 28th. Meeting 5 p.m.—Golden, Diss.

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) ready early. All requiring tea please notify me not later than the 25th inst. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Please note change of address.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sappcote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea in the Art Gallery at 5 p.m. at a small charge. Meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available: Stokes Poges 3 p.m., Slough 7 p.m. Tea can be obtained in Slough if required.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Feb. 28th, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea, by kind permission at the Bishop's College, 1s. each, at 5.15 p.m. Service in church after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available from about 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcomed.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; important business meeting re annual subscriptions.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea at usual terms, and business meeting. All requiring tea must advise me by March 4th. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 112th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. at the Thatched Tavern. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby de la Zouch on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, 1, Avenue Road, Ashby, by 5th inst. at latest. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at this meeting. Now then, Stedman men, roll up and let's have a jolly good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Give me number for tea by Tuesday, March 3rd.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-upon-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Further particulars later. Nominations for general officers to be sent to me in writing not later than March 1st.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets obtainable of W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Secretary, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Ringing will be arranged during the afternoon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 11th (D.V.) Will all branch secretaries and members of committee please note this date, and attend if possible? Particulars will be notified later.—R. T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Arthur H. Smith is now c/o Mrs. Russell, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. W. Barton, Peal Secretary, Yorkshire Association, is now 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, near Leeds. Y.A.C.R. peal conductors please note.

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SEVENOAKS.—On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, at which the Bishop of Rochester preached, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: H. V. Baker 1, P. Turley 2, W. Turley 3, S. Comber 4, H. J. Ford 5, H. D. Ford 6, Dr. E. L. Taylor (conductor) 7, F. Paige 8.

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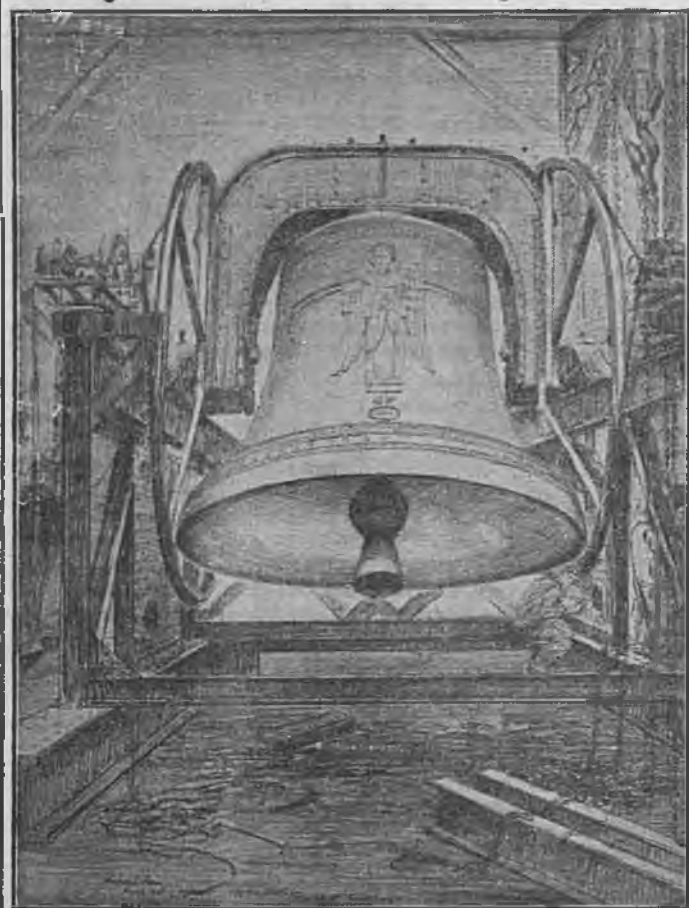
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EXTRA-TERRITORIAL PEALS.

A correspondent raises in a letter elsewhere in this issue a subject of general interest to peal ringers and to associations—that of a band visiting another association's territory and ringing a peal, which they put to the credit, not of the association into whose area they have come, but of their own 'home' organisation. It is not an uncommon practice, but it is one which sometimes raises a little feeling. Without inquiring too closely into the facts of the peal particularly mentioned by our correspondent, there is a strong case to be made out why a band, when ringing a peal, should, unless the circumstances are exceptional, credit the performance to the association or guild in whose area it has been rung. As a rule, it can be said that this practice is fairly generally carried out, and, where it is not observed, we have no doubt there is, in the great majority of cases, a perfectly valid reason in explanation.

Some years ago a motion was brought before the Central Council with the object of ensuring that peals should be rung for the associations in whose area the attempts were made, but so many obvious obstacles to such a scheme were forthcoming that the proposition was defeated. The activities of peal ringers cannot be controlled by the Council, and a matter of this kind, especially, must be left to the good feeling of those who take part. It may be somewhat galling to an association, under certain circumstances, to see ringers from another area using their towers for peal ringing without giving them whatever credit there may be, but the only remedy seems to be by gentle persuasion, to get those who are looked on as offenders to mend their ways.

If our correspondent is right, however, the action of the band in the peal in question was prompted by a very definite reason—the objection to paying a booking fee for the peal. There are many ringers who dislike paying booking fees, in the same way that there are many who object to paying steepleage. They object, not to the amount, but on principle. We must say, however, that where they take this line it would show more regard for the association which finds it necessary or desirable to charge a fee, if, while declining to pay the fees, the ringers also abstained from ringing peals in the towers attached to that association. This, perhaps, is a counsel of perfection, but it does seem to us that, unless the circumstances are exceptional, it is only an act of courtesy to give the credit to the association or guild in whose territory the peals are rung. It would be a pity if, as our correspondent suggests, any unpleasant feeling should arise between ringers on the Surrey and Sussex border,

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but the point which concerns the Exercise most is the general principle of whether the territorial organisation ought to be entitled to the credit of a peal—especially when it is rung by a band who are already members.

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On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

*ERIC J. COLE Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	CHARLES WEBB 8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 9
HENRY H. FEARN 4	JOHN NEAL 10
GEORGE E. FEARN 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
FRANK E. HAYNES 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 8
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 3	ROBERT W. GREEN 9
JESSE B. TYLER 4	JAMES BULLOCK 10
WILLIAM WHITEHEAD 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 6	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

REV. H. LAW JAMES... .. Treble	JOHN G. AMES 6
*FREDERICK J. FLOWERS ... 2	*JOHN CURRY 7
JOHN W. WOOD 3	SYDNEY J. FLOWERS 8
GEORGE LADD 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 9
*ARTHUR J. FARR 5	ERNEST A. FLOWERS... Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 6
ARTHUR H. SMITH 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	*ALAN R. PINK 8
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	†JAMES PARKER 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal and 350th peal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Thursday, February 19th, for Confirmation service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Eldridge 1, W. E. Taylor 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. Martin (conductor) 4, W. Walker 5, G. Martin 6, —. Eldridge 7, H. Baldwin 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
WALTER STONE 2	EDWIN MARTIN 6
ALFRED KING 3	D. HAROLD ARGYLE 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	PERCIVAL ALDHAM Tenor

Conducted by D. HAROLD ARGYLE.

The ringer of the fifth was elected a member of the Warwickshire Guild previous to starting the peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*SAM HEALEY Treble	WILLIAM HALFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES YOUNG 6
JOHN ROWLATT 3	FRED HAWKES 7
CHARLES CAMM 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

* First peal. Proposed a member of the association and local band previous to starting. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Camm.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	ARTHUR W. WARD 5
HARRY THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
*ROGER W. DANIELS 4	*JOHN T. SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to Audrey Thorpe, only daughter of Mr. H. Thorpe.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.

THE OVER SOCIETY AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF ROYLE'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

MANSFIELD GINN Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 6
BERRY WAYMAN 3	FRANK HUBERT DRING 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

PERCY AMOS Treble	JOSEPH BEAL 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON 3	FRED COTTON 7
CECIL E. CARR 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the conductor's 600th peal, the odd changes over 5,000 denoting the fact. The band are from Wellingborough, Lutterworth, Rugby, Broughton Astley, Wolvey, Leicester (St. John's), Hinckley, and Leicester (St. Margaret's).

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT 5
SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	S. GEORGE COLES 7
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD 4	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Surprise Major by all except treble man. First of Cambridge Major as conductor. All are local men. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Gigg.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 33 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM SCORCE 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
MARTIN HARRIS 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
ARTHUR G. WATKIN 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses Katie and Beryl Pegler, daughters of Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM 5
THEODORE E. SLATER 2	ARTHUR TAYLOR 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	PERCY GRIDLEY 7
*BERNARD ADAMS 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by S. EVANS.

* First peal in method. This peal was attempted on January 31st, the fortieth anniversary of the first peal rung by the conductor, who also rang in the first peals rung by all the band.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
GEORGE POYNELL 3	FREDERICK LASBURY 7
*WILLIAM HEATH 4	TOM PAGE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Seventieth peal for Harry Page. Also a compliment to T. J. Hamlin on his 69th birthday. This peal was arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who belong to Aberavon, Bedwellty, and Cardiff respectively.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten callings, 4.6.8 covering.

W. FARRIDAY Treble	REV. WILLIS 5
L. A. WILSON 2	B. REEVES 6
L. BOX 3	R. SHAILES 7
M. TUCKER 4	H. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by L. A. WILSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. N. N. Barbor, B.A., late of Stalybridge, Cheshire, on his induction as Vicar of this parish.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, January 27th, at St. Leonard's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: *E. E. Trusler 1, *H. Steele 2, F. Trusler 3, A. J. Cherryman 4, E. Godley 5, G. Steele (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH, SLEAFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
*WILFRED N. BROWN	Treble	FREDERICK LEGGOTT	5
†FRANK P. HARWOOD	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	6
FRED A. HOLDEN	3	ARTHUR DIXON	7
FRANK DEWEY	4	REGINALD HOWARD	Tenor

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal (age 13). † First peal of Triples.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No 1.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
JOSEPH W. COTTON	Treble	CHARLES DRAPER	5
JOHN H. SWINFELD	2	JOSEPH BAILEY	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	WILLIAM H. CURZON	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Curzon.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.	
WALTER CHARMAN	Treble
THOMAS W. ADAMS	2
RAYMOND OVERY	3
JOHN COOK	4
RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT	5
JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
WILLIAM STANFORD	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

The conductor's first attempt to call a peal. T. W. Adams was proposed a member of the Guild before starting.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.	
*MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	Treble
HARRY HOVERD	2
FREDERICK J. CULLDUM	3
GEORGE H. CROSS	4
WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
EDWARD J. BEER	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
RONALD H. BULLEN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.	
RAY GRANT	Treble
NOLAN GOLDEN	2
ALPHEUS J. BERRY	3
ERIC G. BENNETT	4
ALBERT G. HARRISON	5
FRANK S. CLARKE	6
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
CHARLES F. GOODMAN	Tenor

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On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*S. YATES	Treble	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON	5
THOMAS METCALFE	2	J. CYRIL POLLARD	6
*J. REED	3	THOMAS LANCASTER	7
MISS LANCASTER	4	WILLIAM WATSON	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Sir A. J. Dorman, a life member of the association; and also for the late Mrs. John Shaw, who has been a worker for the Church for many years.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER SMITH	Treble	OSCAR GILBEY	5
GEORGE F. JAMES	2	GEORGE HUXLEY	6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	3	ISAAC EMBRY	7
WILLIAM GRACE	4	EDMUND MOUNTER	Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMBRY.

First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE MAYERS	Treble	WM. E. BASON	5
MISS H. BILL	2	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	7
CHARLES E. LOVETT	4	GEORGE BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

Rung on the Gabriel eight.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER	Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O.	5
J. W. FAITHFULL	2	JOHN R. RODWELL	6
WILLIAM ROWE	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
WALTER G. ROWE	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. E. Mundy, who has been clerk at North Stoneham Church for 37 years and a Sunday ringer since 1893. Mr. Mundy kindly entertained the band after the peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES PERRY	Treble	GEORGE POPNELL	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	DONALD G. CLIFT	6
FRED CHAMBERLAIN	3	PETER HEATH	7
ARTHUR HAWKINS	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

The peal was arranged to give Mr. Ernest Stitch the opportunity of conducting, for the first time, Holt's Original on these bells. Unfortunately, illness prevented him from taking part. Mr. Clift filled the breach as conductor, and Mr. Fred Chamberlain was good enough to take the spare rope.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN LUKINS Treble	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6
HAROLD F. TRAVERS 3	FRANK ROWSELL 7
*CHARLES JEANES 4	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by F. ROWSELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for over thirty years.

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

On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN THORPE Treble	HAYDN THORPE 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	G. HENRY HURST 6
RALPH S. LONG 3	ERNEST A. THORPE 7
HEZEKIAH THORPE 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by J. THORPE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the conductor's sister-in-law, Miss Doris Nicholson, and Mr. Caleb Heginbotham. The conductor has now rung each of the twelve bells at the Cathedral to a peal.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES W. JEFFREY Treble	TOM MITCHELL 5
GEORGE APPS 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
*ERNEST QUICKENDEN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
*CHARLES L. MITCHELL 4	*FRANK LENEY Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2	SIDNEY ELTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
JOHN PERRY 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5032 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	ALBERT NASH 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	*JAMES MCCLUSKEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY JOHNSON Treble	FRANK DEWEY 4
GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 2	FRANK P. HARWOOD 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

The treble ringer was re-elected a member of the Guild, and this was his first peal in five methods.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, and 2,160 of Grandsire.

F. OSBORNE Treble	F. W. KNOWLES 3
W. PARKES 2	A. SMITHSON 4
W. RILEY Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

Rung for the 21st birthday of W. Parkes, one of the local ringers.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN CHURCHILL Treble	FREDERICK G. SPARKES 4
ARTHUR S. PYKE 2	HARRY CHURCHILL 5
*LEONARD VICKERY 3	*SAMUEL WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by the Sunday service ringing band.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, February 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Newcombe ('father' of the Hitcham band) on his departure for Worplesdon.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS WALTERS Treble	WILLIAM J. FRENCH 4
EDWARD WHITLOCK 2	CHARLES G. ALDERMAN 5
*GEORGE F. FRENCH 3	ALEXANDER COLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITLOCK.

* First peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. (approx.).

J. SLATTER Treble	R. BROCK 4
C. SCARROTT 2	F. PRITCHETT 5
W. BAGGOTT 3	A. GRANTHAM Tenor

Conducted by F. PRITCHETT.

First peal by all the band, and first peal on the bells by a local band. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN C. ROYNOY Treble	GEORGE E. SHALLISE 4
EDWARD J. AVERY 2	GEORGE GILLING 5
EDWARD G. NORTON 3	WILLIAM F. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by G. GILLING.

First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

DEANE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

W. LANCE Treble	A. TAYLOR 4
B. GARRETT 2	J. CHESTERMAN 5
W. HUNT 3	C. CHANT Tenor

Conducted by W. HUNT.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, for many years Rector of the parish, and secretary of the Basingstoke Branch of the Guild.

CORFE MULLEN, WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JAMES F. HATCHLEY Treble	H. JIM RALPH 4
MISS MARCIA WHITE 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 5
CYRIL F. TURNER 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor

Conducted by C. F. TURNER.

First peal of Kent by ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd. Rung as a compliment to Canon E. C. Eddrupp, on his preferment as honorary canon at Salisbury Cathedral. First peal of Kent on the bells.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three 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, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

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

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Sir William and Lady Carter.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

WILLIAM G. WILKINS Treble	FRANK W. BUNCE 4
*GEORGE W. CLARKE 2	PERCY W. FLETCHER 5
JOHN NOBES 3	*JOHN P. CHAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by J. NOBES.

* First peal.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBERT BEALE Treble	†ALFRED KETCHEL 4
†WILLIAM G. WHEELER 2	†GEORGE CLUER 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	†ARTHUR CAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at the above church. The peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Booker, who is a member of the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, February 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*ERNEST SIBLEY 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6	ALBERT E. NORMAN 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Referee: FRANK W. WALKER.

* First peal at first attempt on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Russam and Mrs. Albert Walker.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Island District was held at Carisbrooke and good use was made of the beautiful peal of bells at this old and historical church. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Footman, R.D.), and Dr. J. B. Williamson, of Ventnor, presided at the organ. The Rural Dean afterwards kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and at the business meeting which followed he was elected district president in place of the Rev. J. C. Orr, who, much to the regret of all Island ringers, is leaving the district at the end of February.

The statement of accounts showed receipts £10 15s. 8d., against expenditure £7 6s. 5d. (including £4 3s. 6d. sent to the headquarters of the Guild), leaving a credit balance of £3 9s. 3d. to the district.

Messrs. H. Barton, Ventnor (Ringing Master), B. J. Snow, Ryde (hon. secretary and treasurer), and H. A. Phillips, Godshill (hon. auditor), were re-elected and thanked for their past services.

Messrs. F. Wake and E. T. Drake, of Carisbrooke, were elected members of the Guild, and it was resolved to hold the next annual district meeting at Newport on January 30th, also a quarterly meeting at Brading on Saturday, April 25th.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar for his kind hospitality, also for the use of the bells. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Beedon on Saturday, February 7th, when thirty ringers attended from Brightwalton, Compton, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore, Thatcham, and the Beedon ringers. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Coles), who gave a very interesting address. Mrs. W. Wells presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Vicarage by Mrs. L. H. Coles. The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. Bonsey (chairman of the branch) presided, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The next meeting was fixed for Kintbury in April. Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. L. H. Coles for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Mrs. Wells for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. L. H. Coles for providing the tea.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Bonsey for presiding at the meeting, which was carried with applause. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor rung.

FROM 'STONE' TO METHOD RINGING.

A desire by the Cottenham, Cambs. ringers to be helped by the men of Over from 'Stone' to method ringing has resulted in two of the band scoring their first 720. This was a 720 of Plain Bob rung at Cottenham on February 12th by: W. Gifford (first 720) 1. O. Robinson 2. F. G. Gleaves 3. F. Gifford 4. A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5. F. Warrington 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT MILTON.**

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent Association was held at Milton-next-Gravesend, the following towers being represented: Rochester, Frindsbury, Chatham, Gillingham, Queenborough, Borden, Upchurch, Lewisham, Crayford, Gravesend and Prittlewell.

The bells were available from 3 p.m., and at 5 p.m. the association service was conducted in the church by the Rector, Rev. G. W. Mennie, who gave an interesting and instructive address, particularly emphasising the vast audience which the bellringers had. This had recently been brought to his notice by people who were not regular attendants at church, but who had remarked how much they had missed the bells during the period they were silent recently whilst being augmented and rehung.

After service, a company upwards of seventy assembled in the Johnston Institute for tea, provided by the generosity of the general secretary, who is leader at Milton, and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell). Mrs. Mitchell is indeed to be particularly commended on the manner she herself had prepared for so large a gathering, and the thanks of all are extended to her and the ladies who waited at the tables.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector, who presided, was elected an honorary member of the association, and several new practising members were also made. Mr. Churchwarden Knowles, who gave one of the new bells, voiced the pleasure he had derived from the service, the tea, and also the meeting, and hoped another visit would be paid by the association to Milton.

Every advantage was taken to enjoy a pull on the bells, it being the unanimous opinion that a thoroughly good and pleasing peal of eight was the proud possession of the people of Milton.

RINGER'S EARLY DEATH.

At Goldhanger, Essex, on February 4th, at the Church of St. Peter, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, J. R. Owers 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of sympathy on the death of Mr. G. H. Southgate, who, to the great regret of the band, passed away in Ipswich Hospital on January 30th, at the early age of forty years, leaving a widow and five children (the youngest being only two months old) in bereavement.

George Southgate went to Goldhanger about twenty years ago and rang his first 720 on September 30th, 1911. He remained with the band about four years, leaving, on his marriage, to reside in Suffolk. He was a member of the Suffolk Guild.

EIGHTY—AND STILL GOING STRONG.

The annual meeting of Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild took place at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 14th, and was a very happy gathering, notable for the presence of Mr. John Overton, who completed his 80th year on the 15th. Ringing took place at St. Mary's in the afternoon and St. Leonard's in the evening. Mr. John Overton visited St. Mary's during the afternoon, and took part in the ringing, and at St. Leonard's he raised the treble in peal as only John Overton can do. A special touch of Stedman Triples was especially arranged with Mr. Overton ringing the treble, two of his sons, Horace and Wilfred, also taking part, the latter conducting. A beautiful 'run down,' with Mr. Overton on the treble, was brought to a perfect chime, and his usual 'That will do' brought to a close a delightful gathering.

At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in honour of Mr. Overton's 80th birthday, and at Coalbrookdale on Sunday, for evensong, 768 of Bob Major: Fred Jones 1, Joe Stanier 2, W. Saunders 3, Alf Bayley 4, W. Lago 5, J. Hanley 6, L. Jones 7, Len Hewitt (conductor) 8.

The quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Bridgnorth was rung by B. Head 1, H. Thomas 2, C. Pointon (first quarter of Stedman) 3, E. Foxall 4, J. Elcock 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, H. W. Overton 7, G. Oliver 8. It was intended to attempt a 5,040, but owing to a serious case of illness near the church the attempt had to be abandoned.

On Monday, February 16th, at the Church of St. Mary, Ripple, Worcestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 45 mins.: C. Haylings 1, H. Smith 2, E. Maund 3, S. Jakeman 4, F. Hawkes (conductor) 5, J. Hill 6. This was arranged specially for the ringer of the 2nd, who is in his 84th year, and is a regular ringer in the local band.

BANBURY RINGER'S 'JUBILEE.'

On Sunday, February 15th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Banbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: R. Highan (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, R. R. Lewis 2, J. Simons 3, F. E. Taylor 4, F. Baldwin 5, F. Selwyn 6, T. Impey 7, W. F. Judge 8, H. Impey 9, G. Bliss (first quarter-peal) 10. Conducted by W. F. Judge. The above are all regular service ringers of St. Mary's except Messrs. Judge and Taylor, who come from Oxford. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of tenor who has completed fifty years as a ringer at Banbury Church, and was 72 years of age on Thursday, February 19th. The band wish to thank Mr. Judge and Mr. Taylor for coming to assist on this and previous occasions.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The history of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, who revived their annual dinner the other day, goes back two centuries. The first peal which they rang was a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters at Christ Church on New Year's Day, 1733.

Some promising young ringers have found their way to St. Martin's, Birmingham, in recent years. Among the latest of the recruits to be developed in the famous Bull Ring tower is E. J. Cole, who last week rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, his only previous peal having been one of Grandsire Triples.

Another promising youth to step into the limelight in Birmingham last week was E. Sibley, who rang a pair of handbells to Stedman Cinques—his first peal on twelve bells—his previous performances having been two peals on handbells, and about ten on tower bells. All the while St. Martin's Guild can find such excellent material as these and the other young men who have 'made good' recently, there need be little fear for the future of ringing at St. Martin's.

Henry Johnson, whose memory will be honoured to-morrow at Birmingham, was born on February 28th, 1809. He died at Aston in 1890. The 'Johnson dinner' originated in 1882 with a supper party of 25 at the Dog and Partridge, after a peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of Johnson's 73rd birthday.

Some famous ringers took part in that peal, the band being William Hayward, Job Joynes, Charles H. Hattersley, Wm. Rock Small, Samuel Reeves, Henry Johnson, sen., Henry Johnson, jun., John Buffery, John James, Thomas Hattersley, Wm. Hollisworth and Thomas Reynolds.

'Many happy returns of the day' to the Midland veteran, Mr. John Jagger, who was born on March 3rd, 1861.

The peal at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on February 6th, was Mr. Abraham Greenfield's 50th peal of Grandsire Triples, not his 50th peal for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. He rang his 100th peal for the society on January 31st.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

THE FAMILY'S THANKS.

Mrs. Davies has written to Mr. W. A. Cave, acting secretary of the Central Council, conveying thanks for the sympathy which the Council and ringers in various parts of the country have expressed in the great loss which she and her family have sustained by the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. 'I feel,' she writes, 'that you all knew and loved my dear husband, and to the very end of his life he kept up his deep and true interest in all that concerned bells and ringers. I know how you will all miss him, not only his great knowledge of the art, but his anxiety that every matter connected with the Exercise should be carried out in the best way possible, so as to keep the whole Exercise united. You know that, and do please convey to all who have written such kindly words about him how deeply grateful I and our children are for the esteem and affection which they have shown his memory. We were specially touched by the peal of handbells over the grave.'

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S TRIBUTE.

Among the ringers who were contemporary with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies in his Oxford days was Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham. 'I rang with him,' Alderman Pritchett writes, 'for two years (1876-1878) as a member of the University Guild, and thus formed a friendship which endured till his death. I should like to add my tribute of respect to his memory. Apart from his services to campanology, he won my esteem and regard as one of the most unselfish and benevolent men it has ever been my good fortune to know.'

At St. James' Church, Poole, on Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies: P. Davis 1, F. W. Townsend 2, Miss N. M. Hodge 3, V. Young 4, I. Davis 5, H. Baverstock (conductor) 6, J. P. Vetcher 7, E. J. Doel 8.

'SHUNTS' AGAIN.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—One had thought that we had heard the last of this horrible word. But here in this wonderfully lucid article on 'Variation and Transposition' it occurs again. Everything in the article is quite clear, till one gets to the last line. Then, unless one knows the peculiar predilection of the writer for this word, when he cannot find any other word to describe what he wants, one must be quite unaware what the writer was driving at. However, if your younger readers will substitute the word 'moves' for 'shunts,' all will be clear.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

A 'RAYMOND' PEAL.

With the idea of attempting a 'Raymond' peal, Mr. Raymond Philpott, of 8, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, will be glad to hear from all ringers with the Christian name of Raymond.

RINGERS OF ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY SIXTY YEARS AGO.

To-morrow's commemoration of Henry Johnson at Birmingham inevitably recalls memories of past days and other celebrated men who were associated with him. We have records of their performances—these are treasured in the peal books of St. Martin's Guild—but what were these men like in themselves? They were unknown to all but a few living men, but here in this photograph ringers of to-day can glimpse some of the ringers of St. Martin's Society of 1868.



The above is from a photograph of members of St. Martin's Society of Change Ringers, Birmingham, taken in the year 1868.

In the back row are: John Day (president), John James, Thomas Edgshill, George Baldwin, S. Power.

In front: Thomas Day, Henry Johnson (secretary), William Haywood, John Perks, Job Joynes.

The old picture has come into possession of the successors of the society, St. Martin's Guild, to be added to their many interesting reminders of the past. We are indebted to the Guild for the opportunity of reproducing this photograph. We regret that its arrangement prevents us giving the picture in its entirety; to do so would have meant reducing the size until all detail would have been lost, but in the portion of the group which is here printed are some men who were leading lights in their day, and who helped in the accomplishment of great performances.

Of Henry Johnson, who was secretary of the society in 1868, nothing need here be said—his services to ringing and the veneration in which his memory is held are too well known—but among

the others, John Day was president of the society at the time the picture was taken. Thomas Day was a composer of repute. It was his composition of 15,840 Treble Bob that was rung at Bethnal Green on April 27th, 1868, a peal which he subsequently lengthened to 16,603—the longest length which was obtained until comparatively recent years.

The photograph also takes us back to much earlier days than 1868. For three of those included—Henry Johnson, William Haywood and John James—took part in the then longest peal of Stedman Cinques (7,392) rung at Birmingham on December 12th, 1848, while Johnson and James make a connecting link with another record length, the 9,238 rung at St. Martin's on February 28th, 1881 (Johnson's 72nd birthday), in which they both took part.

ESSEX VETERAN DEAD.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The death occurred on Friday, February 13th, of Mr. William Hawkes, at the age of 85 years. He had been a member of the Essex Association since its formation on Whit Monday, 1879, by the Rev. J. B. Seaman. He was one of the first to join, and was one of six survivors at the jubilee gathering held in Chelmsford on Whit Monday, 1929. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 56 years. He joined the Springfield company (Chelmsford) in 1879, and was connected with it up to the time of its disbandment owing to the deaths of two or three of its members in 1915.

On the formation of a new company in 1919, under the leadership of Mr. E. Buckingham, he again took up ringing and attended practices and Sunday service ringing until he finally took to his bed some weeks ago.

In his young days Mr. Hawkes would think lightly of walking to one or other of the towers in the district, a distance of ten or twelve miles each night in the week for practice, to help other young ones to learn the art of change ringing. He rang several peals in various towers in Essex, but at that time peals were few and far between. He was always noted for his excellent striking, and has been known to set his bell rather than carry on when the ringing has been bad.

Two days after his 80th birthday, on July 11th, 1925, he rang the third bell at All Saints', Springfield, to a 5,040 of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 2 hours 40 mins., conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, and was congratulated by him for the way in which he rang his bells.

Deceased was a bachelor and lived with his sister, Miss Hawkes, in Lawn Lane, Springfield, all his life. He carried out his duties as

stockman to Mr. Herbert Gray until his retirement. He was of most amiable disposition, and liked by everyone.

The first part of the burial service was held in All Saints' Church on Wednesday of last week, and as the cortege left the church for the interment at the burial ground at Trinity Church a muffled touch of 240 Oxford Treble Bob (deceased's favourite method) was rung upon the bells by his colleagues: J. Myhill 1, J. Longley 2, 1. Poulton 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Kemp 5, E. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, February 14th, and was well attended, 17 towers being represented.

The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m., and kept going in various methods until 3.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Spalding owing to illness. Tea was provided at Barker's Restaurant, to which 44 sat down, and at the business meeting afterwards held the officers were all re-elected.

The following places and dates of meeting were fixed for 1931: Surfleet, May 2nd; Tydd St. Mary, July 18th; Lutton, October 10th; Donington, January 9th, 1932.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells, to the Rev. H. Law James for conducting the service, and to the officers for their services.

Afterwards the bells were kept going in the standard methods from Bob Major to Cambridge Surprise.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 123.)

Now it is pretty obvious that there are other ways than C, given in the last article, of doing away with the falseness in B. If we take the first section by itself we shall find that there is only one way, thus:—

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587

We have made Kent places in 5-6. We could make Kent places in 3-4, but then the 3rd would lie three blows in Fourth's. And we could make the Kent places in 7-8, but that would turn the tenors the wrong way.

If we take the first and second sections together we find we can get besides C the following:—

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24135678	24135678
42316587	42316587
24135678	24135678
42316587	42316587
24361578	24361578

If we use this we shall have to make second's at the lead-end, otherwise a bell will lie for four blows in eighth's, and if we take these two sections as the quarter of a double method we have Peterborough Surprise.

It follows that Peterborough is constructionally just as simple a variation of Double Oxford as Norfolk is of Double Norwich.

If we take the first six rows of B, we find we can do away with the falseness in two ways, thus:—

12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
12345678	12346857	12346578
21436587	21438675	21435897
24135678	24136857	24136578
42316587	42316587	42316587

Then take the part of the course with the treble in 5-6 and 7-8, and see how the repetition may be done away with. You will find there are a great many more ways there than in the first two sections, especially when seventh's is made at the half lead-end. Each one of these additional shunts, of course, must bring the bells back again to the rows of B.

Now work out all the combinations of these additional shunts, which will do away with all the repetition in the lead, and you will be surprised how many Surprise Major methods you have got. They number many hundred, and they are all variations of Double Norwich in the same way that Norfolk is.

That is not all. If in B you let 3-4 lie still in the first section, you will remove the repetition, but there is no other place in the lead where you can turn them back again, as 5-6 are done in Norfolk. But you can get the same result by rather more complicated means, thus:—

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12345678	12435678
21436587	21346587
24135678	23145678
42316587	32416587
24135678	32145678
42316587	23416587
24361578	24361578

And into this you can work the combinations of the other additional shunts, giving you many more methods. And there are other similar dodges, each of them giving a group of methods.

We need not carry the argument further and show how other methods grow out of these. The point I want to make is this: Given Double Norwich and its three variations (with second's place added, seventh's place added, and second's and seventh's added), we can turn it into a Surprise Method, and then, by means of additional shunts, most of which are quite simple and obvious, produce thousands of methods which are just as much variations of Double Norwich as Norfolk is. And again the question arises: What room is there here for originality or authorship?

(To be continued.)

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On February 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: R. Greaves (aged 14) (first 720 and first attempt) 1, Miss C. Wade 2, H. G. Grimwood 3, F. Jackson 4, J. Thackray 5, S. Helliwell 6.

SUSSEX PEALS IN SURREY TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Recorded in the issue of 'The Ringing World' for February 20th is a peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Godstone, Surrey, for the Sussex County Association. The whole of the band that took part are members of the Surrey Association as well as of the Sussex Association, and it leads me to ask: 'Why ring the peal for the Sussex?' (all due respect to the Sussex Association). It is fairly well known, I think, that owing to the financial position of the Surrey Association we have found it necessary for a year or two to level a small charge of 3d. per rope per peal. Should it not be a matter of common courtesy for visitors from one county who visit another county's tower to ring a peal, to ring the peal for the county whose hospitality they are enjoying? At any rate, when three-quarters of the band (or more, as in this instance the entire band) are members of the visited county! The conductor of this peal (Mr. Sippetts) has told me himself, on more than one occasion, that he refuses to pay the peal charge referred to above, and so he rings the peal for a different association on principle. Yet he, or one of his ringers, did not scruple to apply for and get one of our rings of bells here in Surrey and then slight our hospitality by ringing the peal for another association! A band that spends several shillings in getting to a tower quibbles over a 3d. peal tax. Is this not being rather narrow-minded? I can assure Mr. Sippetts and his ringers that we Surrey ringers, and especially my own Southern District, feel this very warmly, more especially as this is not the first time his band have done this. Further, they do not now come and support our meetings. Writing from memory, I believe I am right in saying that it is over a year since we have seen any of that band at our meetings, although most of them only live just over the border. They even arrange peals on our ringing meeting days. There is no peal tax at our ringing meetings. We are always pleased to see Mr. Sippetts and his ringers in our district, at meetings or for peals, but we shall be much more pleased if they will be a little more public spirited and ring Surrey peals in Surrey.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD H. WELLS.

South Mersham, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, February 14th. A large number of ringers met at St. Lawrence Jewry, nearby the Guildhall, and had much pleasure in ringing the recently restored bells. At the same time many gathered at the headquarters Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, where some excellent ringing took place. Service in St. Clement Danes Church was well attended. The lessons were read by Messrs. C. O. Moore and A. H. Keighley, and a most appropriate address on the subject, 'Bells,' was delivered by the Rector (Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, hon. chaplain of the association). The members took tea at the Willow Restaurant close by, afterwards adjourning to the Parish House for the business meeting.

The Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) took the chair, and over fifty members attended. Several ratifications and election of new members took place.

The balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1930, was presented by the auditor, Mr. J. G. O. Prior, and showed an increase to the funds of £5 1s. 2d. The assets of the association include War Savings Certificates £42 1s. 3d., cash in bank £1 6s. 4d., and cash in hand £2 6s. 1d., making a total of £45 13s. 8d., which was considered excellent, as the association's funds had never been so large. However, it was stated that certain expenditure would be incurred during 1931 for such items of new rule books, printed notice forms, etc.

The report of the past year showed that a good number of ringers had been elected members, and almost twice the number of peals had been rung as in the year 1929. The practices had also been maintained.

There was a certain amount of criticism as to the working of one of the offices of the association, and an independent committee was formed to enquire into the matter and report.

The peals rung during the year were accepted and authorised for writing in the peal book.

The four officers of each, the northern and southern districts, were ratified to serve on the general committee, and the following officers were elected for the present year: Master, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender; hon. secretary, Mr. Charles O. Moore; first assistant secretary, Mr. A. H. Keighley; second assistant secretary, Mr. T. W. Taffender; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; senior steward, Mr. T. W. Wyatt; junior steward, Mr. W. Batton; trustees, Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. J. George.

A vote of thanks was accorded for the splendid assistance given by the Rector and chaplain in arranging the service, choir, organist, etc., and for the use of the Parish Hall. The verger, Mr. Harris, was also thanked for his assistance.

The meeting terminated with touches on handbells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

An enjoyable practice meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, February 21st. The musical ring of six was set going soon after three o'clock to touches of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. York Surprise followed, and then touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire for those not so proficient.

Before tea, some of the energetic ones climbed the hill behind the church for a view of the surrounding country, which presented a very beautiful picture in the rays of the setting sun.

The hill is cone-shaped with a number of trees set in a ring at the apex. It is believed to be a 'barrow,' the burial place of an old British chieftain.

Tea, which was served in the Church Rooms, was enlivened by the presence of Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who is residing in this district for a time.

There was no business meeting, but Mr. E. H. Adams (Warwick) spoke feelingly of the loss the Exercise has sustained in the death of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and of his personal association with him. All the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to his memory.

Upon returning to the belfry, London Surprise was rung, followed by Stedman and the easier methods, some of those present scoring their first 'touch.' The members attending represented the following towers: Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Higham, Leamington, Lillington, Shilton, Warwick and Monk's Kirby.

D. E. L.

THE SYSTON TURKEY.

Now the turkey's put to rest,
None can stale he weren't the best.
What a cry of exultation
When we smelt him at the station!

Home for heroes, sight of beauty,
To see Jim stand and do his duty,
While John goes round with gleaming tankard.
Never had we better anchored.

Soon we six-and-twenty diners
Felt as big as ocean liners,
As we sat about the carcass,
Mansfield's Bell could scarcely park us.

Memories of that night will linger
In the mind of every ringer.
Should that turkey have some chicks,
Critics need not throw their bricks.

A FLAT.

And thereby hangs a tale—we suppose turkeys do have tails. It all arose from a long wait on a foggy night on a railway platform after the reopening of Syston bells. Guesses were hazarded as to which train would first depart—that for Leicester or that for Loughborough—and eventually the excitement grew so intense that in a rash moment someone 'backed his fancy' with a turkey supper. The bet was taken. The Loughborough train steamed in. The Leicester train was not in sight. The Loughborough train waited. The Leicester train arrived—and departed. And Loughborough had to pay for the supper.

HARWELL CHURCH BELLS.

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION FUND.

Proceeds of fete and concert, £45 8s. 6d.; per general appeal, £19 0s. 6d.; per Rev. J. C. Cohen, £7 13s.; per Mr. H. J. Balcombe, £3 12s. 11d.; per Misses Day, £2 17s.; per Mr. W. Hitchman, £2 5s.; per Mr. R. G. Rice, £3 13s.; Oxford Diocesan Guild Restoration Fund, £5 5s.; North Berkshire Branch, £5; North Bucks Branch, £2 2s.; Banbury Branch, £1; Abingdon ringers, 11s.; Childrey, Berks, ringers, 12s. 6d.; Shiplake, Oxon, ringers, 10s.; collecting boxes in village, £7 13s. 10d.; various donations in village, 18s.; proceeds of carols by church choir, £3 3s.; organ recital, £4 10s. 6d.; allocated by Church Council from offertories for 1930, £50; bank interest to December, 1930, 14s. 5d.; total to January 31st, 1931, £166 0s. 2d.

During the last three years the congregation has contributed £160 towards repairs to the fabric, and the installation of electric light throughout the church, so it can be realised that an appeal outside the parish (the first for a hundred years) is quite justified, as there are no wealthy people living in or owning land in this parish of 800 population. Any subscription, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the hon. secretary, R. G. Rice, Harwell, Didcot, Berkshire.

The present ring of six (tenor approximately 19 cwt.) at St. Matthew's Church, Harwell, is the oldest in England, and the bells have hung in the tower in the present frame since 1615. They are now quite unringable, and have been silent for 18 months.

The proposal is to tune and one-eighth turn the present six, add two trebles and rehang the whole in a new frame with new fittings. The cost will be about £500.

RINGERS 'TOO ALOOF'

A BODY NOT TO BE DESPISED.

Interesting speeches were made at the dinner held by the Oxford Society at the Greyhound Hotel, Oxford, on Saturday week. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Collett, the president. The Mayor of Oxford (Ald. W. Stobie) and Ald. C. H. Brown, who is a member of the society, were among those present, and the company included Miss M. Reynolds, Oxford's first resident lady ringer.

Mr. Collett, in welcoming the Mayor and Ald. Brown, said the society was glad of any recognition it could get.

'There is,' he said, 'a danger nowadays of the man in the street looking on bellringers with a supercilious and patronising air and a smile of contempt. The bellringer is the butt of the novelist and comedian as is the plumber and policeman. Unfortunately the people who make jokes about us don't know as much about us as they do about plumbers and policemen. Any contempt or derision we receive is due to ignorance. The authors of these jokes don't know what they're talking about, and we've got to show them. We're not a body of men to be despised at all, and if people knew what we had done they would have more respect for us. Ald. Brown is opening Carfax tower on certain days of the year to the public, and it would repay him and us if we were to organise parties of competent ringers to go to the tower on those days. We should be teaching the public something we want them to know and also helping Ald. Brown.'

'I wish every association in the city was as pleased with us as you appear to be,' replied the Mayor, to the toast of 'The Mayor and Corporation.' 'I hope your faith won't be disturbed during the next nine months I am still in office.'

Ald. Brown, who proposed the toast of 'The Society,' said that in his opinion the reason why they were not appreciated as they should be was largely their own fault. 'We keep ourselves too aloof,' he said.

'If the public knew more about us they would appreciate not only the privileges and opportunities of listening to the bells, but also, more and more, the very intricate work we have to put in to produce that beautiful ringing.'

'Oxford is the Mecca for ringers, inasmuch as there is no other city in the kingdom where there are more peals of bells, of different numbers, as there are here. Therefore we have exceptional facilities for introducing the general public to ringing that other towns and cities do not enjoy, and I think, seeing that Oxford is what it is, the public should know more about bellringing.'

'We are just beginning to make headway again after the chaos of the war,' said the secretary, Mr. V. J. F. Bennett, 'and we have the material to do some really good work. I hope that in a few years we shall have as good a ringing company as any in the country.'

EXETER RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

AN APPEAL FOR YOUNG MEN.

St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, together with friends, were entertained on February 16th to their annual supper at the Institute by the Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon-Owen). Among those present were the Revs. T. G. Blackwood-Price and R. R. Walker, Messrs. J. D. Hellier (senior churchwarden), C. Panter, and C. Yeo (ex-wardens).

Following the loyal toast, the Rector proposed 'Success to the ringers,' and spoke of the courtesy he had received from them during the seven years he had been Rector of St. Sidwell's.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. T. J. Stokes, treasurer of the Devonshire Guild, whose funeral accounted for the absence of some guests who were usually present.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd (Ringing Master) responded for the ringers. He mentioned that St. Sidwell's was the oldest society in the city, dating back to 1865. Difficulties had been met and overcome, and the ringers were never downhearted. During the last few years the society had lost several members by death, and he appealed to any young men willing to learn ringing to come forward. He thanked the Rector for his kindness in inviting the ringers to supper, and stated that, although the bells were under the control of the Rector, he gave the ringers an entirely free hand, for which they were very grateful.

Response for the visitors was made by the Rev. T. G. Blackwood-Price. The Rev. R. R. Walker and Messrs. J. D. Hellier and W. J. Richardson also spoke. The greater part of the evening was given up to songs, etc., to which the Rector, the Rev. R. R. Walker and Messrs. J. D. Hellier, C. Yeo and A. Hunt contributed. The ringers rang changes on handbells. Messrs. Dennis Reed and T. Tuckett assisted at the piano.

The Rector, on behalf of the ringers, handed to Mr. A. G. Betts, one of their members, a handsome barometer, suitably inscribed, with best wishes for health and happiness on his recent marriage.

A very enjoyable evening ended by Mr. Panter proposing, on behalf of all present, a vote of thanks to the Rector for his welcome, and expressing the hope that Mrs. Lanyon-Owen would be speedily restored to health. This was heartily endorsed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Canterbury on Saturday, February 14th, 51 members being present, representing Deal, Elham, Sturry, Dover, Herne, Faversham, Lyminge, St. Peter's Thanet, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Ashford, Headcorn, Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, Wingham, and the two local towers, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege.

A number of ringers attended evensong in the Cathedral, and subsequently all the members met at the Mercery Lane Dining Rooms for tea, which was provided by the association. Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, a vice-president of the association, presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Mitchell), the district secretary (Mr. Percy W. Smith), and the two district representatives (Mr. F. Brett and Mr. H. Smith).

At the business meeting the District Secretary read his report for 1930, and the balance sheet. The report showed that a very successful year had been experienced by the district, and pointed out that the members were in a large measure indebted to many of the clergy and church officials for their ready hospitality and encouragement. The report also showed that the Canterbury District had 22 towers in union with the association, with a total membership of 190.

The district officers were re-elected en bloc, with thanks for their services.

Meetings for 1931 were arranged as follows: Summer meeting at St. Peter's Thanet, autumn meeting at Wingham, annual meeting at Canterbury, and the next by-meeting at Whitstable.

Four new hon. members were accepted, viz., Rev. W. N. Westmore, Canterbury; Rev. J. P. Smith, St. Peter's Thanet; Mr. H. Jarvis and Mr. P. Duthoit, Littlebourne; and eleven practising members; while eight members of Whitstable were accepted as probationers.

Owing to St. Alphege bells being in the hands of the bell hangers, only two towers were available for ringing after the meeting, namely, the Cathedral and St. Stephen's. At St. Stephen's, ringing was delayed owing to the tenor being thrown out of its bearings while being raised, because of an obstruction that had been blown across the bell during the gales. However, three or four of the ringers, with the help of levers, etc., soon replaced the bell, and ringing continued undisturbed.

PROGRESS OF THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

About seventy members were present at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association at Penshurst on February 7th. The following bands were represented: Penshurst, Tonbridge, Leigh, Shipbourne, Cranbrook, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Seal Chart, Beckenham, Westerham and Edenbridge.

The meeting was preceded by a service in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. James Cropper) officiating, and later presiding over the tea and meeting held in the Village Hall.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Latter), in his annual report, expressed his pleasure that after an absence of two years the Marden band had rejoined. The district now had 20 towers in union, with 192 practising members, as against 168 last year. Forty-three new members were elected, and three non-resident life members. The seventh and tenor bells at Chiddingstone had been rehung with ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the 'go' of them was all that could be desired. There was a probability of the five bells at Leigh being increased by one.

Mr. Latter gave details of the various peals that had been rung during the year, and congratulated Lamberhurst upon their excellent ringing, with three members only 15 years of age in their band.

Receipts for the year totalled £26 2s., there being a balance in hand of £18 13s. 6d.

The report was adopted.

Mr. George Edwards reported on the activities of the Central Committee, to which he is a delegate.

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook), moving Mr. Latter's re-election, said there was no association with a better secretary (hear, hear).—Mr. F. Waters (Westerham) seconded, and this was carried with acclamation.

In response, Mr. Latter said it was his 36th year of office, but as long as they were satisfied he was.

Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell were re-elected as delegates to the Central Committee.

The following new members were elected: Miss Joan Baker (Sevenoaks), Mr. Frank Pannell (Edenbridge), Messrs. V. Maynard, S. Maddocks, J. Still and A. Moon (Speldhurst), Messrs. W. Matthews and W. Cosgrove (Westerham), Messrs. C. Vickery and F. Bailey (Seal Chart), Mr. A. Aylward (Chiddingstone), and the Misses D. and C. Orlebar (non-resident life members).

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Sevenoaks, Seal Chart, Chiddingstone and Tunbridge Wells (annual).

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne) invited them to come to his parish, where the jubilee was being celebrated on August 7th and 9th.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting there, probably on Saturday, August 15th.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association had an enjoyable meeting at Rettendon on Saturday last. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. was followed by a service conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Norman), who gave a most helpful address. Twenty-one members sat down to tea, served in the Parish Hall, and presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard).

The District Master presided at the business meeting, at which one non-resident life member and three ringing members were elected. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Great Totham on Saturday, April 25th.

Mr. C. H. Howard referred to the death of Mr. W. Hawkes, an old member, of Springfield, and spoke of the great help that he had given to the association in past years. He also referred to the loss of Mr. Head, of Writtle, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect to these two members.

Mr. N. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, who was present at the meeting, said that the last time he was at Rettendon was in 1884. Since then he has rung in 687 towers, 135 of which were in Essex.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist.—The Rector, in reply, said he was always glad to welcome the ringers to Rettendon.—Ringing afterwards continued until 9 p.m. in various methods.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD. STILL ADVANCING.

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore recently, when a service was held in church conducted by the Vicar, Rev. M. M. Vischer, president of the Guild, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Long, Vicar of Aldington. Mr. C. Coleman ably presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, about fifty being present. The Rev. M. M. Vischer presided, supported by Rev. G. S. Long, Mr. C. W. Everett (Guild Master), Mr. A. J. Battin (hon. secretary and treasurer), while among those present were the veteran of the Guild, Mr. C. Slingsby, who is 93½ years of age, and still ringing, and members from Hythe, Ashford, Benenden, Rolvenden, Egerton, Tenterden, Rye, Stone Eastwell, Kennington and Appledore.

The president took the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The hon. secretary gave a report of his attendance at the Central Council meeting as Guild representative, pointing out the value of affiliation, and emphasising the importance of sending only really experience ringers as representatives.

The report and balance sheet were next presented, and showed that the Guild was still advancing, not only in point of numbers and financially, but also in regard to its primary object, the advancement of change ringing. Fifteen peals were rung for the Guild against nine in 1929, and in those peals there were 16 first peal stars. The conductors were C. W. Player (4), K. Pattenden (4), E. Ruck (2), T. Sone (2), E. Buesden (2), H. Parkes (1). Membership has increased from 112 to 136, and the balance in hand from £6 8s. 5d. to £7 8s. 9d. The average attendance at the monthly meetings had increased from 18 in 1929 to 29 in 1930. In concluding his report, the secretary thanked the steeplekeepers and secretary for their assistance in arranging the meetings, and also the members for their support, which made a secretary feel his work was really appreciated. The report and balance sheet were passed unanimously, the chairman congratulating the hon. secretary on such a record, considering the heavy expenditure which had been incurred. The president was unanimously re-elected, as was also the Guild Master and hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. C. Slingsby (Aldington) and Mr. R. Burch (Hythe). Mr. P. Page was elected in place of Mr. H. Parkes, who has left the district. Benenden was chosen for the next meeting on February 21st.

A discussion then ensued on the resolution of the Central Council, viz., '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 abide by the rules and decisions thereof."' The unanimous opinion was expressed that it was useless to be affiliated to the Council and send a representative to the meetings and then not abide by their decisions.

The secretary was instructed to send to the Council an affirmative reply.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and the organist.

This concluded the business, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

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A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Penshurst on the motion of Mr. G. Edwards, seconded by Mr. F. White.

Thanks were also accorded Mr. W. Meade and Mr. George Edwards, the latter for making the necessary arrangements and for augmenting the tea fare.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at St. John's, Egham, there being an attendance of twenty-two. During the afternoon and evening, Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Service was conducted by Canon H. J. F. Tringham (Rural Dean), Mr. Geo. Copland, F.R.C.O., being at the organ. The preacher and organist both came from Longcross, as the Vicar of Egham was away. Tea was partaken of in the Church Room.

The business was presided over by Admiral Walker, who thanked Canon Tringham and the organist for their services.

The District Secretary unfortunately was unable to attend owing to indisposition.

The balance sheet showed subscriptions £4 4s. 6d., and a balance on the year of 5s. 3d. The membership showed a falling-off from the previous year of about ten.

The Ringing Master reported that things were rather slack among the members of the district. Although the average attendance at the meetings was 18, the members of the district present only averaged 6, but at the present meeting there were 14 present. He hoped that this was the turning point. He pointed out that a new Ringing Master of the district was to be elected, and he hoped they would all help him as much as they could. He also recommended ringers not to stay at their home towers so much, but get out to other towers and help themselves.

The district hon. secretary (Mr. H. Hancock) was re-elected, Mr. F. Hawthorne elected Ringing Master, Mrs. Beeson and Mr. H. J. Chaffey elected on the executive committee, and Rev. F. T. Robinson, of Chobham, as the hon. members' representative. With the exception of Mr. G. Grover as hon. secretary, all the retiring general officers were re-nominated.

The places for meeting chosen for 1931 were Thames Ditton, Horsell, East Molesey, Oatlands Park and Weybridge, with Chertsey for the annual meeting.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to Admiral Walker for taking the chair and to the Vicar for use of the bells and the Parish Room. The bells were lowered at eight o'clock, and brought to a close one of the best meetings of the Chertsey District for the year.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Leeds and District Society held a well-attended meeting at Pudsey, on Saturday, February 7th, when members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell and Rotherham.

The business meeting was held in the Park Hotel, immediately after tea. The president was unavoidably absent owing to illness, and Mr. T. Strangeway, vice-president, occupied the chair.

The date of the next meeting was February 28th, at Birstall.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey, and to the local company for the arrangements. Mr. Johnson said that he would specially like to couple the name of Mr. P. Cordingley with the vote of thanks.—Mr. G. Barraclough seconded.—Mr. W. H. Senior supported, and said he would like to place on record the assistance the members of the Pudsey company had given to the visitors that afternoon in helping them to ring higher methods.—Mr. Procter replied on behalf of the local company. The handbells were again well struck in various methods. The tower bells were rung during the day to the following methods: London, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

A YEAR'S GOOD WORK.

No fewer than 163 720's of Minor were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, during 1930. These extents included 21 Surprise methods, 12 Treble Bob methods, and 7 plain methods. Surprise methods: London 6, Cambridge 11, Ipswich 8, Beverley 3, Carlisle 3, Wells 4, York 5, Norwich 7, Chester 3, Canterbury 3, Annable's London 3, Southwell 4, Cuneacastle 3, Surfleet 3, Westminster 3, Durham 4, Norfolk 2, Bourne 3, Hull 2, Allendale 2, Northumberland 2; total 720's in Surprise methods 84. Treble Bob methods: Oxford 8, Kent 7, Woodbine 10, Duke of York 5, New London Pleasure 7, London Scholars' Pleasure 5, Kingston 4, College Bob IV. 2, College Exercise 4, Cambridge Delight 2, Braintree Delight 2, St. Albans Delight 2; total 720's in Treble Bob methods, 58. Plain methods: Plain Bob 5, Double Court 7, Double Oxford 2, St. Clement's 2, College Single 2, Double Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1; total 720's in plain methods, 21. Of these 720's, 124 were rung for Sunday services, and 39 on practice nights. Mr. Arthur Bradley, who is the leader at the tower, was the principal conductor, and the company is greatly indebted to him. For most of the year, St. Mary's could boast of only six ringers, and had it not been for the visits of Mr. J. Sitch, of Sheffield, the company would often have been short-handed. Their sincere thanks are, therefore, extended to him for his assistance. The other ringers taking part were Messrs. L. Camp, G. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington and E. Sitch.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 43rd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by 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) and Bishop Ryder's (8) 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.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — A meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Good bus service from Worcester.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Dudge, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, S. Shore, Blackpool (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Reports ready. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service. Turn up in good numbers.—P. C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Feb. 28th. Bells available (and at Great Finborough) at 2.30 p.m., Tea, 1s. each, at the Church House, 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome and a well attended meeting is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashwell.—On Saturday, Feb. 28th, a meeting will be held at Ashwell. This fine peal of six have just been rehung. Bells ready at 3 p.m. The Rector is very keen to encourage change ringing here, so please make an effort to attend and so help the local band.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy). — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Rings at the Pulhams available Saturday, Feb. 28th. Meeting 5 p.m.—Golden, Diss.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available: Stokes Poges 3 p.m., Slough 7 p.m. Tea can be obtained in Slough if required.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Feb. 28th, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea, by kind permission at the Bishop's College, 1s. each, at 5.15 p.m. Service in church after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available from about 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcomed.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; important business meeting re annual subscriptions.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 5th, at 8 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea at usual terms, and business meeting. All requiring tea must advise me by March 4th. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 112th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. at the Thatched Tavern. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby de la Zouch on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, 1, Avenue Rd., Ashby, by March 5th, at latest. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at this meeting. Now then, Stedman men, roll up and let's have a jolly good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Give me number for tea by Tuesday, March 3rd.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, March 7th. Members to make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please send numbers attending not later than March 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) ready 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.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells of Christ Church available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northern Cafe, Ellison Street. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, for same. It is hoped that ringers will rally at this meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-upon-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Further particulars later. Nominations for general officers to be sent to me in writing not later than March 1st.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets obtainable of W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Secretary, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Ringing will be arranged during the afternoon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, March 14th. Bells of both towers available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Important.—In view of the secretary's intending resignation, the post will be open at this meeting for nominations. A hearty welcome extended to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre St., Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Northgate Street) on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. The following towers open for ringing during the afternoon: St. Michael's (10), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4.50 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. All ringers, ladies and friends welcome. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable of W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Will those requiring tickets apply for them not later than March 9th?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingrave (Brentwood 3 miles) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, to all those who advise me by Wednesday, March 11th, of their intention of being present. Herongate buses, which pass the church, leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) every half hour. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824) **AND NORTH-SOUTH-WARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for March: Sunday, March 1st: 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Practices: Mondays, March 9th and March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand; Tuesday, March 17th, at 7.30, St. Mary, Lambeth. Members and others will be welcomed.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5. (Phone: Brixton 1885.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Church Room, South Street (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. The bells at All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available after the meeting. All those intending to be present at the tea must advise me not later than Wednesday, March 18th.—George W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 11th (p.v.) Will all branch secretaries and members of committee please note this date, and attend if possible? Particulars will be notified later.—R. T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on February 22nd, on the visit of the Archdeacon of Hampstead, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: J. Armstrong 1, D. Pink 2, G. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, J. E. Miller 5, W. Pickworth 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, February 22nd, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. W. Dickinson 1, W. J. Ellis 2, F. G. Symonds 3, E. A. Hull 4, H. Ellis 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, H. W. Strickland 8. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Fensom on the 21st anniversary of their wedding.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for matins, on Sunday, February 22nd, 720 of Kent Minor: M. Ginn 1, G. Whybrow 2, H. Robinson 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, R. Smith 6.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, at St. Barnabas' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, R. Pye 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, S. Piper 7, J. Dyer (conductor) 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Colechester.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Walklate 1, B. H. Swinson 2, T. Blow 3, W. Allen 4, J. G. Blow 5, C. Jeffs 6, H. Hollick 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Superlative rung in the city by a local band.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Miss B. Stewart 1, Miss N. Denyer 2, Miss E. Southby 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, A. Cox 5, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 6, P. L. Eldridge 7, R. A. Eldridge 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master T. Denyer, a young member of the tower.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, on Sunday, February 1st, for evensong, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, W. Williams 2, W. H. Hewett 3, E. F. Pike 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, C. W. Grimwood 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. F. Deal 8.

LEICESTER.—On January 25th, for evening service at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Tanser 1, T. Bent 2, S. A. Johnson 3, G. S. Morris 4, W. Tanser 5, L. Johnson 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, S. Harrison 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 18th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major in 47 mins.: T. F. King 1, Miss I. Hastie 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. Arranged for Miss I. Hastie, of Leatherhead.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 7
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 8
HARRY PASMORE ... 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 9
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... 11
PERCY E. CLARK ... 6	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, who was unfortunately unable to stand in owing to illness.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Six Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 10,025 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

RICHARD HAYES ... Treble	RAYMOND OVERY ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 7
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 9
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

A. J. Bartlett's 100th peal. Longest peal by the Guild and by all the band, and rung by resident members. This composition has every twelve courses in the tittum and handstroke position alternately, the odd 25 changes being rung for a special object.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 6
JACK CARMAN ... 2	ALBERT L. GALE ... 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3	HENRY PRING ... 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

* First peal. A birthday compliment for Miss E. Flood, an esteemed friend of one of the ringers. This composition contains 299 bobs and six singles, and is now rung for the first time.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 3	GEORGE COOK ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... 9
ERNEST E. S. TURNER ... 5	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR PEARSON Treble	JEREMIAH BLOORE 5
*ALFRED KERMETH 2	*JOHN BREWSTER... .. 6
THOMAS BEARDS 3	EDWARD BOWYER 7
ARTHUR RODEN 4	*CYRIL GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by E. Bowyer.

* First peal, and made members of the society previous to the attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Major Theodore Addenbrooke, who was choir-master at the Parish Church for a number of years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

The late Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
CHARLES W. DENYER... .. 2	*JOHN GILL 6
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Dobbie.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*REGINALD H. ALLSWORTH Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5
FREDERICK SHARPE 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
FREDERICK NEALE 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	*JOHN H. GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

BASIL REDWELL Treble	OLAVE BROYD 5
BERNARD H. PRITTI 2	JOSEPH JENNINGS 6
ALBERT WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 4	ERNEST TOWNSEND Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERIC SHANE Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
ALFRED KING 2	FREDERICK HUNT 6
BERT WILSON 3	THOMAS KENDALL 7
ARTHUR SMITH 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH

First peal in the method by all except tenor ringer. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the county of Bedford by an entirely local band of Sunday service ringers.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, February 2nd, at Brookside Cottage, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 35 mins.: John H. Baileys (conductor) 1-2, C. Henry Webb 3-4, Frank Baileys 5-6. First quarter-peal on handbells for ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BOREHAM Treble	JOHN A. WAUGH 5
*F. DONALD BOREHAM 2	†JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
†GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method. † 1,300th peal. ‡ 50th peal and a 20th birthday compliment.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 2	HENRY HOVERD 6
OSCAR GILBEY 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal on the eight.

IVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a life member previous to the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
*P. S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with an 'inside' bell.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ARMOUR Treble	THOMAS STEPHENSON 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells, and the birthday of the ringers of the fifth and tenor on February 23rd. Mr. Anderson is from Newcastle Cathedral.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. Symonds 1, W. Andrews 2, M. T. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 7, F. A. Turner 8. Birthday compliment to F. A. Turner. First quarter in the method by W. Jarvis and W. Andrews.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

WILFRED HENAGULPH ... Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
FRANK BECKETT 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE HORWOOD 3	RICHARD POST 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Spliced Major by the Oxford Society and by all the band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEONARD E. PITSTOW.
First peal as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Suffolk Guild. Rung at the first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 6720 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*RAYMOND WOOD ... Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JOHN COOK 6
THOMAS ADAMS 3	*ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. Longest length by all except the ringers of the 5th and tenor. Rung on the 42nd anniversary of the record length (13,440) of the method in the same tower, in which peal also the ringer of the 5th took part.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. DYKE ... Treble	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	†FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
*JACK TAYLOR 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells since their restoration. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding on February 26th of Viscount Gage and the Hon. Imogen Grenfell (younger daughter of Lord Desborough).

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on January 18th, in 43 mins.: F. Waldron 1, Sid Pickering 2, J. Glew 3, C. Davies (Melbourne) 4, W. Poyser 5, H. Fletcher 6, W. Lancaster (conductor) 7, A. Sherwood 8.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... Treble	JOSEPH DIXON 5
*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 2	†CHARLES A. LYONS 6
†CECIL H. HOLMES 3	*CHARLES H. BAKER 7
*ERNEST COOPER 4	HARRY MORGAN ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
WILLIAM STORY 2	FREDERICK SHERATON ... 6
ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... 3	†ADAM DEAS 7
†JOHN ANDERSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † Fiftieth peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Asa Holmes.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
*JOHN A. WAUGH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This composition, which contains the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 5-6, with all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, also titlums and 'Whittington's,' is now rung for the first time.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM SUTTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
HARRY OVERTON 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	WILLIAM EDGE 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. D. LANGFORD.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth, pioneer of change ringing in the South Shropshire district.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM GRIMSHAW Treble	THOMAS ISHERWOOD 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT 2	WM. ASHWORTH 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	WM. MITCHELL 7
STANLEY PICKUP 4	JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble. Rung on the seventeenth anniversary of the first peal in the method on the bells.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 5
HARRY BAKER 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
*THOMAS E. SONE 4	HARRY DOBELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* 125th peal. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge. Mr. A. Relfe was prevented from taking part owing to illness, Mr. Dobell kindly filling the gap at the last minute.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK E. MITCHELL Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	HAROLD N. PIRSTOW 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	*RONALD H. DOVE 7
H. BERNARD WELLS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Mr. F. G. Biggs' 100th peal on these bells, also R. H. Biggs' 105th peal on the bells, and his first peal of Superlative since 1911.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2	ARTHUR R. MILES 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
BERNARD COLLISON 4	ALEC RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, and also to the infant son of the conductor.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor: H. Perkins (conductor) 1, Miss Elsie Pettitt 2, B. W. Pettitt 3, A. Ballard 4, A. Maxim 5, P. Johnson 6.

DENHOLME, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*FRANK CARTER Treble	HARRY ATKINSON 5
*FRED DALBY 2	WILLIE PROCTOR 6
†JOHN WINDLE 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
JOHN THORPE 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
JOHN P. TARTON 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 368). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Monday, February 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.	Tenor 10 cwt.
EDWARD JAINE Treble	THOMAS G. COOKE, JUN. 4
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	RICHARD COOKE 5
HEDLEY B. VALE 3	THOMAS COOK, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. COOKE.

First peal 'inside' for 2nd and 3rd ringers. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Brockelhurst, a member of the band.

STAMFORD BARON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents each of Plain Bob and Court Bob, and three of Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb.

FRED LIPSCOMBE Treble	WALTER WALDRON 4
JOHN R. NICHOLS 2	JAMES BLUFF 5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and first peal in three methods by all. First peal on the bells for over thirty years. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the Lincoln Guild before starting.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

II. BERNARD WELLS Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 4
*FRANK B. JEAL 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
HARRY K. HOOPER 3	†ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor. † 200th peal. Rung as a welcome to the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Dunn).

LITTLEHAM-CUM-EXMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for service by the Littleham and Withycombe-Raleigh ringers: O. Gatter 1, H. Hillman 2, J. M. Skinner 3, J. West 4, F. Dimond 5, E. Sprague 6, J. R. Hayman (conductor) 7, E. Piper 8.

CAXTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, February 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ROBERT SMITH Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4
HARRY ROBINSON 2	CHARLES ROBINSON 5
MANSFIELD GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of London Singles, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER FERN Treble	JAMES ELLIOTT 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	JOSH J. PARTRIDGE 4
SIDNEY COSBY Tenor	

Conducted by JOSH J. PARTRIDGE.

Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the tenor ringer.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

* WILLIAM HART Treble	HENRY FAULKNER 4
MISS FRANCES HART 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 5
ERNEST MARSH 3	RONALD RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association before starting. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. R. Russell has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. CATTERWELL, SWAN STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

LONDON.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE HANDBELL WORKSHOP AT THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT ... 5-5
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: H. LANGDON.

The band appreciates the kindness of Mrs. Hughes in placing her beautiful bells at their disposal, also of Mr. Langdon for umpiring the peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. LEWIS WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

OLAVE E. BROYD 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
LEWIS WISEMAN 5-6	

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

EDINBURGH SOCIETY'S BIG GATHERING.

St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh, held their annual dinner in the Caledonian Station Hotel on Tuesday evening, February 17th, when about 100 ladies and gentlemen were present. It was regrettable that, owing to indisposition, Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, O.B.E., the vice-president of the society, was unable to be present. This is the first occasion on which Mr. Ellis has been absent from the function since its inception 29 years ago.

During the evening five members of the society delighted the company with a short touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells, conducted by Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote.

All the arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. C. G. Jenkins, the hon. secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, February 14th. Proceedings commenced at 3 p.m., when excellent touches in various methods were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, St. Giles', and St. Laurence's, until 6 p.m. A ringers' service was then held at St. Laurence's Church, conducted by the Rev. J. N. Raper, who gave an appropriate address. Mr. S. Lodge, one of the ringers, gave his services at the organ. Seventy-three members from the branch towers, including visitors from Englefield, Newbury, Bushey, Crouch End, Wealdstone, Thatcham, Iwer, and Goring, assembled for the and the business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street. 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 G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Guild), Rev. St. George Edwards, Rev. E. G. Beckwith, Mr. W. S. Pearson, and Mr. F. W. Hopgood (hon. branch secretary and treasurer).

The chairman having welcomed the visitors, the secretary's report, which showed that the branch had once more had a successful year, was read. Mention was made of three members the branch had lost during the year by death. The quarterly meetings had been held at Tilehurst, Mortimer and Checkendon.

The officers were all re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. L. Joyce; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, with his assistant Miss M. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. A. Wiggins and E. G. Foster; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby and H. Tucker, and all were thanked for their services.

The quarterly meetings for 1931 were arranged for Shiplake, Nettlebed and Mortimer. Satisfactory tower reports were heard from most of the branch towers.

The Master then spoke some encouraging words upon the healthy state of the branch, after which a vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the chairman, to the Vicar and organist of St. Laurence's for the beautiful service which had been held.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting held at Alton was not very largely attended, but this was probably to be accounted for by the general prevalence of influenza and also by the fact that the Guildford District's postponed meeting was being held on the same date. The chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres) presided, and the company of twenty-four included Mr. George Williams (Master), the Vicars of Alton and Binsted, Mr. Wilfrid Andrews (Winchester), Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke), Mr. and Mrs. R. Hasted (Farnham) and other ringers from Blackmoor, Farnborough, Privett and Ropley.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of those already serving, viz.: Chairman, Rev. F. G. Eyres (Blackmoor); hon. secretary, Rev. B. C. Taylor (Binsted); hon. auditor, Rev. T. N. R. Griffin (Alton); representative on Central Committee, Mr. W. Read (Blackmoor).

The hon. secretary's report for last year showed that the membership of the district is: Hon. members 6, full members 21, unattached 1; but there are good prospects of these numbers being increased in the near future.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division of the Herts County Association at Berkhamsted was attended by more than twenty ringers from Apsley, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Tring, King's Langley, Chertsey, Ellesborough, Linslade. Various methods were rung in Minor, Triples and Major. The Vicar (Rev. F. Stainsby) conducted the service, and in his address, which was based on the text, 'He endureth to the end,' he mentioned that one of the oldest of the local ringers was Mr. F. Norris, who for 53 years had rung Sunday after Sunday, until illness kept him away.

The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and presided at the business meeting which followed, when six new members were elected, including two ladies from Berkhamsted.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Puppelt), on behalf of all present, thanked the Vicar for all he had done in helping to make the meeting such a success.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, when, in spite of the wintry weather, there was an excellent attendance, members being present from Cambridge, Cherryhinton, Dry Drayton, Exning, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Stapleford, Stetchworth and Trumpington.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., the methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major.

A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessey), who gave a very helpful address. Mr. Austin presided at the organ, and Mr. Finch read the lesson. The Rector very kindly invited the company to tea at the Six Bells Inn, and presided over the business meeting which followed.

Mr. P. Amos, of Wellingborough, was elected a non-resident life member of the association, and Mr. Brookes, of Fulbourn, was re-elected.

It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Stetchworth on March 28th. The committee have arranged the quarterly meetings as follows: Soham, May 23rd; Bourn, September 12th; Longstanton or Over, December 5th.

Mr. A. E. Austin kindly consented to accept the office of District Ringing Master.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his hospitality.

WOOLWICH RINGERS' SUPPER.

At the annual supper of the ringers of the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, at which numerous guests were entertained, and the Rector (Canon Pickering) was the chairman, Mr. Cyril Palmer (hon. secretary) spoke encouragingly of the work of the band during the past year. The training of beginners, he said, was of special importance. It was fallacious to imagine that as long as the band was at full strength all was well. A constant supply of new material was needed to fill gaps caused by retirement and illness. The present members were united not only by a strong bond of loyalty to their band but by active churchmanship.

On behalf of the ringers, Mr. Sales welcomed the visitors and ladies, and replies were made by Mr. Falconer and Mrs. Gribben.

After supper the guests were entertained with an amusing sketch, 'The Love Potion,' performed by members of the 2nd Woolwich (St. Mary's) Company of Rangers. Songs by Miss Winifred M. Crussell and piano music by Miss B. Elliot and Mr. R. Sales ended a pleasant evening.

A SPADE WORKER.

The death occurred on Wednesday, February 18th, of Mr. G. Packer, of Minchinhampton, who passed away at the age of 67 years. Although not figuring extensively in peal ringing, the deceased was known to have done much spade work in the district, and 25 years ago formed the nucleus of the present band at Minchinhampton, the bells having then been silent for a long period. Mr. Packer was an enthusiastic member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and relished nothing more than a ringing meeting and a push bike for transport. His fellow-ringers acted as funeral bearers, four of whom rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells over the grave. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung by the local band on the tower bells. Further ringing took place, but owing to a large company being present nothing more definite was attempted. Among many who attended was Mr. A. Wright, secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Association.

RINGING INSTRUCTOR IN AMERICA.

On Sunday evening, at the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, members of the local Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Martin 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, S. Penfold 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

This was rung as a farewell to Mr. I. J. Attwater, who is leaving for America to take up an appointment as ringing instructor.

On the conclusion of the ringing, the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Stevens, asked Mr. Attwater to accept a case of pipes as a parting gift from the members, and, in wishing him a safe voyage and success in his new sphere, spoke of the valuable assistance he (Mr. Attwater) had given to the members in their efforts to master the art of change ringing.

DONCASTER RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On February 26th Mr. George Halksworth, the Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, and vice-president of the Doncaster and District Society, celebrated his retirement from work and his 65th birthday by giving his loyal band at St. George's Church, Doncaster, a sumptuous supper at 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster. The company were entertained by Mrs. and Miss Dora Halksworth at the piano, the party, after an enjoyable evening, breaking up at midnight. Mr. Halksworth has been a ringer at Doncaster Parish Church, 35 years.

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Attention is called to the reduced prices advertised by Mr. T. E. Russell for the bell inkstands. An interesting departure is made in the 5in. size, which can now be obtained adapted for holding fifty cigarettes.

Mr. Harry Withers upheld his record on Saturday by attending his 34th consecutive Johnson dinner at Birmingham. Mr. A. Paddon Smith, whose 'first in any method' coincided with that of Mr. Withers, has missed only one (when business took him to India), whilst Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was present on Saturday for the 25th time. There is evidently nothing in a Johnson dinner to interfere with a man's constitution.

This year's event was, as usual, spread over two days, and 'Nelson' winked his blind eye upon a very hospitable gathering on Sunday.

We understand there is no foundation for the rumour that a search party went out from Birmingham on Sunday morning to look for the travellers who set off in the snowstorm at 12.30 a.m. to drive to Surfleet, Lincs.

They are a hardy race, these Lincolnshire folk, but even they took Coles with them as a precaution on such a night.

It is suggested by a humorist that the best way out of the present impasse over the publication of the Minor Methods Collection is that it should be issued without a cover!

A hundred and forty years ago to-morrow a peal of '5,040 Double Bob Royal 10-in' was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, conducted by William Doubleday Crofts. There were two men on the ninth and two on the tenor.

On March 8th, 1737—only a little more than twenty years after the first recorded peal—the Norwich men rang a peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters at St. Peter Mancroft, a performance that occupied 8 hrs. 15 mins.

Exactly 130 years ago next Tuesday, a peal of 7,001 Grandsire Caters was rung at Kingston-on-Thames, a peal of 5,040 having been rung on the same bells by the same band a month before.

The Bedfordshire Association was founded on March 13th, 1882, so that next year will be the jubilee.

ALDERMAN J. S. PRITCHETT.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of King Edward's School, Birmingham, on February 17th, Alderman J. S. Pritchett was unanimously elected bailiff.

Alderman Pritchett entered the school in 1864 at the age of nine. In 1870 he was first in all England of the juniors in the Oxford Local Examination, a fellow pupil, Sir W. Napier Shaw, a former head of the Meteorological Office, being first of the seniors in the same examination, thus constituting a notable record for the school.

Mr. Pritchett went up to Balliol College, Oxford, as exhibitioner in 1873, and four years later obtained a first-class in the final Mathematical School, graduating B.A. in 1877, M.A. in 1880, and taking the Bachelor of Civil Law degree in 1887. He was called to the Bar in 1881, appointed Recorder of Lincoln in 1920, and Hon. Legal Adviser to the Library Association last year. His duties as bailiff commence at the end of March.

Alderman Pritchett, who is Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques for his 76th birthday a week or two ago.

HIGH WYCOMBE BELLS TO BE OVERHAULED.

At the annual meeting of the members of the High Wycombe belfry, the Vicar presiding, the officers for the year were re-elected, viz.: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. George White; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitchen. One new member was elected.

The president alluded to the work that was being carried out with reference to the overhauling of the bells; the eleventh and tenor had been put in good order, with new bearings, etc., and the scheme for overhauling the whole of the bells had been accepted by the churchwardens.

The annual outing was fixed for May 25th.

The Secretary reported that 1,431 attendances had been put in for Sunday, special and practice ringing. The methods rung for services were: Stedman Cinques 38, Grandsire Cinques 1, Bob Royal 15, Kent Royal 2, Stedman Caters 30, Grandsire Caters 2, Bob Major 8, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 3. The above included two quarter-peals of Bob Royal and three of Stedman Cinques. The conducting of the service touches was shared by Messrs. F. Hayes (45), G. W. Wilkins (23), G. Twitchen (17), G. White (10), R. Coles (4), and E. R. Coles (4).

The treasurer presented a detailed balance sheet of the accounts; these were considered and unanimously accepted.

At the conclusion of the business the ringers were hospitably entertained to supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Float. The meal was heartily enjoyed, as also were the 'yarns' told between the various courses. Mr. G. White voiced the gratitude of the members to the Rev. W. L. Float and his mother for their kindness; Mr. J. W. Wilkin supported, and the vote of thanks was enthusiastically accorded.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

NOTABLE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

Saturday's gathering at Birmingham for the 43rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner was a notable one. Not only was there an attendance of over 150 representative ringers, but for the first time the proceedings were honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham. The 'clans' gathered during the afternoon at the various belfries of the city, the headquarters of St. Martin's Guild being, of course, the chief centre of attraction. Most of the visitors took the opportunity of ringing on this fine peal of twelve, and some took their 'hors d'œuvre' at the Cathedral, where ringing at the back end is a real 'man's' job.

Dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, where excellent arrangements for the comfort of the guests had been made by Mr. Thos. H. Reeves, the genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, presided, and he was supported by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Saunders), Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. (Presiding Ringing Master), Mrs. Guy Rogers, the Lord Mayor (Alderman W. W. Saunders, who wore his chain of office), Mrs. Pritchett, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president) and Mrs. Smith, Mr. W. R. Heaton, of Solihull, who was one of the first two churchwardens to ring a peal together during their term of office. Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. H. Mason (Hagley), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Messrs. Cusworth and Robinson (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Messrs. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake (ex-churchwardens), and Dr. Mitchell. The officers of the Guild present, who are not already mentioned, were Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, T. Russam and J. E. Groves (vice-presidents), J. Preston and E. T. Allaway (auditors), G. F. Swann (librarian). Mr. Joseph Johnson (son of Henry Johnson) and his wife were there, and among visitors from a distance were Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. J. Burford (representing Bristol United Guilds), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Coles, Messrs. S. F. Palmer and J. Holman (Sheffield), A. C. Fearnley and G. Horner (York), J. Austin (Gloucester), P. C. Williams, F. Skidmore, Burt, W. Knight and W. Thomas (Bristol), T. King (Bath), C. Harrison (Loughborough), S. R. Roper (Croydon), G. R. Newton and C. I. Davies (Liverpool), H. W. Wilde (Eccleston, Cheshire), E. W. Elwell (Capenhurst, Cheshire), T. J. Saller (Kidderminster), A. J. Hughes and E. Jenkins (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. T. Ladd (Spalding), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Ipswich), Mr. and Mrs. Perrins, Mr. and Mrs. Pervin and Mr. W. Hibbert (Coventry), Mr. Jefferies (Worcester), Mr. G. Hollifield, sen., and Mr. G. Hollifield, jun. (Appleton), and ringers from many towers within a large radius of the city. An excellent meal was enjoyed, after which the loyal toast was honoured.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' Mr. Harry Mason said the Rector of Birmingham was lucky to have such an enthusiastic band of ringers as that at St. Martin's. It was always a pleasure to come in contact with them. The Church, he continued, had to meet many vicissitudes, but the Church was a great heritage of which they were all proud, and it was their duty as churchmen to serve and help it in every way they could (applause). There were difficulties, too, in front of the State, and they could only hope that they would be successfully surmounted. Their earnest prayer was that Church and State in this country might long be united (applause).

RECTOR'S TRIBUTE TO HIS RINGERS.

The Chairman, who responded, said there were different views on the relation of Church and State. There was one view which represented the unity of the Church and State as of so close a nature that they might be regarded as the reverse and obverse sides of a penny—one side the Church and the other side the State—one the 'head' and the other the 'tail,' but he would not suggest which was which (laughter). Another view was that the relationship was a kind of working partnership, where they might have two horses drawing one carriage. If necessary, they could take one horse out, and the other could still carry on. There was a third view, where the Church regarded itself as entirely separate, carrying on its own spiritual life and activities, and, although it might be friendly with the State, preserving its independence. The Church of England, in his opinion, stood for the second view, the working partnership, and he thought this view could be sustained just as long as they succeeded, not in making the Church political, but in helping to make the State religious (hear, hear). Continuing, the Chairman said he was tremendously proud to be Rector of a church where the belfry was filled by members of that magnificent Guild, and he was highly honoured to be one of their vice-presidents. The Church owed a great debt to the bellringers of St. Martin's, and he would like to take that opportunity of expressing his gratitude to them, not only

for the regular performance of their duties, but also for the ready response which they were always prepared to make for any special occasion on which their services were desired. He had known men give up their dinner hour in order to sustain the reputation of St. Martin's and add that extra dignity to the service which bellringing provided. He congratulated Mr. Walker upon the splendid spirit which was to be found among the members of the Guild (applause). Whenever he visited the ringing chamber he always felt that spirit of fellowship which counted so much in any church or association for success. He appreciated the welcome he always got, and if all through the country there could be found the same happy relationship between bellringers and Rectors that there was at St. Martin's, the Church of England would be able to discharge its duties and perform its services to the nation better even than it did (applause). The success of the Church depended upon the relationship between all the institutions that contributed to its activities, and if all could work in harmony they need have no fear of Church life dying out, and they need fear no attack upon the institutions of the Church if they could present throughout the country just that united service and work that he was proud to think was really characteristic of the church which he represented (applause). If they could present that all over the country they would find the Church enshrined in the love and affection of the people. The Chairman went on to say that they received from all parts of the country testimony to the beauty of the ringing of the bells of St. Martin's when they were broadcast. The ringing of the bells for these services touched the hearts of the people, just as did the preacher's word, and in that respect it was a contribution to the religious life of the nation (applause). The speaker added that that was a very special occasion for them that night, for they had with them the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Birmingham (applause). The Lady Mayoress had told him that that was the most friendly and the most homely public dinner and the one she had most enjoyed since she became Lady Mayoress (applause). He desired to express the great appreciation of everyone present that the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress had honoured them by coming among them, and it was typical of the unity of Church and State that they found the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and the Rector of Birmingham united at that great gathering (applause).

A NOBLE CITIZEN.

To Mr. John Jaggard, of Oldbury, was entrusted the toast of 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' whom he described as one of the noblest citizens that Birmingham ever had. His name would last as long as bellringing existed. He was a true and devout churchman, a faithful and loyal citizen. He was a 'champion' among ringers of his day. Mr. Jaggard referred to the origin of the Johnson dinners, which really began with the gathering at the Dog and Partridge after a peal in honour of Johnson's 73rd birthday. One of the inscriptions on the bells, he said, was this: 'Ye ringers all who prize your health and happiness, be sober, merry, wise, and you'll have the same possess.' All good ringers, he added, were sober ringers—soberminded, sober in speech and sober in habit. They had only to look round that room to see how merry they could be, and they could tell that they were wise ringers because many of them had brought their wives with them (laughter and applause). Mr. Jaggard concluded with an amusing story of one of Johnson's experiences while calling a peal at Willenhall on August 10th, 1888, when a chorus of small boys on the belfry steps interpolated bobs and were eventually chased by a 'bobby.'

The toast was drunk in silence, and the chairman then asked those who knew Henry Johnson to stand up. They totalled 14, and all, of course, have reached the 'sere and yellow leaf,' though most of them appeared still to be young in spirit.

A well-high perfect course of Stedman Cinques was next rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Pervin, F. Perrins, A. Walker, G. F. Swann, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris.

PRESIDING RINGING MASTER'S REVIEW.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett performed his customary task of reviewing the work of the Guild when proposing the toast to its continued prosperity. That evening they had, he said, a record gathering in many respects. They did not, perhaps, exceed in numbers those of former banquets, but in its representative character and the quality of those present he thought it was the finest meeting they had. He missed scarcely anyone whom he would have expected to be there, except Mr. James George, who was passing through an illness. There was one subject of congratulation for the Guild. During the year that had passed—and he did not think he had ever been able to say this before—death had not deprived them of any of their comrades, unless, perhaps, the term 'comrade' applied to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was a life member of the Guild. He was indeed a comrade of every ringer throughout the country, and in common with ringers all over the world they sincerely deplored his death. He

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HODNET BELLS RESTORED.

RUDHALL'S RING RETURNED.

On Saturday last the rededication of the peal of six bells at Hodnet, Shropshire, took place, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Stafford.

The service commenced at 3 p.m., and in spite of the snowstorm which raged during the afternoon, the large church was well filled. The Bishop gave an inspiring and instructive address, and spoke on the message sent out by the fine-tuned bells in many towers all over the country.

Immediately after the hymn, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty' (which was written by the late Bishop Heber when he lived at Hodnet Rectory), the Bishop rededicated the bells and dedicated the new chiming apparatus, and a picked band of ringers then rang a short touch of Grandsire Doubles and lowered the bells in peal. At the conclusion of the service the hymn, 'Abide with me,' was played on the chiming apparatus by Mr. J. P. Fidler (who represented Messrs. Taylor and Co.), and as the congregation were leaving the church the same band of ringers raised the bells in peal and rang a 240 of Grandsire Doubles.

Afterwards the Bishop and Rector visited the ringing chamber and were photographed with the ringers.

The tower was then thrown open to all visitors, and the bells were kept going merrily till 5.30, when tea was partaken of in the Lyon Memorial Hall, there being 36 ringers present from most of the change-ringing towers in the district, some of the places represented being Coalbrookdale, Market Drayton, Shrewsbury, Malins Lee, Moreton Corbet, Stanton, Whitchurch and the local band. After tea, a



HODNET PARISH CHURCH.

well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the Coalbrookdale men. The ringers then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going till nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and call changes for the local men, several of whom rang the tenor to their first six-score of Doubles.

The bells at Hodnet were cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1769, but had been unringable for some years. They have now been tuned and rehung in a cast-iron frame for eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The bells have been much improved by the tuning; they are much softer in tone, and are now a really mellow old six, and give the impression outside the tower of being a heavier peal than they really are.

Hodnet now possesses one of the best peals of six in the county. The 'go' is perfection, and on Saturday nothing but praise was heard on all sides. A new set of guides has been put in, as the bells are rung from the ground floor, and a chiming apparatus (the gift of Mr. A. H. Heber Percy) has also been installed. The following are the inscriptions and weights of the bells:—

Treble.—Peace and good neighbourhood. T. R., 1769. (Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.)

2nd.—Fear God, Honour the King. T. R., 1769. (Weight 6 cwt. 4 lb.)

3rd.—Prosperity to this Parish. T. R., 1769. (Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.)

4th.—Thos. Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder, 1769. (Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.)

5th.—Mr. Rowland Dicken, Richd. Wood, Chwardens. T. R., 1769. (Weight 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.)

Tenor.—I to the church the living call and to the grave do summon all. T. R., 1769. (Weight 12 cwt. 24 lb.)

DEATH OF AN EXETER RINGER.

By the death of Mr. T. John Stokes, of the St. Thomas' band, Exeter, which occurred on Wednesday, Feb. 11th, at the age of 52, after a short but painful illness, Exeter ringers have lost a popular and much respected friend. He was a staunch churchman, having been connected with St. Thomas' Church practically all his life, first as a chorister, then a bellringer, and, later, a sidesman. As a ringer he joined the Devonshire Guild in 1895, and held the office of secretary and treasurer of St. Thomas' band for over thirty years. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild from 1926 to 1928. At the annual meeting last year he was elected general treasurer of the Guild.

Mr. Stokes loved his ringing, was regular in his attendance at practice, as he always was on Sundays, both morning and evening. He was ever ready to help to instruct and impart the method of ringing to any beginner. He was at one time one of a cycle party that used to go on ringing expeditions, sometimes miles away from home, and would often be away over the week-end, such was his delight in ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung only seven peals, viz., one of Stedman and six of Grandsire Triples, but in taking part he was always a safe and reliable performer. His loss will be a great setback to St. Thomas' band.

The interment took place at Exwick Cemetery, the first part of the service being held at St. Thomas' Church. The obsequies were attended by a large number of friends and parishioners, and ringers were present from St. Thomas', St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree and Clyst St. George. The Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Guild, assisted in the service, and among the large number of beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Devon Guild of Ringers and St. Thomas' band. The bells of St. Thomas' were rung muffled after the interment, and again in the evening by St. Thomas' band and other members of the Guild.

JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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was a great ringer, a great authority on ringing, a most kindly and benevolent man. It was a great privilege to be acquainted with him, as he (the speaker) was for two years at Oxford, when they were students at that great University. Continuing, Ald. Pritchett said that during the year the Guild had rung 19 peals, including nine peals of Stedman Cinques and two of Cambridge Maximus. There had taken part in these 19 peals 66 ringers, and there had been seven conductors. The ringers of Birmingham extended their influence, and had given their help in neighbouring churches, and there were healthy bands in surrounding places such as King's Norton, Erdington and elsewhere, all of whom looked upon St. Martin's Church as their headquarters. During the year several young ringers of bright promise had come forward. It was, perhaps, invidious to mention names, but there were three which came into his mind; they were the brothers G. and H. Fearn and Mr. E. Cole, while another who proved his mettle in a remarkable way was Mr. Sibley, of Coventry, who, at the first attempt, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, and they cordially congratulated him upon that excellent performance. St. Martin's Guild had always prospered; it had gone on step by step ringing peals in new methods, and enlisting new members, and he hoped it would continue to do so. The spirit that animated the Guild was one of continued progress, and the future was certain to be one of continued prosperity. He expressed his personal thanks to the members of the Guild who took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques for his 76th birthday (applause). He was deeply grateful to them, and he was grateful that he was able to take part in peal ringing at his age (applause). He had close to him Mr. Kendall, ex-churchwarden of St. Martin's, who had never rung a peal or even rung a bell, and he (the speaker) could not understand why the Rector should appoint a man who could not ring a bell (laughter). On the previous Friday Mr. Kendall celebrated his 82nd birthday (applause). Had he been a ringer, like himself, he might now have been ninety (laughter). St. Martin's Guild, proceeded Ald. Pritchett, could not have prospered as it had done but for the zealous and faithful services of its officers, chief of whom was Mr. Reeves, their hon. secretary (applause). They were not insensible of their great indebtedness to his predecessor, Mr. Paddon Smith (applause), and the best tribute he could pay to Mr. Reeves was that he was very ably following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor (applause).

Mr. Reeves, who was cordially received, responded to the toast. He said the Guild, as the Presiding Master had just observed, had prospered, and they prospered because they had such a wonderful band of officers. All the officers were present that night except Mr. George, and they knew that he would have been present if he had not been confined to bed. When he saw that large company so happy and comfortable it was full compensation for the labour involved in arranging the dinner. When he saw how much they enjoyed it, he felt it was worth it all (applause). The wonderful team spirit which they got in the Guild made them a very happy band, and while it existed the Guild would continue to prosper and continue to be the force it was in the ringing world (applause).

Further toasts were honoured, and the reports of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

'THE HISTORY AND ART OF RINGING'**COMPLETION OF A GREAT WORK.**

The story of the birth and development of the art of change ringing has been chronicled by many writers, from Fabian Stedman, who in his 'Tintinnalogia' in 1668 put it on record that 'within these fifty or sixty years last past changes were not known,' down to Snowden, who concentrated on individual methods, and others who are still with us. The history, however, has been, in a sense, fragmentary. Here the story of early peals of Grandsire; there the biography of some famous ringer; elsewhere a review of the development of composition in Stedman, and so on, covering most of the known ground. Now, however, for the first time the art of ringing has got a comprehensive history between the covers of one book: 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall. The historian is Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and well known throughout the Exercise.

A glance at the volume, which covers nearly 700 pages, shows that Mr. Morris has accomplished a stupendous task. Those who know him know the enthusiasm and keenness with which, for many years, he has collected information about bells and bellringing, and now, from a great mass of material accumulated by his own painstaking efforts and supplemented by information placed at his disposal by other collectors, he has given the public at large, and the Exercise in particular, a history which deals with practically every phase of campanology, from a brief outline of the origin and development of bells themselves down to Spliced Surprise ringing. The range of his subjects is complete. He deals not only with the history of the art itself, but devotes much space to the ancient ringing societies, to famous ringers and composers of the past and present, and many other subjects which will interest and enlighten ringers and public alike. Mr. Morris has sifted his material with an accomplished hand and discerning eye, and offers it to his readers in an attractive form. The volume is crammed full of information and interest; it will not only be read with pleasure, but will become a book of reference.

**MR. ERNEST MORRIS.**

By the same publishers as 'Bells Through the Ages,' the volume has been splendidly produced by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, and the addition of over 120 illustrations on art paper adds materially to its value. There are many photographs of celebrated ringers and groups, and the utility of the book is enhanced by a full index of names, places and subjects to facilitate ready reference. The volume is published at 25s. net.

THE AUTHOR.

Mr. Ernest Morris is not new to work of this kind. He is the author of 'History of St. Margaret's, Leicester,' and has completely revised the 'Church Bells of Leicester.' In this connection he has obtained the history and inscription of every bell in the county. This work is at present only in manuscript. Mr. Morris also assisted in transcribing St. Margaret's parish registers from the year 1604. In addition to being general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, a member of twenty-five other ringing guilds and associations, and Master of St. Margaret's, Leicester, he is a member of Leicestershire Archaeological Society.

By a coincidence, Mr. Morris has just rung his 600th peal, and in this performance he has created a record by having rung 503 for the Midland Counties Association in more methods and places than any other member. He has rung peals in 116 towers in Leicestershire alone on all numbers of bells from 5 to 12—a record unequalled by any one ringer in any single county. Many of his peals have been rung on handbells, and he called the only 'Ernest' peal ever rung.

ERNEST MORRIS' 600 PEALS.

Doubles:	Rung.	Conducted.
1 to 6 methods	67	65 (a)
Minor:		
1 to 7 methods	61	56 (b)
Cambridge Surprise	3	1
Spliced Minor and Doubles	1	1
Triples:		
Grandsire	64	45
Stedman	48 (c)	4

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 28th, the members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their quarterly meeting at Powyke by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Champion. The following towers were represented: Claines, Crowle, Droitwich (St. Peter's), Grimley, Hallow, Madresfield, Malvern Link, Powyke, Ripple, Suckley, Upton-on-Severn, Worcester (Cathedral, All Saints' and St. John's), and Wychbold, with visitors from Bromsgrove and Bredonbury. About forty members attended the service, at which the Vicar gave an excellent address. Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Coventry Arms Hotel, kindly provided by the Vicar and friends.

This was immediately followed by the business meeting, at which several items were discussed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar and those who helped to make the meeting a success.

Afterwards the ringers returned to the tower, where several touches of Minor, including London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Double Bob were successfully brought round.

A LECTURE ON BELLS.

On Monday evening, February 16th, a lecture on 'English bells, ancient and modern,' illustrated by lantern slides, was given in the Church House, Totnes, Devonshire, by Mr. F. Murray Roberts, to the Totnes Branch of the Church of England Men's Society, and by special invitation the Totnes Parish Church ringers attended. The lecturer kept those present keenly interested, and showed an extensive knowledge of church bells.

The Vicar moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts, which was carried with acclamation.

The slides were kindly lent by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and proved a most interesting set, showing some old and some modern bells, also carillons and ringing peals in various stages of construction.

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Major:		
Plain Bob	41	31 (d)
Little Bob	3	3 (e)
Spliced Plain and Little	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	2	2
Little Canterbury	1	1
Spliced Canterbury and Plain	1	1
Double Norwich	31	9
Spliced Double Norwich and Plain	1	1
Forward	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	20	10 (f)
Oxford Treble Bob	2	1
'Ilkeston' Spliced Treble Bob	6	3 (g)
'Worcester' Spliced Treble Bob	2 (h)	1
'Liversedge' Spliced Treble Bob	1	1
'Granta' Spliced Treble Bob	1	1
Spliced in six methods	1	1
Spliced Major and Triples	2	2
Duffield	1	—
Superlative Surprise	31	6
Real Superlative Surprise	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	36 (i)	7
New Cambridge Surprise	2	—
Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise	1	1
Bristol Surprise	19	—
Yorkshire Surprise	1	—
London Surprise	20	1
Caters:		
Grandsire	14	8
Stedman	39	7
Spliced Grandsire and Stedman	1	1
Royal:		
Plain Bob	4	3
Kent Treble Bob	8	4
Spliced Treble Bob	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	21	3
New Cambridge Surprise	1	—
Leicester Surprise	2	—
Pudsey Surprise	1	—
Goldsborough Surprise	1	—
York Surprise	1	—
Melton Surprise	1	—
Cinques:		
Grandsire	3	2
Stedman	21	1
Maximus:		
Kent Treble Bob	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	7	—
Total	600	288

(a) 6,600 M.C.A. record; (b) 7,200 and 10,080 M.C.A. records; (c) includes heaviest and lightest handbells ever rung; (d) 7,488 Northants record, and 13,440 M.C.A. record; (e) 6,720 record; (f) 10,912 M.C.A. record; (g) 9,120 record; (h) 9,600 record; (i) 7,008 and 12,896 records. Rung in 185 towers, in 24 counties, for 22 associations.

SUSSEX PEALS IN SURREY TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I ought to reply to the letter and your leading article upon the above subject. Both the letter and the article are, of course, the opinion of two separate persons, and doubtless there are many who agree with them and many who do not. I am one of those persons who do not. The matter has been discussed many times between myself and the secretary of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, and the only argument that I can find advanced is the fact that certain sums of money may be lost to the association in new membership fees if peals are rung by outside associations. I fail to see how I can slight the hospitality of the Surrey Association, as they have no control of the towers, and they, like myself, enjoy the hospitality of the local bands and incumbent when they visit these towers for meetings, etc. I regret, however, that there should be any ill-feeling in this matter, as I have many ringing friends in the Southern District. I do not think there is very much ill-feeling, as I have invitations to visit three towers in Surrey immediately after Lent.

Now a few words as to the peal and the composition of the band. The peal was one of Bristol Surprise, incidentally the first in the method on the bells, and the band were all Sussex residents and active members of the Sussex County Association. Would it not have been ridiculous to have published this as a Surrey Association peal? It would have been something like the Arsenal team turning out as Aston Villa. Therefore, my decision to publish this peal as a Sussex peal.

The peal 'tax' has no bearing upon the matter. I do object to this tax, as being a tax on progress, and consequently for a period of nine months I refused to ring peals in Surrey towers. I have, however, since rung Surrey peals with the assistance of the district secretary and other officials with the plain understanding that I should not pay this tax.

Finally, upon this subject, let me say that in ringing a Sussex peal in Surrey, I am only in line with the Surrey Association themselves. Within recent years peals have been rung by this association at Warnham, Rasper and Crawley in Sussex, and at Epsom, Woking and Ramore in the Guildford territory.

If your correspondent had confined himself to the question of the peal, all would have been well, as it is a matter of interest, and gives food for thought. He, however, launches a personal attack upon myself, which I do not intend to leave unanswered.

First, with regard to meetings attended by myself, although as a Sussex man I am under no obligation to attend Surrey meetings, during the past twelve months I have attended meetings at Mersham, Horley and Oxted. Mr. B. H. Wells should remember all these.

Originally a member of the Mersham band, a difference of opinion apparently found Mr. Wells outside, and he became 'a bird of passage,' getting his ringing where he could. As such he found his way to Crawley, and his help for service ringing and practice was appreciated, particularly as, upon occasion, Sunday ringers were scarce owing to duties in gardens, etc. Appreciating his services, I gave him every opportunity for peal ringing that I could, and brought him along from a Bob Major ringer to Surprise. During this period he took part in no less than 54 peals, all arranged and conducted by myself. His penchant, however, for finding fault asserted itself, and relations between himself and my band became somewhat strained. Finally, and to cut a long story short, he objected to a system of practices which I had to adopt, and threatened to cause trouble in the tower. I had, therefore, no other alternative but to request him not to continue his visits.—Yours faithfully,

Crawley.

OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Saturday, February 21st. Service was conducted by the Rev. T. E. Williams, curate, in the absence of the Rector of Pulborough. Tea at the Chequers Inn was attended by 29 members and friends.

The business meeting followed, with Canon Edward C. Corfe presiding, supported by the Rev. T. E. Williams and Churchwarden Deudney. Only one new member was elected, viz., John Ashstead, of Heene.

Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected as hon. district secretary, Messrs. G. Norriss, W. Charman and T. Adams representatives on the general committee, whilst Messrs. E. Lindup, J. Burdfield and C. Greenfield were appointed as the Committee of Advice.

The following towers were selected for quarterly meetings: Rudgwick, Arundel, Washington and Heene. Votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Corfe for presiding, and to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, also to Mr. P. Doick for making the local arrangements.

Ringers were present from the following towers: St. Peter's, Brighton, Shoreham, Horsham, Billingshurst, Uchingfield, Heene, Rudgwick, Warnham, Sleyning, Chichester, Kirdford, Slinfold, Fittleworth and members of the local band.

Some very good practice in the standard methods was obtained during the afternoon and evening.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The writer on Variation and Transposition, I notice, is still trying to make your readers believe that the places, or moves, at the cross-sections are the only ones that count in the construction of methods.

I know it is quite useless to try to convince him, but I think I can prove to your readers that there is another and a truer way of explaining the construction of any method, be it Plain, Treble Bob, or Surprise, and they will be able, if they care to take the trouble, to prove the truth of my statement that every place, or move, counts.

Following is a Treble Bob Method, and except that there are no moves at the cross-sections, of the moves used four are found in Norfolk Surprise, and six in Superlative Surprise, and these are also used in many other methods as well.

As a Treble Bob Method it is remarkably good in the coursing order of the bells in front and behind, and there are only two false course-ends, tenors together—32465 and 43265.

The lead-heads resulting from the individual moves and the transpositions are given at the side.

Method.

12345678

21436587

12346578

21435687

24153867

42518376

24158367

42513876

45231786

54327168

53421786

35247168

32574818

23756481

32765418

25674581

32765481

23674518

32674581

23465718

24356178

42531687

45236178

54321687

53412867

35148276

53418267

35142876

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Lead-heads of separate moves.

(1) 12346578

(2) 12845673

(3) 14365872

(4) 14372658

(5) 13527486

(6) 12463578

(7) 12843657

(8) 18345672

(9) 12375648

(10) 13527486

Transpositions.

12346578

12846573

14856372

15874382

18456723 Back row reversed.

18574623

18375642

12375648

12345678

13527486 Lead-head

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Owing to the very severe snowstorm which fell in that part of the world on Saturday, the younger members of the Leeds and District Society had the field to themselves at the periodical meeting. The average age of those present was well under 35. Members travelled to Birstall from Armley, Burley, Batley, Holbeck, Liversedge, Lindley and Drighlington. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the way in which the learners handled the bells, and the attention paid to the striking, which speaks volumes for the tutors at Burley and Holbeck, and augurs well for the future ringing at these newly restarted towers. Methods rung during the meeting were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, and Superlative.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Birstall for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. L. W. Morris and seconded by Mr. T. Strangway.—Mr. Herbert Peel replied on behalf of the local ringers.

Four new members were elected.

The secretary would like all members to note that the next meeting is the nomination meeting, and will be held at Armley. All nominations must be sent in before the last Saturday in this month.

CHURCH CLOCKS.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitechurch, Salop, are making a new striking clock for Bressingham Church, Norfolk, and also adding the Westminster chimes to the clock at St. John's Church, Worcester. They have also in hand a four-dial striking clock for St. Stephen's College, Auckland, New Zealand.

In addition to fixing a new chiming clock at Ludlow Parish Church they are thoroughly overhauling and repairing the carillon machine.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Benenden on February 21st, and was attended by about thirty members from Ashford, Egerton, Kennington, Tenterden, Rolvenden, Aldington, Lamberhurst, Hawkhurst, Stone, Frittenden, and the local band. The ringing included Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and rounds for the learners. At the Guild service the address was given by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey). Mr. C. Coleman ably presided at the organ. Tea, very generously supplied by the Rector (who also presided at the business meeting which followed), was served in the Assembly Rooms.

Eastwell was chosen for the next meeting on March 21st, and Hawkhurst for the meeting on April 18th.

Seven new members were elected.

The Guild Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality, for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service. This having been carried, the Rector replied, and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild to Benenden. Touches of Grandsire were rung on the handbells, and some returned to the tower for further ringing until 8.30, when the meeting was brought to a close.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION OF NORTHERN AND EASTERN BRANCHES.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 21st. There were over twenty members present from Yarmouth, Norwich, Loddon, Beccles and adjoining villages, and the musical ring of eight bells were kept busy in touches of the standard methods.

At the business meeting held in the belfry during the afternoon the ringers were welcomed by the curate, who presided in place of the Rector, who was unable to be present.

Mr. W. Lee intimated that he wished to resign the secretaryship of the branch, and after some discussion it was decided to recommend to the association annual meeting on Easter Monday that the branch be amalgamated with the Northern Branch owing to the small number of ringers and towers in the Eastern District.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for permission to hold the meeting at Lowestoft, and to the curate for coming to preside, and for his welcome.

ANOTHER TOWER FOR M.C.A.

A most successful meeting at the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Old Whittington on Saturday, February 21st. These bells have recently been made into five.

After tea, the Rector, who was voted to the chair, welcomed the members. He said that if they had not quite so many bells as in some towers, they had something other villages had not—the Old Revolution House. He hoped it would be possible to raise funds for another bell shortly.

Old Whittington possesses a promising young band, able to ring all kinds of five-bell methods. These have all promised to join the Midland Counties Association.

Members were present from Blackwell, Chesterfield, Norton, North Wingfield, Sheffield and Staveley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Vale of White Horse Deanery Branch held a meeting at Buckland on Saturday, February 14th. Ringing in various methods was carried on during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. L. Newhouse).

Tea was provided at the Lamb Inn, and here a party of thirty gathered around the tables, the following towers being represented: Buckland, Faringdon, Hinton Waldrist, and Shillingford. Visitors were present from Aldbourne, Burford, Stanton Harcourt, Swindon Parish Church and Swindon St. Mark's Church.

A short business meeting followed the tea, the chair being taken by the Rev. A. J. De Denne. Two new ringing members were elected (Mr. M. Felling and Mr. H. Timmes) from Faringdon tower.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Faringdon on the 2nd Saturday in May.

Ringings, which was continued during the evening, included Grandsire Doubles, Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, with round ringing for beginners.

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 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *The Coffee Pot, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea at usual terms, and business meeting. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby de la Zouch on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at this meeting. Now then, Stedman men, roll up and let's have a jolly good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells of Christ Church available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northern Cafe, Ellison Street. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, for same. It is hoped that ringers will rally at this meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhurst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield to-morrow (Saturday), March 7th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, March 14th. Bells of both towers available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Important.—In view of the secretary's intending resignation, the post will be open at this meeting for nominations. A hearty welcome extended to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre St., Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Northgate Street) on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. The following towers open for ringing during the afternoon: St. Michael's (10), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4.50 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. All ringers, ladies and friends welcome. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable of W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Will those requiring tickets apply for them not later than March 9th?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingrave (Brentwood 3 miles) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, to all those who advise me by Wednesday, March 11th, of their intention of being present. Herongate buses, which pass the church, leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) every half hour. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Usual tea arrangements will be made. This tower is worthy of a visit.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 11th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 10th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open for ringing 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, March 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. All heartily invited. Please notify Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 6.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helen's, by Wednesday, March 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready early. Tea, 6d. each, for those who notify Mr. C. D. Potter, High Street, Royston not later than Wednesday, 11th. All members earnestly invited to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at Church Hall, Ashdown Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawks Road, Kingston, if you intend to be present at tea. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Church Room, South Street (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. The bells at All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available after the meeting. All those intending to be present at the tea must advise me not later than Wednesday, March 18th.—George W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth, Reddish, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Vicar of Ordsall. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. J. C. Taylor, 51, Laverack Street, Handsworth, Sheffield, by Wednesday, March 18th, for same. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea. Further particulars will be sent to towers by circular, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at Shere. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by March 14th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, March 21st. The peal of 8 (tenor 14½ cwt.) at Holy Trinity Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea, at a charge of 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. C. Ellison, 28, Russell Avenue, Queensbury, near Bradford, not later than Tuesday, March 17th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available, and at Woodbridge, from 2 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Luncheon and business meeting to follow. Full particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham (through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sears), on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting in the Parish Hall. Dinner and tea arrangements will be announced in these columns in due course. Prestbury Church bells (8) available 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Leckhampton Church bells (8) before and after service and meeting, Charlton King's Church bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Members having propositions relating to the rules should give notice not later than Monday, March 9th. Nominations for the various offices are requested.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 11th (p.v.) Will all branch secretaries and members of committee please note this date, and attend if possible? Particulars will be notified later.—R. T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, January 25th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. E. Ticehurst 1, W. Falconer 2, T. Dnick 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. The above was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Blake (aged 70 years), who has been a Sunday service ringer at the above Cathedral for 39 years.

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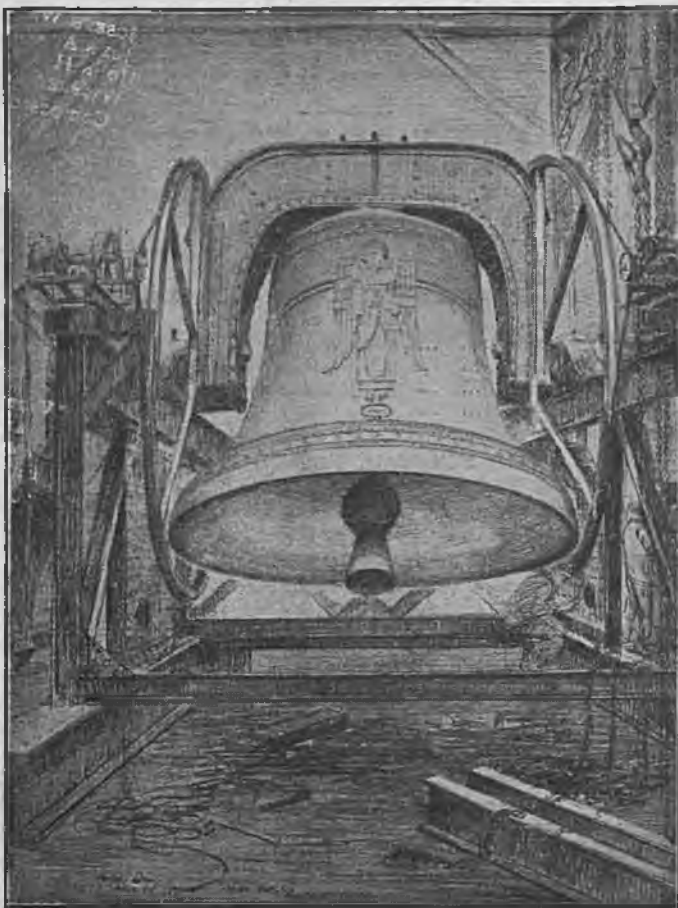
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The thoughts of ringers will soon be turning again to the Central Council, whose meeting, to be held at Liverpool next Whitsuntide, is less than three months ahead. It is at about this time of the year that those who are interested in the Council's proceedings begin to talk about the matters that may come up for discussion. There are likely to be several questions of general interest to the Exercise on the agenda, and, unless some solution of the present impasse over the publication of the Collection of Minor Methods can be found, there is promise of a lively debate on the question of principle which the Council may desire to settle once and for all. It is unfortunate that the Methods Committee and the Hon. Secretary have for so long been separated by a distance of some thousands of miles, for it has prevented them coming to close grips over their differences of opinion. It is, as far as we are aware, the first time in the history of the Council that there has been any breach of this kind, and it is a pity that it should have happened just at the period when the Hon. Secretary should be out of the country, seeking well earned rest and change after relinquishing his professional work. Meantime, the new edition of the 'Collection,' for which the Exercise has long been waiting, is still held up.

Speaking at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, the President of the Council, with an inner knowledge, testified to the good work which the Council has done for the Exercise, and said the quality of the Council depended upon the quality of the representatives sent by the associations. We might add to this that the associations could increase the usefulness of the Council by providing them with subjects for discussion. One thing that will be watched with the greatest interest at the next meeting is the attitude to be adopted towards the suggested readjustment of the constitution of the Council itself. Discussion on this matter has been dominant since the last meeting of the Council, but the Standing Committee are expected to report upon the subject. Whether, however, they will favour the changes put forward in the columns of 'The Ringing World' about 18 months ago remains to be seen, but these or something upon the same lines will, we believe, be necessary, before the reaffiliation of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is likely to take place. Most of the associations have shown themselves ready to adopt the recommendation of the Council that they shall insert in their rules a clause that they will abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, and, that being so, the Council ought to ensure, by its constitution, that the associations should have a more

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direct voice in its affairs. At present they have none. Having elected the members and paid the fee, their interest in the Council—as far as the rules imply—is at an end. It ought, at least, to be possible for an association officially to send a recommendation to the Council; and the associations have the right to be informed officially of the decisions taken by the Council. This is an important issue which the associations at their forthcoming annual meetings would do well to consider, for it is probable that the question will come up for decision at the next meeting, and, unless representatives know something of the feeling of their members, there is a risk of another twelve months' delay while that opinion is being obtained.

TEN BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 6004 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT 6
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 7
WILLIAM STORY 3	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9
JOHN FOREMAN 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Sir Charles A. Parsons, O.M., who was interred at Kirkwhelpington, Northumberland, the same day. This composition is in the inverted titums, and contains a 6-8 at hand in every course, and a 9-7-5 at hand in every alternate course.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARPLES ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JACK CHARNOCK 2	JAMES HARRISON 6
MISS MAY CLAYTON 3	ARTHUR HARTLEY 7
THOMAS CALDERBANK 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377.) Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN A. GODFREY ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL 5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2	HENRY TOOME 6
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	WALTER R. FARROW 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

KELSE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING Treble	ALFRED KERBLE 5
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LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY

* First peal in the method.

FRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS', Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BERR Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
FREDERICK A. COLEY 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6
JOHN J. LANG 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

F. A. Coley has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH Treble	JOSEPH ASHMOLE 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 6
*REGINALD W. WORRALL 3	JOHN WORTH 7
JOHN S. ROYLE 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. Rung on the 29th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sadler, of Winsford. Mr. Sadler is the leader of St. Chad's ringers.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT TAYLOR Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
FRED HINDLE 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT 4	FRED RIGBY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JOSEPH SAXTON 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	LESLIE W. BACON 6
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
*BENJAMIN A. COOPER 4	JESSE J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen 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.

*G. FREDERICK NEWMAN ... Treble	W. HAROLD JONES 5
RICHARD J. WARRLOW 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
THOMAS PERRY 3	JOHN PERRY 7
A. EDWARD WINTERSON 4	CHARLES J. BASTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal and first attempt. Arranged and rung for St. Chad's Day.

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MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. A. CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF J. W. WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM HEWITT Treble	FRANK SKIDMORE 5
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 4	THOMAS JAMES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jefferies on the occasion of their silver wedding, also in honour of Mr. Jefferies' 50th birthday. Mr. F. G. Leaker rang on the occasion of Mr. Jefferies' wedding. Mr. Jefferies kindly entertained the band after the peal.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PERCY GREEN Treble	HARRY WARNE 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	*HARRY BRADLEY 6
BERNARD W. PETTIT 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
EDWARD KEMP 4	WALTER H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. HENRY WRIGHT Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	T. KELHAM DEACON 6
A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
CECIL E. CARR 4	ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except conductor.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR Treble	FRED WALKER 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	ERNEST GARSIDE 6
FRANK WELHAM 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
JOHN CLAYTON 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by RALPH TAYLOR.

All are service ringers at the above church except the 7th and the tenor ringers, who come from Ashton-under-Lyne.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, ASHBURTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM H. HOWE 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN 2	*STANLEY H. A. WARD, R.N. ... 6
FRED WREFOED 3	HERBERT J. HOLE 7
AUBERY L. BENNETT 4	ALFRED L. POPE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have lately been increased to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being excellent.

NORTHFIELD.—At the Parish Church on February 23rd, 1908 Double Norwich Major: P. O. Laffin 1, *H. J. Turner 2, H. H. Fearn 3, J. Withers, jun., 4, C. Webb 5, *G. E. Fearn 6, A. Chambers 7, J. Withers 8. * First 1,008 in the method.

WEST MALLING.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HARRY BAKER Treble	WILLIAM DURHAM 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	JOHN J. BASSETT 6
*MRS. H. BAKER 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 7
JAMES BASSETT 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 150th peal. This composition (No. 336) is now rung for the first time.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	CRCIL W. PIPE 5
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT Tenor

Composed by THOS. DAY. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
Thanks are due to the ringer of the treble, who made up the band at short notice, owing to the illness of Mr. Charles Abliitt.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM BEARD Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
WALTER T. BENNETT 2	JOHN W. DAVIES 6
JOHN J. WEBB 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
GEORGE WILKS 4	WILLIAM BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Jones, a respected friend and supporter of the Ruardean ringers; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Davies, of Lydney, and the conductor.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN R. BREARLEY Treble	FRED HODGSON 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	ALBERT NASH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS CONSTANCE HOVERD ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BRER 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	RICHARD A. JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLBY 5
*ROBERT COLLINS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, March 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*WALTER GIBBINS Treble	*STANLEY A. HOLMAN 5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
*STANLEY G. FULLER 3	FRANK S. CLARKE 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC G. BENNETT.

* First peal of Major, and the conductor's first in that capacity.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER GAPPER ... Treble	*CHARLES CREW 4
*JACK COOPER 2	†ERNEST MORGAN 5
LESLIE BARRY 3	*ALBERT BALL Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.
All are Sunday service ringers, except the conductor.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALAN WEBSTER Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
HAROLD T. BARHAM 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
STANLEY A. HOLMAN 3	CHARLES F. GOODMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. GOODMAN.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the re-opening of the bells.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent

Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob.

MRS. C. MCGUINNESS ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON 4
MRS. LAURA L. EAST 2	HAROLD WALKER 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

First peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods for ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

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SANDRIDGE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and threes of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD V. FROAT Treble	*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 4
*THOMAS A. BLOW 3	JOHN MALYAN 5
THOMAS J. HULL 2	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal in three methods.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CESAR DAVIS Treble	GEORGE HAWKINS 4
†EDWARD H. STRADLING ... 2	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 3	GEORGE POPNELL Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' The ringer of the treble, who hails from Blagdon, Somerset, was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rackham for the tea which they provided after the peal. Illness unfortunately prevented Mr. Rackham from taking part in the peal.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK TYSOE Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
PERCY BONNETT 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 3	SYDNEY FOSKETT Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

SIDNEY WYBURN Treble	ALFRED BRYANT 4
MAURICE R. PARKER 2	ISAAC FARMER 5
ALBERT J. CHUBB 3	HENRY J. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by I. FARMER.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Parker, who is leaving the district.

DEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAMUEL A. BAMFORD, R.M. Treble	*WILLIAM A. TERRY 4
JAMES ARTHUR 2	*FREDERICK A. RYE 5
BERTRAM LUCK 3	CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal and first attempt.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR HATCH Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ARTHUR W. DILLEY Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	HERBERT SHEARMAN 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	ERNEST FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. FREEMAN.

* First peal in five methods. Rung for the 65th birthday of Mr. H. L. Harlow.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores and ten 240's of Pilman's arrangement. Tenor 18 cwt.

*LESLIE POLLEN Treble	†ERIC J. F. HANKS 4
JOHN NOBES 2	†GEORGE ALLAM 5
T. FRANCIS HANKS 3	†JOHN R. GERRING Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*CESAR DAVIS Treble	*EDWARD AVERY 4
ERNEST TOSSELL 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
JEFFERY TOSSELL 3	SIDNEY ROWE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BLACKER.

First peal on the bells and first attempt. * First peal in two methods. The band wish to thank the incumbent for the use of the bells, also Mr. S. Storks for having everything in readiness.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor size 15 in C.

*P.C. WILLIAM PYE 1-2	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... 5-6
*P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 3-4	*P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.

* First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal rung by members of the police force. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. R. Williams, of Manchester, on his recent promotion to the rank of superintendent. He is a member of the committee of the National Police Guild.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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 A. F. BAILEY.

* 50th handbell peal. † 50th peal together.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Downing (first quarter-peal) 3, F. Springham 2, Harold Wacey 3, H. M. White 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 138.)

We have seen that you can take Double Norwich and turn it into a Treble Bob Method and then get from it many hundreds of Surprise Methods. The same thing is true of every method on the Plain Principle. Indeed, with comparatively few exceptions every Treble Bob Method is based on a Plain Method. I do not propose to go into this in any detail, but I will give one instance which will show the relationship between a group of Surprise Methods, some of which have been rung and some of which have been claimed as the property of different composers.

A.	B.
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
	12345678
	21436587
	24135678
	42315768
24135678	24135678 (a)
42315768	42315768
	24351786
24351786	24351786
23457168	23457168
	32547618
	23457168
	32547618
32547618	32547618
23457168	23457168

A is Coslany Court Major (Central Council Collection, No. 21).

B is the same turned into a Treble Bob Method (false) by repeating certain rows.

This is the basis of a large and important group of Surprise Methods.

First notice that there are three alternative positions to which you can move the fifth's place (which I have marked (a)) and still get the same result. They are:—

C.	D.	E.
12345678	12345678	12345678
21435768	21436587	21436587
12347586	12345678	12345678
21435768	21435768	21436587
24137586	24137586	24135678
42315768	42315768	42315768
24137586	24137586	24137586
42315768	42315768	42315768

Similarly there are four alternative positions for fourth's place below the treble, and the combinations of these with the others will give sixteen leads (still false) on which to base methods.

Now take B, and see (as we did with Double Norwich) what additional shunts can be put in to remove the repetition of rows. We will not go into this in detail, but we can see at a glance that there are at least two above the treble. They are:—

1.	5678	5678
	6587	6587
	6857	5678
	8675	6587
	6857	5678
	6587	6587
2.	5678	5678
	6587	6587
	6578	5678
	5687	6587
	6578	5678
	6587	6587

Below the treble there are three similar ones, viz:—

3.	4.	5.	
3254	3254	3254	3254
5342	3245	2354	2345
5342	2354	3245	of 3254
3524	3245	2364	2345
3254	3254	3254	3254

The combinations of these will give us ten Surprise Methods, and, if we add second's and seventh's when the treble is leading and lying behind, we have ten more. They are all good methods. Speaking from memory, all twenty have clear proof scales with the tenors together. (I am sure that those which have shunts 3 and 5 have.)

Among these twenty are Bristol, Dublin and Premier.

There are other additional shunts which can be used in lead B, and I have before me ninety-three methods produced from that lead alone.

Take the other fifteen leads and treat them similarly, and you will get many more good methods. For instance, if you add additional shunt 1 to lead C and No. 3 below the treble you get:—

Rochester Surprise.

12345678
21435768
12347586
21437586

24138765
42317856
24137586
42315768

24351786
42537168
45231786
54327168

45237618
42536781
24357618
23456781

32547681

And from this several other good methods at once suggest themselves. For instance:—

Rochester above treble, Premier below.

Rochester above treble, Dublin below.

Dublin above treble, Rochester below.

Premier above treble, Rochester below.

In these methods, when Dublin is used, second's (or seventh's) must be added.

From the few words I have written above anybody can write out several scores of good Surprise Methods. Every one of them will be a variation of Coslany Court in the same way that Norfolk is a variation of Double Norwich.

I suppose that, if the question were asked, everyone would say that Bristol, at any rate, is an original method. And yet we see it is not. Happily, in its case no dispute as to authorship will arise, since Mr. Bankes James was also the first to publish Coslany. I do not think, however, he knew the connection between the two.

ANOTHER HERTFORDSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

On Saturday, February 28th, a very successful meeting of the Herts County Association took place at Ashwell, being the first held there since the restoration of the tower and the bells. The tower, which has for some years been in a pitiful state of repair, has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of about £2,000, and the fine peal of bells rehung by Messrs. White, of Appleton.

About forty-five members attended the meeting and represented eighteen towers. The local band opened the meeting with a course of 'Churchyard Bob,' which was followed by method ringing by the visitors. Practically all the standard methods were rung, including York, Cambridge and London Surprise.

The Rector (the Rev. H. A. Griffiths) conducted a short service from the service papers of the association. He also gave a short but very interesting address, the subject being 'Ashwell bells—their dates, inscriptions and founders.' The treble, 3rd, 4th and 6th were cast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1791, 1817, 1789 and 1787 respectively. Remarks in 'The Ringing World' some time ago of 'a man ringing a bell for twelve hours on end' were referred to. This feat was performed by an Ashwell man ringing the 4th bell on March 16th, 1811, and he was the grandfather of one of the oldest members of the local band.

At 5 p.m. the company were entertained to tea by the Rector.

After tea a short business meeting followed, the Rector of Ashwell, Rev. H. A. Griffiths, in the chair.

During the course of the meeting the Rector was unanimously elected an hon. member of the association. Replying to the applause, the Rector said he felt too old to take up change ringing himself, but he was very keen for the present young band at Ashwell to master the art.

After the meeting, handbells were brought into action, and some amused themselves in this way, while others returned to the tower.

It was the general opinion of the meeting that the bell founders were to be congratulated on their work, and that with a keen and interested Rector, plenty of young blood and a beautiful peal, Ashwell will soon be producing some useful members of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers.

D. C. M.

SUFFOLK VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Worlingworth, Suffolk, on Friday, February 27th, touches of Oxford and Bob Triples were rung in honour of Mr. D. Collins' 83rd birthday. Mr. Collins was the conductor, and the other ringers were B. C. Ellis, H. Hall, J. Hall, W. G. Crickmer, E. Curtis, D. Cracknell and J. Fairhead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Willesborough on Saturday, February 28th, which was the anniversary of the opening of the bells. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, with Bob Doubles and Rounds for beginners. Service was conducted by Rev. L. W. Mudge, the address being given by the Rector (Rev. W. H. Symonds). Tea, partaken of in the Old Schoolrooms, to which forty members and friends sat down, was kindly provided by the local band. The Rector presided, and at the business meeting the secretary and Mr. E. Ruck gave the members a resume of the committee meeting in November.

A record number of new members (22) were elected, including three ladies.

The meeting in May will be held at Hythe.

Ringers attended from Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Canterbury, Eastwell, Hythe, Headcorn, Kennington, Sturry, Tenterden and Wye and the local band. Ringing was continued in the evening.

BROMLEY BELL RESTORATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As this restoration fund is now closed, we shall be glad if you will kindly find space for the following acknowledgments. We wish to thank all the subscribers to this fund: Mr. W. J. Jeffries, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. J. Nevard, 10s.; Mr. G. R. Simmons, 10s.; E. Barnett, sen., E. Barnett, jun., E. Barnett, 2nd jun., 10s.; F. W. Richardson, 5s.; C. Hadlow, 2s. 6d.; J. J. Lamb, 2s. 6d.; a ringer (Notts), 2s.; Mr. Cruttenden, 2s. 6d.; Eltham ringers (per Mr. J. Hurrell), 6s.; St. Luke's ringers, Bromley company (per Mr. A. Purden), 14s.; Gravesend ringers (per Mr. E. H. Spice), 12s.; Beckenham ringers (per Mr. W. Smith), 13s.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (per Mr. W. Hewett), £1 8s. 6d.; Hayes ringers and friends (per Mr. O. Gilbey), £1 13s. 6d.; Bromley Parish Church ringers, £2. The total amount handed to the Church Council was £37 16s. 1d., the remainder being given locally.—
Yours faithfully,
P. J. SPICE.
I. EMERY.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Holmer, Herefordshire, on February 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. James Henry Lovesay, whose funeral took place the same day. He was sexton at Holmer Parish Church for many years: G. Soley 1, W. J. Downes 2, A. Harcombe 3, F. Downes 4, W. Duggan 5, W. Evans (conductor) 6.

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A CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE.

On Sunday, February 22nd, was rung at Halesowen Parish Church a course each of London Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Superlative Surprise Major for the evening service by the following members of the local band: A. H. Harris 1, E. H. Forrest 2, T. Greenhall 3, W. Coley 4, H. G. Bird 5, J. H. Cox 6, W. H. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8. The above is a very creditable performance inasmuch as the men are all local Sunday service ringers at the church. There can be few churches in Worcestershire that could equal this with a purely local band.

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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.

Mr. I. J. Attwater, of South Hackney, sailed on Wednesday for America, where he is to take up an appointment as ringing instructor at Kent Schools, Kent, Connecticut. This will be the first appointment of its kind ever made—that of ringing instructor at a public school. The bells at Kent Schools were installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Rev. John Cobbe Pitman, son of the organist of St. George's, Canterbury, and Stodmarsh, was admitted to the priesthood by the Bishop of Lichfield in his Cathedral on Sunday. He is a grandson of the Rev. G. Hughes, of the Primitive Methodist Church. Mr. Pitman's parents were present at his ordination.

A loud speaker has been installed in the belfry of Totteridge Church, Hertfordshire, and bells of famous churches are broadcast by means of a radio-gramophone in the church.

Mr. James George is, we are glad to say, slowly recovering from his serious illness, but it will probably be some months before he is fit for peal ringing again. Everyone will wish him a speedy and complete return to health and activity.

The first peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was 6,008 Grandsire Cinques rung by the London Scholars on March 14th, 1727, and on the following day 6,314 in the same method was rung by the College Youths.

Sixty years ago to-morrow, 10,176 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Kenninghall, and forty years ago next Tuesday the first peal of Duffield Maximus was rung at Birmingham.

'Maily happy returns' to Mr. Challis F. Winney, who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday, having been born at Nayland, Suffolk, on March 17th, 1858.

Have you a 'colour' surname? Messrs. A. R. Pink, of the Railway Hotel, Dorking, or N. Golden, of Diss, Norfolk, will be pleased to hear from any who would care to take part in a 'colours' peal in a Norfolk, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire tower. The 'colours' already available are Brown, Black, Green, White, Pink and Golden.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Will secretaries please note that subscriptions on the revised scale became due on January 1st inst, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, 165, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6? Hon. members are also invited to subscribe towards the funds.

All notices of motion should be received by the hon. secretary not later than March 31st next.

Per pro E. Alex. Young,
W. A. CAVE, Acting Hon. Secretary.

HAPPY FAMILY 'QUARTER.'

On Sunday, March 1st, for divine service at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Tunstall, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) was rung by a father, four sons, one grandson and two daughters-in-law, as follows: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1. W. Spice, jun., 2. Mrs. E. H. Spice 3. G. H. Spice 4. P. J. Spice 5. E. H. Spice 6. W. Spice, sen., 7. W. H. Spice (grandson) 8. The touch was conducted by W. Spice, sen., and arranged to celebrate his seventieth birthday. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers, one is the lady organist at Tunstall, and father, three sons and grandson are members of the choir, in which there are also two other grandsons, while Messrs. W. Spice, sen. and jun., are members of the Parochial Church Council.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

STEDMAN'S TRICENTENARY.

(Continued from page 154.)

The presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham and the president of the Central Council at the Johnson commemoration dinner lent special importance to the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master), in proposing the toast, expressed the appreciation which everyone felt at having these distinguished guests with them. St. Martin's Church, he said, was bound up with the civic life of the city, and it was therefore fitting that the Lord Mayor should, when possible, be present at those gatherings. The Lord Mayor recently attended service at St. Martin's in his official capacity, and he (the speaker) hoped they would see him there on many future Sunday mornings, whether he was in office or not (laughter and hear, hear). He trusted the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress would look back upon that evening as one of the most pleasant of their official year (applause). Mr. Walker also referred to the pleasure it gave the members to have with them Mrs. Guy Rogers (who took such a great interest in every phase of church work), the churchwardens and the ex-churchwardens. No 'Johnson' dinner would seem complete without the presence of their old friends, Mr. Kendall and Mr. Blake, who, they hoped, would be spared for many years to join them at those gatherings. They were very real friends of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. Walker extended a cordial welcome to the members of the many kindred ringing associations represented that evening, and said they were especially pleased to have with them Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council. There could have been no better choice than Mr. Lewis to succeed Canon Coleridge. He was known throughout the country, and would, he was sure, guide the Central Council to wise decisions in the various matters that came before it. He hoped Mr. Lewis would have a happy term of office, and that the associations throughout the country would rally round the Council and support it (applause).

THE SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

The Lord Mayor, who had an enthusiastic reception, first responded. He said that bells had always had an attraction for him, not least for the sense of happiness and good fellowship associated with their sound. He did not, therefore, need much pressing to come there that night in response to their kind invitation, for he knew he would find that same happy sort of spirit amongst those who created the music of the bells (applause). In Birmingham they heard a good deal of 'Triple Bob Majors' (laughter). He understood the carillon was one form of bells for which they had to thank Belgium. There was room for both, and there was no reason why one should dispossess the other. So far as their Guild was concerned, he understood everything went with a swing (applause), and he was sure the Lady Mayoress would agree with him when he said everything had gone with a swing that evening (applause). He was proud to be there in company with his old friend, Alderman Pritchett, a worthy representative of the City of Birmingham, and he understood that, notwithstanding his age, he was the chief bellringer. He was told that the art of change ringing was a somewhat exclusive and intricate study, and little known except to those who practised it. He believed that 'ringing the changes' was also an art, confined to a small and exclusive coterie (laughter). He believed it was true that for many years the Belgians held the lead in bell casting, but that to-day Great Britain stood foremost in this craft, and led that particular trade throughout the world (applause). If his quotations were not strictly correct, it was due to the authors of the books he had consulted on the subject (laughter). Speaking for Birmingham, in his opinion there was no place like it. They claimed to be second only to London as a city, and for intelligent and progressive statesmanship and for public services they said in Birmingham that there was no city to beat them (applause). He welcomed the visitors to the city of Birmingham, and added that if there was anything he could do to make their visit more interesting he would be only too delighted to do it (applause).

THE WORK OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who also responded to the toast, said if the Lord Mayor had responded for the 'laity,' he felt he was responding for the 'ministry,' because he considered the bellringers of this country were a definite ministry in the Church (hear, hear). When he came there that day from London he certainly felt he was coming as a visitor. Although he did his first ringing with the Midland Counties Association not far away, he had never had the opportunity of ringing in Birmingham until that day. Also he felt somewhat as a visitor because he had been 'exiled' for fifteen years in Scotland, and during that time a new generation of ringers had sprung up in this country, and there were many of the younger faces he did not know. In Scotland he had very little opportunity for ringing. There were only one or two churches where any serious change ringing was practised, and only about ten peals of bells in the whole country. After spending such a pleasant time with them in Birmingham, and having rung in their towers, he did not now feel like a visitor at all (applause). They had probably asked him to respond to the toast as president of the Central Council, and he felt it a great honour to represent those 46,000 other ringers who were not present that night. A few years ago there was a certain amount of criticism of the Cen-

tral Council, but he would like to say that, having seen a good deal of the inner working of the Council for 22 years, and a good deal of the valuable work of its committees, he was of opinion that no apology for the Council was necessary, but if the Council was to continue to make good, as it had made good in the past, they must remember that the quality of the Council depended on the quality of the representatives sent by the associations affiliated to it (hear, hear). The Council would only do good work if they sent good men to the Council (applause). Mr. Lewis added that he would like to add his tribute to what Alderman Pritchett had said about the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Mr. Davies was a most charming man and a most efficient secretary of the Council, and he held that post for practically half the Council's life. He was sure that all ringers would feel the loss very much indeed because, even though of recent years through failing health Mr. Davies was not able to get about among ringers as much as previously, he continued to do good work, and quite recently published in a new book his notes on Grandfire Triples, which he (the speaker) recommended them all to read if they had not already read it. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said Birmingham was the real home of Stedman ringing. Apart, possibly, from the Sunday ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, he did not think that anywhere they got such good Stedman ringing as in Birmingham, both on handbells and tower bells. He mentioned this because this year was the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, who, as they knew, was a Cambridge man. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' had made a suggestion that some steps should be taken to commemorate this 300th anniversary, and that a suitable means of marking the commemoration would be to put in order the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, upon which Stedman used to ring, only one of them having since been recast. He would like them all to think about that suggestion, because he hoped that later in the year some definite steps might be taken to do something on the lines suggested (applause).

A 'RIDICULOUS CLAIM.'

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' spoke of its importance in welding the Exeise together, and said without it it would be almost impossible to carry on. They had 46,000 ringers in this country, and it was a standing disgrace that so few of them, comparatively, purchased the paper. He knew that in that room he was 'preaching' to the 'converted,' because he did not think that there was a lady or gentleman there, seriously interested in ringing, who did not support 'The Ringing World,' but they all ought to do their best to extend the circulation. If they could increase the sale to any considerable extent they would get a better journal and probably a cheaper one. Referring to some recent matters which had appeared in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Smith said they were all extremely sorry for the band that took part in the long peal at Painswick, and, after having rung nearly twelve hours, discovered that the peal was false. He was particularly sorry for Mr. James George who rang the tenor, and he put it down in no small measure to that sustained effort and the subsequent disappointment that he was at that moment ill in bed. It was a tremendous performance for a man of his years, and to find it was all in vain was extremely disappointing. Upon the top of that they had Mr. Albert Wright making the absurd claim that, notwithstanding the fact that the peal was false, it would still be considered by him—he (Mr. Smith) was sure not by anyone else—as a record length on twelve bells. He did not think Mr. Wright could be serious, for it was a ridiculous claim. Mr. Smith went on to refer to the action of the Methods Committee in holding up the publication of the Minor Collection. He said they wished to dictate the form in which the book should appear, and what should be printed upon its cover and title page. They ought to remember the old saying, that he who pays the piper should call the tune. Here the Central Council was going to pay for the publication, and it ought to dictate the form in which it should be issued, and what was printed on the title page. He thought Mr. Young had taken the correct standpoint in saying that if the book was not printed in accordance with the wishes of the Council he would not authorise payment (hear, hear).

The toast having been honoured, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded, and, referring to the Stedman Tercentenary, said if it was decided to do anything by way of celebration, he hoped Birmingham, whose ringing reputation had been largely built up on the method given to the world by Stedman, would give a lead to the Exeise, which would ensure the success of any scheme undertaken.

The concluding toast was that of 'The Chairman,' proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. J. J. Kendall, and acknowledged by Canon Guy Rogers.

The speeches were interspersed with music, the programme being an exceptionally good one. St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hales, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman) once more delighted the company with their part-songs. They sang 'Jolly Roger' (Candish), 'Passing By' (Purcell), 'There's music in the air' and 'Doan ye cry' (Noll). Miss D. E. Griffin, aptly described by the chairman as 'the singing daughter of a ringing father,' displayed a charming voice in 'The Flower Song' from 'Faust' and 'The Lament of Isis' (Granville Bantock), while Mr. A. S. Downes gave a fine rendering of 'In summer time on Bredon' (Graham Peck) and 'Mountain Lovers'.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LAMBETH MEETING.

The first session of the fourteenth Council (38th annual meeting) was held in the Guard Room at Lambeth Palace, London, on Whit-sun Tuesday, June 10th, 1930, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the president, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. There were present 96 members, 39 guilds and associations being represented.

The President then introduced the Rev. A. Sargent, the Archbishop's secretary, and said that the Council were greatly indebted to the Archbishop for his permission to hold their meeting there. The Rev. A. Sargent then formally welcomed the Council on the Archbishop's behalf, and, after referring to the historic associations of Lambeth Palace, thanked them, as ringers, for the work they did for the Church.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

This being next upon the agenda, the President said that he felt the time had now come when, for the reasons of advancing age and the strain of recent illnesses, he should give way for a younger member. As a matter of fact, only one nomination, that for Mr. E. H. Lewis, had been received, but he thought they had found in that gentleman one both highly respected and one who would worthily carry on the traditions of the Council. Canon Coleridge then inducted Mr. Lewis into the presidential chair, and his election was ratified with acclamation, the outgoing president being also most heartily cheered.

The President, having thanked those present and warmly eulogised his predecessor, said that there was only one nomination for the post of hon. secretary and treasurer, that of Mr. E. Alexr. Young, who was declared to be again duly re-elected. The Hon. Secretary, in returning thanks, said that he would do his best to carry on for another year, when they would probably find a younger man to take his place.

The President then said that similarly there was only one nomination for the post of honorary librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and he also was declared to be duly re-elected to that office, and Mr. Jenkyn briefly thanked those present.

The Hon. Secretary then said that the minutes of the last meeting had been published, but that his attention had been called to an alleged inaccuracy. Mr. C. T. Coles asked that the words in Mr. Willson's amendment relating to certain compositions, i.e., 'on the ground that they are hopelessly false,' should be included. This being agreed, the minutes, on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnston, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, were adopted.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston, E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Marshall, H. T. Parry and W. T. Wright, Messrs. W. Ayre, T. Hervey Beams, C. E. Barrett, G. Chester, J. Clarke, T. R. Dennis, J. W. England, N. Golden, T. Metcalfe and W. Storey.

ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Treasurer next presented his statement of accounts, and showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £31 19s. 6d. The receipts included a donation from Rev. Teape of £1 1s., affiliation fees £30 2s. 6d., interest on stock £5. The expenditure was £13 14s. 1d., leaving a balance at bank of £38 5s. 6d., and cash in hand £16 3s. 5d. The Hon. Secretary said that two new Guilds had joined the Council, i.e., the Romney Marsh and District Guild and the Oxford Society. The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith. The auditors were also thanked for their services.

The Hon. Librarian then presented his report (as previously published). He said that books were sent on sale or return, and with the help of the associations there should be a larger scale. 'Rules for a local company' was now reprinted, and soon the 'Care and preservation of bells' would be also reprinted. The receipts for the year were £4 16s. 5d., but the expenditure (largely advertising) was £9 10s. 6d., leaving a considerable adverse balance.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following hon. members retire this year, and on the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. James George, were duly re-elected: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Major J. H. B. Hesse, and Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope and E. Alexr. Young. This being carried, it was agreed to leave one vacancy, i.e., that caused by the withdrawal of Rev. A. T. Beeston after many years of valuable service on the Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported generally, and, referring to travelling facilities, said that these had been obtained that year, but that less than the stipulated 100 tickets had been issued. In regard to the Carter ringing machine, he stated that a demonstration for members of the Council had been given the previous Sunday afternoon. The machine had been adjusted and was in fair order, for which they had to thank Messrs. Fardon and Sharman, and also Mr. A. A. Hughes for his gift of a new set of bells for it. On the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by Canon H. J. Elsee, the report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. Willson, the outgoing committee (with the exception of Rev. A. T. Beeston) were re-elected: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, Revs. C. D. P. Davies, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, W. T. Cockerill, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. Griffin, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith and E. Alexr. Young, together with the conveners of all committees, ex officio.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported the proving of Treble Bob Major peals, with tenors parted, as nearly complete for typing. In reply to a communication forwarded to him from the Suffolk Guild, he thought it impracticable for the Council to publish Mr. Carter's peals, however otherwise desirable. Mr. C. J. Sedgely and Rev. E. S. Powell having spoken in reference to this, Mr. G. R. Newton urged that the typed peals of Treble Bob, now in the library, should be printed. On the motion of the honorary secretary, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, the report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, the committee were 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.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. L. Edwards, reporting, said that the previous year had been remarkable for the many articles relating to bells and ringing which had appeared, and that, too, in unexpected quarters such as trade journals. The committee observed that 'The Ringing World' had attained its thousandth issue, and might now look forward to its jubilee. The usual crop of complaints, he thought, had been satisfactorily dealt with. The year had also been remarkable for the Hyde Park carillon, which they had visited the previous day at the invitation of Mr. C. F. Johnston, and which had stimulated many articles in the public Press.

Mr. C. H. Howard took the opportunity to inform the Council that a trust had been formed, under the will of a Miss Barron, having in view bell restoration, and established by a fund producing some £2,000 a year. Canon Coleridge said that Mr. Morris' valuable new work on ringing would shortly appear, and he recommended it to ringers and libraries.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. James George, the report was adopted, and the committee—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. S. Goldsmith and W. Willson—re-elected, and Mr. C. H. Howard added to the same (in lieu of Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. G. P. Burton, retired).

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Law James, in reporting, said that the printing of the new edition of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' authorised last year had been held up on account of the heavy outlay involved, i.e., some £68. They felt that the possibility of dividing the book should be discussed. Mr. J. A. Trollope, in reply to a question as to the alternative cost, pointed out that estimates were not in their province, but the book was, and they presented one which was complete and exhaustive. They were, if necessary, prepared to divide the book, and the parts came at about the two-thirds and one-third, but they could not recommend the least omission from the work.

Mr. Willson suggested some guarantee being obtained from the affiliated societies, whilst Mr. P. J. Johnson thought it might be as well to publish all the Council's publications serially, and considerable discussion followed upon proposals to reduce the work. After Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. D. Barker, J. Hunt, E. M. Atkins, Rev. E. S. Powell and others had spoken, the President suggested that it be left with the Standing Committee to print a section with a money limit of, say, £40, and the Rev. H. Drake that it be 2s. per copy.

Mr. T. Faulkner having pressed for the full book, Canon Coleridge moved that its publication in full be proceeded with, stock being sold out as necessary to meet the cost, and this being seconded by Mr. Faulkner, Mr. P. J. Johnson moved an amendment that such publication should be done serially. This being duly seconded, was put and lost.

Canon Elsee favoured two volumes, one at 2s. and one at 1s. 6d., instead of one at 3s., which was supported by Mr. Drake, but Mr. Faulkner, now pressing for the original motion to be put, this was done and declared carried by a large majority.

On the motion of Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, the report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of Rev. H. Law James, Rev. E. S. Powell, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. H. Lewis, were re-elected and thanked by the Council.

The Council then adjourned for the luncheon interval.

ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher reported for the committee, and said its tabulated statement had already been published. Mr. A. F. Sharman raised a point as to an apparently small error, and was promised that it would be investigated. (See explanatory letter from the convener in 'The Ringing World,' July 4th, 1930, p. 430.) On the withdrawal of Mr. James George, the committee had co-opted Mr. C. Dean in his stead, and, after many years' valuable service, Mr. G. Williams was also withdrawing from it. On the motion of the president, the committee, consisting of the following, Mrs. G. Fletcher, Messrs. G. R. Pye, C. Dean and G. W. Fletcher, were re-elected and thanked for their services.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in reporting for the committee, said that the new edition of the 'Preservation of bells, frames and fittings' was now in typescript. The original edition of 1891 (the compilers of which had all passed away, with the exception of Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was with them that day), had been extended and improved; they had, however, eliminated Section 5, the schedule of prices. The work would be found to contain most useful knowledge and all the latest information upon the subject. He, Mr. Jenkyn, must leave it to the Council as to whether it could see its way to publish the book at once.

The Convener, in continuing, said that both he and some other members of the committee had made various inspections and reports, and things generally seemed to be in a healthier state than was the case a few years ago. Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. E. Alexr. Young (hon. secretary) both referred also to cases which had come within their purview during the year.

The President then said that he had made some further investigations and had conferred with the architect at Barnet, where a reinforced concrete band had been let in within the tower, and had also been approached by the S.P.A.B. in regard to swinging bells diagonally. Mr. Lewis explained to the meeting that, in towers of perfectly equal strength and uniform section, stiffness to resist thrusts would be equal in either or any direction. He said, however, that such perfect towers did not exist, and gave illustrations from practical examples of the remarkable variations in the stiffness of towers, due to openings and the disposition of the walls, and particularly buttresses. The traditional tower, with its west window and nave arch, should have its heaviest thrusts arranged to occur east and west; there were other examples, such as in the case of Northaw, where the thrust should be north-west to south-east, but they were all capable of calculation. The thing to be done was to be sure that the forces were arranged so as to be in the line of the greatest stiffness of the tower.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn then proposed the adoption of the report, and moved that the new edition of the 'Preservation of bells' be printed as soon as possible; this was seconded by Canon H. J. Elsee and carried. On the motion of Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Rev. E. S. Powell, the committee, consisting of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. Alexr. Young, were re-elected.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said that he thought the book should be published now, and that part of the expense might be met by subscriptions from the members themselves. He would be pleased to start such a fund with a couple of guineas. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that he was glad to hear the previous speaker's proposal, and would also subscribe a similar amount for such a useful book. Several other members expressed their concurrence, and the proposal taken as a motion was carried.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee, not having been published, was read by the hon. secretary (it has since been printed in 'The Ringing World'). Rev. A. T. Beeston, who had been a member of the committee many years, having resigned, the remaining members were, on the motion of the president, re-elected as follow: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. Harvey Beams, with the addition of Mr. G. Grover.

LEGAL COMMITTEE.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, reporting, said that, their work having been completed by their report last year, he moved that the committee be discharged, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith seconded. Rev. H. Drake was dubious as to this course, but in any case he would be pleased to pay for the publication of its report. After some remarks by Rev. F. L. Edwards, the President said that the committee had lost a valuable member in the person of the late Mr. F. A. Milne, and he would ask those present to stand in silence as a last token of respect, which was done. He added that he would propose that the committee be discharged with thanks, but that Alderman Pritchett be asked kindly to retain a watching brief on their behalf, and that they should thankfully accept Rev. H. Drake's generous offer. The formal motion was then substituted and carried, Alderman Pritchett saying that he was happy to be of assistance.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the motions upon the agenda.

The Hon. Secretary proposed that the scale of the yearly subscriptions arranged last year be again reconsidered, and moved that affiliated societies pay 2s. 6d. only for their 3rd and 4th representatives, also that hon. members pay 5s. each. He thought that it would prove a fair arrangement and would leave the Council's income much as now. Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded. Alderman Pritchett, whilst concurring in principle, moved as an amendment 'that hon. members be invited to subscribe not less than 5s. in each year.' The word 'invited' would not necessitate an alteration in the rules, for the attention of hon. members could be called to it every year, when he was sure they would give 5s. or more. Mr. W. Willson, having seconded the amendment, the Hon. Secretary said that he was prepared to accept it, and Rev. F. L. Edwards concurred.

Rev. E. S. Powell moved that, re societies, no alteration be made. Mr. Sedgeley seconded, and, after some further discussion, the situation was clarified by the motion of the president, that the alterations proposed should be divided into two parts and voted upon successively, and, this being so agreed, the motion to increase representatives' subscriptions was lost, and the motion to invite hon. members to pay 5s. or more was carried.

The Hon. Secretary then initiated a discussion upon suggested alterations of the Council's rules, following upon an anonymous article which had appeared in 'The Ringing World' of October 18th, 1929. After reviewing the position, Mr. Young said that as Mr. Cave had an allied motion now on the agenda, it would be as well to pass on to it. Mr. Cave was then asked to propose his motion. That, in order to bring ringing societies into closer co-operation with the Council, every affiliated society be requested to incorporate 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.' On Mr. Cave proposing this and explaining at some length both a series of misapprehensions and a mistake which appeared to have arisen in interpreting the rules, the Hon. Secretary, in seconding, said that alterations of the rules could only be effected by proper procedure, but they could pass advisory resolutions or requests such as the one proposed, a course which would probably be helpful. Rev. H. Law James moved, and Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, to leave out the words 'and decisions.' Considerable discussion then ensued in which Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. Willson, P. J. Johnson, J. W. Jones, Revs. Canon Elsee and E. S. Powell took part. But the motion was carried as proposed, except that, at the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett (accepted by the sponsors) the words 'loyally abide by' were substituted for 'loyally carry out.'

Mr. W. Cave then moved: 'That a committee be appointed to consider, and, if thought necessary, to revise the rules of the Council and report at the next meeting,' which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded, but Alderman J. S. Pritchett then proposed that the motion be amended to read 'That the Standing Committee be requested to consider,' etc., which, being accepted, was carried.

The foregoing concluded the motions proper to the list, and the Council then proceeded to select the place of next year's meeting. This being by rota due to be held in the North, the Standing Committee supported Ripon. Mr. P. J. Johnson urged Leeds, and Mr. R. Murphy, who had come over especially from Ireland, offered the Council a cordial invite to Dublin. Mr. G. R. Newton gave many reasons why Liverpool should be chosen. The President said that, whilst they all appreciated very highly the invitation of the Irish Association to visit Dublin, he felt that it should fall in a Western group of visits, and be the subject of considerable pre-arrangement. In view of this, voting was confined to the three Northern cities, the numbers being, Ripon and Leeds 23 each and Liverpool 34, which was declared selected for next year's meeting.

The President said that there were two other late motions which they had still time to consider, and called upon Rev. H. Drake to move: (1) 'That a collection of lantern slides be formed by the Council to illustrate ringing in its various aspects,' and (2) 'That notices of motions shall be sent in the names of either individual members or of affiliated societies, for a preliminary agenda, before Easter, but in the names of societies only if sent in for a later agenda after Easter.' Mr. Drake suggested that these proposals might be considered by the Standing Committee. This was agreed to.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith then called attention to the statement in Regular Methods appearing in 'Rules and Decisions,' which, as regards 'Little' methods and spiced ringing, appeared to be out of date, and moved: 'That the Methods Committee be requested to review the points and report at the next meeting as to what action, if any, should be taken.' The motion, being seconded by Mr. G. Grover, was carried.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Archbishop of Canterbury for according them the use of Lambeth Palace, which was carried by acclamation. A cordial greeting, at the instance of Canon Elsee, seconded by Rev. Jenkyn, was also directed to be sent to the late hon. secretary, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was unable to be with them. The President referred to the fact that several of the original members were there that day, viz., Canon Coleridge, Canon Elsee, Canon Baker and Messrs. F. Griffin and F. E. Dawe.

Canon Coleridge having proposed a vote of thanks to the president (carried by acclamation), and the latter having briefly replied, the meeting closed at about five o'clock.

THE JOHNSON DINNER (Continued from page 169.)

(Squire). A welcome addition to the programme was again the handbell solos executed with characteristic grace and effect by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who played 'Promise of Life' (Cowen) and 'Until' (Sanderson), and, in response to request, gave as an encore the ever popular 'Land of Hope and Glory.' An extremely enjoyable evening terminated with the National Anthem.

Many visitors remained in Birmingham until Sunday. A large number took part in the service ringing at St. Martin's Church, others visited St. Chad's, West Bromwich, and Walsall, and an informal but very pleasant gathering took place later at the Nelson Hotel.

THE PASSING OF THE SYSTON TURKEY.

Syston, as all the world knows, is noted for plums, but according to 'A Flat poet' also bells and other things. An old adage says it's an all wind that blows no one any good, and evidently Syston fogs have the same reputation—see 'The Ringing World.' As a result of the aforesaid fog, following a Christmessy dirge, entitled 'The song of the Syston turkey' by that un-put-up-able A Flat, the bell opening party again assembled there to digest this mysterious bird.

First showing their prowess by joining the M.C.A. meeting and ringing some 'surprising' methods on the newly retuned and rebung bells, with more or less (a lot less) acumen, especially when the C.O. turned the tenor in to the accompaniment of the Sergeant-major's usual sarcastic remarks, they adjourned to the place where the 'landlord fills the flowing bowl until it doth run over.' Some thirty managed to squeeze in, and it is quite certain 'A Flat' was 'B flat' as he sat humped like Jack Horner in his corner. All eyes gleamed as they watched the V.P., coat off and duly armed, curve the aforesaid Syston turkey as to manner born. H.P. sauce(ily) tried to 'detect' what the Clarke was Fidlering about with as he Dexterously attempted to remove the stuffing off Collins' Barrow. This sort of thing went on till William the axtieth declared he had had an excellent sufficiency of a superfluity, and any further par-taken would prove an encumbrance to his overburdened interior. Syston has many Paynes, and would have more if they did not desist.

The coroner's officer held an inquest on the skeleton of the Syston turkey, and declared it had had a good upbringing in A. Mansfield, but had been slaughtered in a good cause. He ordered its immediate cremation. Fred II. then tried his hand with fireworks, and now we all know why he made such a mess of things in Flanders in 1916. It's a Dicky Lane that has no turning, so all turned to gather a 'Blue Bell.'

J. O. (no connection with Lanes) instituted himself chairman, and ordered each present to do something—either sing, recite, or be heavily fined. J. G. (not 'he' of England) led off with the 'ode to the Syston turkey,' and its author encouraged him with his 'gobble, gobble here, and cluck, cluck there,' accompanied on the 'wireless pole.' The chairman had great difficulty in keeping the Sergeant-major in his place, for he proved himself most ambi-Dexter-ous with the glasses, using either hand with equal ability. Indeed he had to call the coroner's officer to aid him with threats of immediate extinction. H. P. (the saucy one) gave a version of his now famous lyric, and each one had to suffer from his sauce. The V. P. (with portfolio) gave a second version of the 'Syston turkey ode,' and then tried to coerce 'J. O.' and 'W. W.' into a second turkey bet on a musical monologue, which unfortunately ended in a draw—not the 'draw' Jim hoped for. At this point William was conquered, and begged leave to retire. Phillip evidently thought he was Konnerley Rumford, for he sang his song—the ringers' in a Hardy style. Colin, who would have been accompanied by the Fidler had he not lost his 'beau,' rendered—very heartrendingly—'Come and have a drink,' to which the Sergeant-major responded with alacrity, joined by the chairman, who ought to have known better. Indeed, had it not been for Mary Cufflin then, the C.O. would have had another job. J. G. did yeoman service with the 'flowing bowl' (or rather bucket), and the Clarke kept Kitty in hand. It is rumoured Snowdon is seeking his aid to help balance the budget. Frederick II. obliged by giving an elaborate exposition explicitly of 'a blush,' whereon there was an influx of the 'feminine gender' into the room, which caused 'J. O.' to do some extraordinary passages and contortions on 5 x 6 handbells, a cross between a Morris dance and Grecian bend. Time came all too soon to close the merry party, but it is suggested that this become a monthly affair, so will all get their digestive organs in order and a goodly supply of Andrews!

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of February 27th last there appears a peal of Double Little Bob Major rung at North Lopham and conducted by Nolan Golden.

If the method is the same as that given by Mr. G. Lewis in 'The Ringing World' of July 11th, 1930, the name should have been Erith Little Bob, that being the name given to it when it was first rung at Crayford on March 11th, 1930.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The February meeting of the Peak District was held at Darley Dale on Saturday, February 28th, but the attendance was ruined by the heavy rainfall. About sixteen ringers, however, were present from Bakewell, Darley Dale, Leicester, Matlock and Sandiacre, and some creditable ringing was accomplished in the various standard methods till about 8 p.m. The Vicar was present at tea, and afterwards the handbells were brought into use.

It was decided, if possible, to hold the next meeting on March 28th at Baslow, where it is hoped to arrange tea, and afterwards to go on to Edensor for the evening ringing—two very good peals of six, which should afford ample scope for a good meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT DALSTON.

Some excellent ringing practice was obtained at the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday last. The bells, a peal of eight, with a 20 cwt. tenor, require a certain amount of skill to ring properly, owing to a movement in the tower. Up to a few years ago they had been silent for nearly fifty years, but under the skilful care of Mr. J. E. Davis they have been got into good going order, and but for the oscillation of the tower there is little fault to be found. During the afternoon some fifty members attended, and the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), by a skilful mixing of the methods, gave everybody present plenty of opportunities to take part in the ringing.

At the service, which was held in the vestry, the Vicar (Rev. J. O. Vince) gave the members a very cordial welcome, as well as a helpful address.

The Vicar also presided at tea, and at the subsequent business meeting. He expressed his pleasure at the large muster, and a count up of members from different towers showed that twenty were represented.

To show their respect for the late Mr. William Miller, of Leytonstone, who had been a member for over thirty years, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

Edgware was chosen as the place of the next meeting. The vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells, as well as to Mr. C. Randall for the arrangements made.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who congratulated Mr. Randall on the progress his ringers were making after the series of difficulties they had been through.

A further visit was paid to the tower after the meeting, and a great variety of methods, from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, were rung.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, on Saturday, March 7th. Although the weather was very cold, a fair number of ringers attended. The bells, a nice toned peal of six, with a tenor 21 cwt. in E, were raised shortly after 3 p.m., and, after ringing in various methods, the Guild service was held in the church. Unfortunately the Vicar, the Rev. F. M. Weller, was unable, through illness, to attend, and the service was conducted by the branch chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. The choirboys very kindly led the singing. After tea at the Beach Arms, a short business meeting was held, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding.

The chairman gave a brief report on the Guild committee meeting held at Salisbury on February 17th.

It was decided to arrange for the first of the 'branch lectures on change ringing' to be given at the quarterly meeting at Melksham on April 11th. These lectures were suggested by Mr. C. F. Andrews, Trowbridge.

An application from the Keevil ringers for a course of instruction was recommended by the meeting.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist, brought the meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Bratton, Melksham, Trowbridge, Rowde and Keevil.

More ringing followed till about 8 p.m., touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire being rung during the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF AN OLD COVENTRY RINGER

RECOLLECTIONS OF A 2 A.M. PEAL.

The death occurred in Coventry on February 20th of Mr. William H. Brunsden at the age of 67 after a short illness.

'Billy,' as he was known to his associates, was one of the old school of ringers, a good striker, and sound method ringer. His early ringing, also most of his peals, took place in Gloucestershire, and he would spin many yarns of his ringing experiences in that district. One peal he particularly remembered, finished at 2 a.m., following an 'inquest' held in the village hostelry until closing time (11 p.m. in those days) on a failure earlier in the evening.

Deceased rang several peals for the Midland Counties Association and one or two in the Newcastle district before settling down in Coventry just over twenty years ago. For the Warwickshire Guild he rang 18 peals, of which he conducted four. Of late years fortune did not smile on him, but whatever the circumstances, 'Billy' remained cheerful. May he rest in peace.

The following ringers took part in a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Stoke Church, Coventry, on Monday, February 23rd, the day of the funeral: G. Robins (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Pervin 2, O. J. Hunt 3, D. Ellender 4, W. Hibbert (conductor) 5, W. T. Cox 6, W. A. Stote 7, F. Rouse 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): R. Johnson (longest length of Stedman) 1, V. Edwards 2, W. E. Clarke 3, R. P. Deal (conductor) 4, S. Holt 5, S. Greenhalgh 6, H. Greenhalgh 7, W. Howard 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 8th, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Whybrow 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, M. Ginn 3, D. Adams 4, R. Thoday 5, C. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise: H. Robinson 1, M. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, C. Robinson 5, F. G. Gleaves 6.

HALESOWEN.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 52 mins.: A. H. Harris 1, E. H. Forrest 2, T. Greenhall 3, W. Coley 4, H. G. Bird 5, J. H. Cox 6, W. H. Webb 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of London Surprise Major by the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. The above performance is a very creditable one, as all the ringers are members of the local band.

NEWCASTLE.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, 720 Stedman Caters: C. L. Routledge 1, W. Story 2, A. Payne 3, J. Anderson 4, J. Foreman 5, W. J. Davidson 6, A. Deas 7, W. H. Barber 8, T. Thompson 9, L. Ingelow 10. A birthday touch for Mr. Arthur Payne, the genial secretary of the Cathedral Guild.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): S. Quintin 1, J. Abery 2, L. Batten 3, Miss V. Robinson 4, R. Rex 5, H. W. Smith 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, A. Smith 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells. Specially arranged for Miss Robinson.

CRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, W. C. Cuss 3, H. Gassor (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. Lewis 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday morning, March 1st, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the following: H. Dale (first quarter-peal with an 'inside' bell) 1, J. J. Allen 2, R. Darlow 3, H. Hodgetts 4, W. H. Whitehead 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. Seeley (conductor) 7, W. Cross 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Crowsey 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, H. Milton 4, W. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Norris 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, February 22nd, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Warne 1, G. Melbourne 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, G. Lindrige 5, F. T. Ely 6, H. C. Reason 7, W. Hammond 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the second and tenor.

CRANLEIGH.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on February 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Tidy 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, L. Warner 3, H. Tidy 4, C. Charman 5, C. Stephens 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, R. Whittington 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 8th.

CAMBERWELL.—On Sunday, February 15th, at St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 51 mins.: C. O. Moore 1, Miss Mills 2, T. H. Taffender 3, G. Grainger 4, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 5, J. R. Gammon 6, E. J. King 7, W. D. Grainger 8, G. Daynes 9, H. H. Peters 10.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., for the afternoon service of the choir sermons on February 15th: R. Walmsley (first quarter-peal in method) 1, H. Walmsley 2, T. Smith 3, W. Halliwell 4, F. F. Rigby (first peal as conductor) 5, Major Crook 6, T. B. Worsley 7, A. W. Leigh (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 5, and 8 are members of the local band, the rest are from Deane.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, by the Wilton Guild, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. J. Bull 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. W. Hayward 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, S. G. Coles 7, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss Ivy Kippin 1, L. Bance 2, A. Arnold 3, H. S. Robinson 4, F. Jennings 5, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 6, J. Sparrow 7, J. Avery 8. Longest length by the ringer of the treble, and rung on her 21st birthday.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Hazell 1, J. Jackson 2, H. Moxom 3, E. Leversuch 4, G. A. Hughes 5, C. Dyke (conductor) 6, F. Edwards 7, W. Cheshire 8. Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Sir Edward Clarke.

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, February 15th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. A. Turner 1, W. Andrews 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, L. Pryke 5, M. T. Symonds 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, E. F. Mortlock 8. First 'quarter' of Stedman by L. Pryke and W. Andrews.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *The Coffee Pot, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, March 14th. Bells of both towers available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Important.—In view of the secretary's intending resignation, the post will be open at this meeting for nominations. A hearty welcome extended to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre St., Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Northgate Street) on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. The following towers open for ringing during the afternoon: St. Michael's (10), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4.50 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. All ringers, ladies and friends welcome. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable of W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingrave (Brentwood 3 miles) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Herongate buses, which pass the church, leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) every half hour. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Usual tea arrangements will be made. This tower is worthy of a visit.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready early. Tea 6d. each. All members earnestly invited to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open for ringing 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, March 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. All heartily invited. Please notify Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 6.15 p.m. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at Church Hall, Ashdown Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawks Road, Kingston, if you intend to be present at tea. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Church Room, South Street (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. The bells at All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available after the meeting. All those intending to be present at the tea must advise me not later than Wednesday, March 18th.—George W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth, Reddish, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, March 21st. The peal of 8 (tenor 14½ cwt.) at Holy Trinity Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea, at a charge of 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. C. Ellison, 28, Russell Avenue, Queensbury, near Bradford, not later than Tuesday, March 17th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Nomination meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Vicar of Ordsall. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. J. C. Taylor, 51, Laverack Street, Handsworth, Sheffield, by Wednesday, March 18th, for same. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea. Further particulars will be sent to towers by circular, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at Shere. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by March 14th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available, and at Woodbridge, from 2 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford. Woodbridge.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. each, for those who notify me by Thursday, March 19th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington (8 bells) on March 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6. Meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Spratton on Saturday, March 21st (bells 5). Usual arrangements, with tea for those who kindly notify me. — R. Adams, East Haddon.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service and tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Central School (1s. per head).—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton on March 21st (8 bells). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 18th? — Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrook on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good attendance is expected. All ringers cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Hartlip, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 8 p.m.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at Saracen's Head at 5, to be followed by usual business meeting. Please notify me regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The third quarterly meeting will be held at Daybrook, Notts, on Saturday, March 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Snook, Standwell, Duke Street, Arnold, Notts, by March 25th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, March 28th. The address at the service, to be held at 4 o'clock, will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Please send numbers for tea by March 25th.—S. Thurstfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 25th. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Luncheon and business meeting to follow. Full particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 1st. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of Hitchin. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill (near Abbey Station) immediately after the service, followed by annual business meeting for election of officers, etc. Towers open at 2 p.m., but ringing can be had at the two six-bell towers, during the morning, if early application is made to me.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham (through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sears), on Easter Monday, April 6th.

Service at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting in the Parish Hall. Dinner and tea arrangements will be announced in these columns in due course. Prestbury Church bells (8) available 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Leckhampton Church bells (8) before and after service and meeting, Charlton King's Church bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Nominations for the various offices are requested.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 11th (p.v.) Will all branch secretaries and members of committee please note this date, and attend if possible? Particulars will be notified later. —R. T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, March 2nd, 720 Grand-sire Doubles: T. Abbotts 1, A. Morris 2, E. Shepherd (conductor) 3, C. Blizzard 4, G. Bailey 5, C. Harrison 6. First 720 by ringers of 1, 4 and 6. All service ringers except conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. S. P. Riley, Vicar.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Friday, February 27th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Patter 1, Miss A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, John Denner 4, M. Berry (first quarter-peak as conductor) 5, A. Potter, jun., 6, John Potter 7, Jas. Denner 8. Rung after the dedication of a flag presented to the B.L.A. Company branch of the British Legion by Mr. John Crompton, O.B.E., in memory of his son, Lieut. Crompton, R.F.C.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles, rung as a compliment to three of the ringers whose wedding anniversaries occur the last week in January: E. J. Goater (conductor) 1, W. C. Parker 2, W. Shorter 3, G. Walsley 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Jackson 6, G. Beebey 7, W. Jolley 8. First attempt by ringers of 3, 7, and 8. Rung with 4-6-8 behind.

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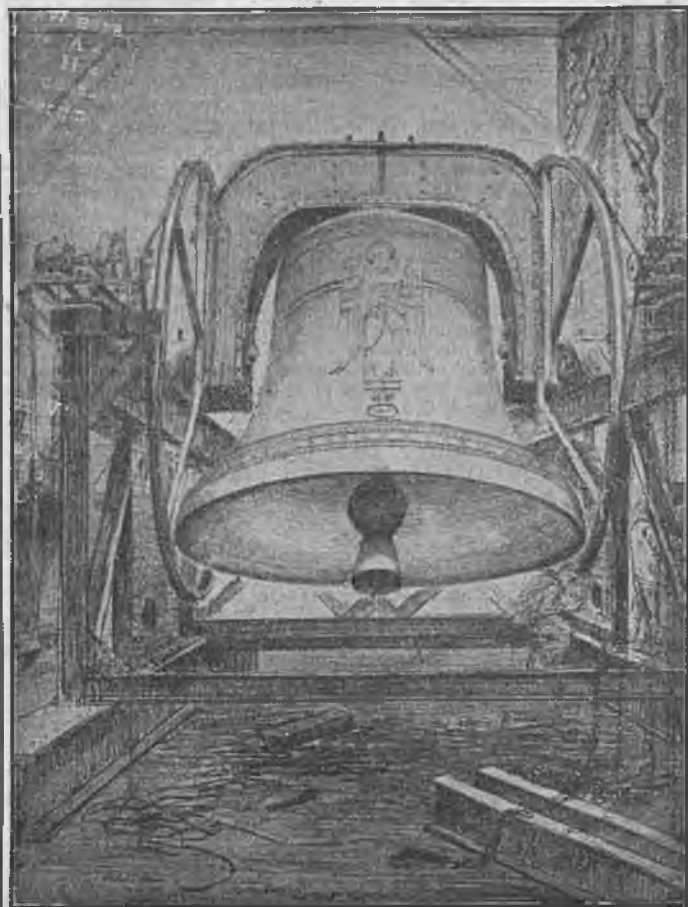
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The announcement that a ringing instructor is on his way to America to take up an appointment as tutor of the art at one of the big public schools of the United States is, we hope, the opening of a new chapter in the history of ringing abroad. Hitherto, 'missionary' work overseas has been of a casual kind, and bands have been established largely by 'importation' rather than by local product. But with all that has been done, in Boston by the late Dr. Nichols, who established the Boston Guild; at Groton, by Mr. Warren Sturgess; in Vancouver, by Mr. A. C. Limpus; in South Africa—both at Woodstock and Durban—in Australia and in New Zealand, change ringing has had a very precarious existence, like a flickering flame that dies down almost as soon as it springs to life. Apparently indigenous to the British Isles, the art has failed to thrive on any other soil, as much, perhaps, from the lack of bell towers as from the absence of ringers. In the case of Boston, two or three rings are within reach, but peals of bells in the British Dominions are so exceptional that they are hundreds if not thousands of miles apart, and the number of ringers who settle near any one of them is, naturally, extremely small. The art has really had no chance to flourish.

But there is something new, and, we hope, more promising, in the development which is beginning at Kent, Connecticut. The bell tower is attached to the great public school in that city, and the donor of the bells has made it a stipulation that the art of ringing shall be taught there. It was while on a visit to this country that this gentleman heard and admired the ringing of bells in the traditional English manner and learned of the way in which ringers in this country are organised. In the hope that, by teaching the art of ringing to the students, there may gradually be spread in America a love of bells rung in English fashion he has made his gift to the school. His desire also is to see established in connection with it an organisation like the Oxford University Society and the Cambridge University Guild, which will provide a permanent link between all those who take up a study of the art while under the ægis of the school, from which the members will go out to their homes in the States as 'missionaries' of, to them, the new art, thus creating an interest which, in course of time, may lead to the provision of other towers and bells. If ever this vision should be realised, the art will owe a great deal to the inspiration and generosity of the donor of these bells, who is not content merely to provide the instruments, but to do what is humanly possible to ensure that they shall be used for the special purpose

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

BRO. JOHN D. MATTHEWS, M.M. Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975. Master of Royal Cumberland Youths. ... Treble
BRO. ERNEST BRETT, M.M. Harrow Lodge, No. 1310. ... 2
BRO. EDWIN BARNETT, JUN., M.M. Gavelkind Lodge, No. 4266. 3
BRO. H. E. C. GOODENOUGH, M.M. Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 4393. ... 4
BRO. REGINALD BROUGH, M.M. Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452. ... 5
BRO. WM. G. WHITEHEAD, M.M. Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549. 6
BRO. GEORGE W. STEERE, M.M. Sowest Lodge, No. 5797. ... 7
BRO. FREDERICK WHITE, M.M. Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874. ... 8
BRO. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, M.M. Polaris Lodge, No. 4407. ... 9
BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN, M.M. Whitgift Lodge, No. 3617. Tenor

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Conducted by BRO. JOHN D. MATTHEWS, M.M.

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On Friday, March 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... Treble * REGINALD F. NEWMAN ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 † JAMES A. PRIOR ... 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3 † GEORGE DAWSON ... 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4 EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
FRANK C. NEWMAN ... 5 † ROBERT MOLTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER
* First peal. † First peal in the method on ten bells. ‡ First peal in the method. § First peal on ten bells. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Miller, a Sunday service ringer at this church, and who took part in the evening ringing on the 1st inst.

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At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. ELLIS Treble	FRED C. MAYNARD 6
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 2	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS 3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5	ERNEST E. HOLMAN Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH Treble	*JOHN A. WADGH 6
HORACE BELCHER 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 8
*ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5	*P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Tenor

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* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	H. LESLIE PASK 5
LEWIS SNELL 2	*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK BRAY 7
HAROLD MARCON 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

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On Saturday, March 7, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

ARTHUR BAKER Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
HERBERT E. BOOTH 2	HAROLD L. FLAVELL 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
HARRY BOSWELL 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by A. D. COLLINS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
ALFRED PRIOR 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	JAMES W. WILKINS 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM 7
FRANK WEST 4	THOMAS JOYCE' Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cadoc,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 5
GEORGE HAWKINS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS 4	DONALD D. CLIFT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD D. CLIFT.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung on the 40th anniversary of J. W. Jones' wedding day.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	*WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR 6
JAMES HUNT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	†PERCY MERSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. BROWN. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
GEORGE M. KILEY 2	THOMAS GROOMSBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	FREDERICK ROOPE 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
*CHARLES SAYER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
*ERIC BENNETT 4	EDWIN GOATE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART,

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN NEAL Treble	HARRY PRICE 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	ROBERT LEWIS 6
A. OLIVER LEWIS 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 4	WALTER H. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Bernard Martin, brother of the conductor, and Mrs. A. O. Lewis.

CROSTHWAITHE, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE BOWE Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	*WILLIAM T. HOGG 6
FRANK WILSON 3	HUBERT RICHARDSON 7
JIM TEBAY 4	*FRANK BARNES Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal. The 7th ringer was elected a member previous to starting.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD SHUCK Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 5
ALFRED WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER 6
SIDNEY THOMPSON 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
JOSEPH H. COX 4	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

BERT GARRETT Treble	*HENRY GARRETT 5
SIDNEY QUINTON 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
WILFRED ANDREWS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
LEONARD BATTING 4	† PHILIP TIBBLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal at the Vicarage by the Rev. M. S. and Mrs. Douglas. Mr. L. Bating was elected a member previous to starting.

SALBHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	EDWARD MILLS 6
REV. NORL E. HOPE 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
THOMAS HOAD 4	ALBERT HOAD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HOAD.

First peal for the Hastings and District Guild.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROLAND BARROW Treble	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY 5
MISS MARY COFFLIN 2	ALBAN DISNEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on eight. This short-course composition, rung for the first time, has 70 singles and 135 bobs.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE Treble	*ISAAC WHALLEY 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	JOHN BROWN 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 7
NORMAN KENYON 4	JAMES HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on bells. Mr. F. Hindle's 100th peal.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
FRANK S. CLARKE 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	ERIC G. BENNETT 7
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 4	WALTER GIBBINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Triples in the method by all and in Norfolk, and first peal of Triples on the bells. Mr. A. G. Harrison has now completed the circle here.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.)

On Monday, March 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's each of Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT MOLTON Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 4
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	GEORGE DAWSON 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAWSON.

Rung with bells muffled as a last token of respect to William Miller, for 33 years Master of the St. John's Society (Leytonstone), who was interred in the City of London Cemetery (Ilford) on this day.

NUTTALL, NOTTS.—At St. Patrick's Church, on Monday night, March 9th, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Wilcox 1, R. Harrison 2, A. Harrison (conductor) 3, R. Jenkinson 4, P. Beardsmore 5, G. Burton 6. First 720 of London on the bells and by all the band.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN RRA Treble	CHARLES CAMM 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to him.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT FLEET Treble	HORACE H. SMITH 4
A. EDWARD HANKS 2	CHARLES W. SMITH 5
*MISS BETTY COX 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Cox, who attained her majority on the 14th.

HILPINGTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4
JESSE FRANCIS 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5
VINCENT E. SWIFT 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. WEST.

This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swift.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure with four different callings, 16 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 22 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR WATTS Treble	VICTOR SHADBOLT 4
WILLIAM READ 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT 5
CYRIL S. WEST 3	ARTHUR NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

First peal on the bells. First peal in three methods by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILFRED G. GRIFFEN ... Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL 4
ERNEST TOSSELL 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
EDWARD J. AVERY 3	SIDNEY ROWE Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' of them being excellent. Believed to be the first peal in two methods on them. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Avery.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob Minor, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES DARBY Treble	*P.C. ALFRED HOLLIS ... 4
WILLIAM CARTER 2	RALPH PARTON 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ERNEST CALCUTT Tenor

Conducted by E. CALCUTT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. C. Darby was re-elected a member of the association. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Henry Martin, who was a ringer at Belbroughton for sixty years and conductor for fifty years.

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

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4
JOHN BASS 2	*HAROLD V. COOPER 5
*CLIFFORD SIDMORE ... 3	*TOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise method as conductor. The quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WHITE Treble	SYDNEY FOSKETT 4
*GEORGE WRIGHT 2	ERNEST FREEMAN 5
HARRY GAYTON 3	HAROLD G. BEARD Tenor

Conducted by H. GAYTON.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Sunday, March 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT NO. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3-4	ADAM DEAS 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
First peal 'in hand' and in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Payne, secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday, February 25th, at All Saints', Inworth, with the bells half-muffled, a half-peal of Doubles consisting of 1,680 Grandsire and 960 St. Simon's: G. Knights (longest touch) 1, J. Mason 2, E. Mingay 3, R. W. Pye 4, S. A. Pye (conductor) 5. Longest touch on the bells. Rung in memory of Rev. F. W. Dickenson, who was buried at Bath on the same day. For 38 years he was Rector of Inworth.

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VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Concluded from page 166.)

I could go on giving examples of variation and adaptation almost indefinitely, but it is not necessary. It will be clear, even to those who have only cursorily followed my articles, that the two ideas on which the old standards were based cannot stand. No composition or method can possibly be original in the old sense of the word. Each is related to others in many ways, and even in the case of the most striking and outstanding peals the composition is largely the same as that of other peals. Nor can we say that the composer of the most original peal really creates anything which did not exist before. Peals and methods are the expression of certain mathematical laws, and the job of the composer is to find out how these laws work.

It follows that even if a complete register of compositions were possible it would not do away with the difficulty, and certainly such a register is not possible. No one can possibly know what peals have been composed. The old idea was to take into account only those which had been published or rung. That idea is really an absurd one, and no one can be sure what has been rung and what not. I was turning over the pages of 'The Bell News' of about thirty years ago. In the correspondence column all the leading composers of the day were discussing the originality and qualities of a method lately published. None of them knew that it had been rung nearly two hundred years before, or that Benjamin Annable had said exactly the same thing against it that Mr. Bankes James was now saying.

The conclusion of the matter seems to be that for ordinary peals strict originality need not be insisted on. If a man wants to call a certain class of peal and is able to put it together, I do not think he is bound to go to any great amount of trouble to find out whether or no it has ever been published. He may be pretty sure that it is more or less a variation of an old peal, but that need not stop him using it. Whether he puts his own name to it or not, is a matter in which he would be well to use some discretion. Young composers should remember that it is still true what Jasper Snowden wrote over fifty years ago: 'That a man may put himself to much trouble and make himself the laughing stock of the Exercise by reproducing a variation of some well known peal and putting it forth as an original composition.' In doubtful cases I should not blame the young composer who gave himself the benefit of the doubt, but the best plan would be to put no composer's name at all. In the early days they did not, except in special cases, and we could very well follow their example.

Of course, when a man is able to get something really new like Mr. Law James' Spliced Surprise he is entitled to call it his own and to have all the credit for it.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Whilst taking a glance through 'The Ringing World' of March 13th I find in Mr. Trollope's remarks upon 'Transpositions and Variations' a method under the heading 'Rochester Surprise.' This, I believe, is an error, or, may be, a slip of memory, but I think I am correct when I say that the method published is not 'Rochester.' I will admit that it was rung by the Leiston band as such on October 6th, 1923, but Mr. Craven claimed the method as his under the title of 'Lancashire.' Later, the same band rang another method by Mr. Lindoff, and this was called 'Rochester,' and as such it has stood until now. Perhaps Mr. Trollope has overlooked this. I have appended the method 'Rochester,' which he may have mislaid.

Rochester.

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21436587
12346857
21438675

24183657
42816375
42183657
24816375

42861735
48267153
84621735
86427153

68472513
86745231
87654213
78562431

87652341

Yours truly,

E. W. TIPLER.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

THRIVING ON AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OF SIXPENCE.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th, when there was an attendance of about 100. Service was conducted at St. Thomas' Church by the Vicar (Canon A. H. Phelps), the address being given by the Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar of Kingswinford). After tea, prepared by the ringers' wives, and served in the Church Hall, Canon Phelps, who is president of the Guild, presided over the first part of the annual meeting, and when he had to leave the chair was taken by Mr. Harry Mason, one of the vice-presidents.

The President (Canon Phelps) voiced the regret of the Guild that Mrs. Sheppard, the wife of their excellent secretary, was prevented being with them owing to a serious illness, and on behalf of the members he asked Mr. Sheppard to convey their sympathy to her, together with hopes for restored health. After expressing regret that Councillor Shuttleworth was not able to be with them, Canon Phelps extended to all the members of the Guild and their friends a hearty welcome to Dudley.

The Secretary, in his annual report, reviewed at considerable length the activities of the Guild during the past year. It was pleasing to report that the Guild still kept up its average performing members, and that the finances remained satisfactory. Regret was recorded that the quarterly assemblies were not so largely attended as could be wished. They trusted that the coming year would witness more peals attempted, additional meetings for general practice, the spread of good fellowship among the members, and that the work of the Church would prosper in every way (applause).

Mr. Harry Mason, moving the adoption of the report, offered congratulations to the secretary upon the excellent resume he had furnished of the Guild's activities throughout the year.—This was seconded and carried.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £7 6s. 4d., against £7 4s. 12d. a year ago; and Mr. Mason, in moving its acceptance, said it was extremely satisfactory that they had been able not only to hold a credit balance, but to increase this to a slight extent. He imagined there was no other ringers' association in the land able to meet their liabilities and to have an effective and live organisation upon a membership fee of 6d. That they did so was a very great compliment to their secretary (hear, hear).—The balance sheet was approved.

Canon Phelps was re-elected president, the vice-presidents, with the addition of Mr. A. Winbow, were re-elected, and the following officers were also reappointed: Ringing Master, Mr. John Goodman, junior; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Sheppard; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. J. Hughes; auditors, Messrs. F. Evans and T. H. Justice.

The following were elected members of the Guild: Mr. J. H. Cox (Halesowen), Messrs. Andrew Round and Leslie Prestidge (Nether-ton), Messrs. D. Roberts, A. Turley, F. Austin, V. Holloway, S. Holloway, and F. Padbury (Smethwick), and Mr. J. B. Court (Sedgley).

The Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar of Kingswinford) was elected an hon. member of the Guild.

The ensuing quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Kingswinford, and the Ringing Master was authorised to make arrangements for the annual peal to be attempted in Dudley.

AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Secretary read a communication from the Central Council of Church Bellringers on the subject of the affiliation of guilds of church bellringers.

The Chairman (Mr. H. Mason) said the communication was important, and he hoped that Guild would accord it the consideration it merited. The Central Council was the recognised official body for regulating affairs associated with ringers, and his own view was that it was very desirable the Dudley and District Guild should be affiliated with it. As that Guild had hitherto had representation on the Central Council, he asked that meeting to consider the desirability of going a step further and becoming affiliated.

Mr. S. J. Hughes (treasurer) said he was one of the Central Council representatives. This question had previously been before that Guild for consideration, and his view was that it was advisable to accept the invitation to affiliate.

The Chairman later proposed that the Guild affiliate with the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.

Mr. W. Farley seconded, and the proposition was unanimously carried.

On the motion of the chairman, thanks were accorded to Canon Phelps for his continued interest in the ringers, to the Rev. A. H. Messiter for the address given to the Guild that afternoon, to the assistant organist (Mr. F. Cox), to their friends for the generous hospitality shown to them, and to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea; and also to their secretary for the hard work he did.

Mr. Hughes seconded the chairman's words of appreciation, and the resolution having been carried the meeting terminated.

During the day ringing took place at St. Thomas' Church, and ringers were present from Dudley, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Oldswinford, Kingswinford, Kidderminster, Netherton, Lye, Cradley, Rowley, Halesowen, Bromsgrove, Bradley, Bilston, Cosley, Sedgley, Wolverhampton, Smethwick, etc.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Aberavon on Saturday, March 7th, when members attended from Cadoxton, Gorscmon, Llanelly, Swansea, and the local band, and visitors from Pembrey, Bridgend and Newport, Mon. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Jones) conducted a short service and gave a very helpful address containing much good advice. A meat tea was served in the schoolroom, kindly provided by the churchwardens and a few ladies of the church, and was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, the secretary presented the balance sheet, which was adopted. This showed that the year 1930 had been a good one. After two-thirds of the balance had been sent to the general fund, £9 9s. 5d. was left to the credit of the district.

It was decided to go to Burryport for the next meeting, with a view to encouraging change ringing there. It was also thought it might help towards getting another bell to make a ring of six. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service, taking the chair, and for the use of the bells, to the organist for presiding at the organ, and to the churchwardens and ladies for the tea and their kindness in waiting at the tea tables.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to have the ringers there, and to do what little he had done to make the visit a pleasant one.

The bells were kept going in various methods until about 7.30 p.m., when they were lowered in peal, bringing to a close a very happy meeting.

A FINE RECORD.

Fifty-two years as a bellringer—and still going strong—is a record of which Mr. Alfred Hugh Garner, of Leverington, is justifiably proud. Mr. Garner, who recently celebrated his 67th birthday, resides in Leverington, where he has been a ringer for 32 years.

His early days were spent in Wisbech St. Mary, where his grandfather was sexton, and at the age of 15 he had his first lesson in bell-ringing. He has been ringing ever since, and he says he intends not to give up while he can swing a bell.

Mr. Garner, as one of the Wisbech band, rang for the celebrations of Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887. For the past thirty years he has lived in Leverington, and during that time he has not missed the opportunity of indulging in his hobby.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A Special Investigator has this week dealt with the inquiries of correspondents. We accept no responsibility for his replies.

'Eggs.'—We do not as a rule deal with poultry problems in these columns, but we have it on very good authority that hens in certain parts of Gloucestershire lay very much better when the church bells are rung regularly. We fully appreciate the Mayor of Gloucester's feelings when the bells of St. Michael's are rung for his benefit.

'Sir Thomas.'—The problem you present to us is rather a tricky one, and has been submitted to our very Special Investigation Department. We do not think you can claim the four shillings from 'the man from Taylor's'; even if your claim were valid, we doubt very much whether you would get it. After going very carefully into the whole question, we are of the opinion that you are in his debt to the extent of sixpence. Our advice is, 'Pay up' and 'Smile.'

Numerous Enquirers, Bristol.—The most simple way (but not the cheapest) of getting a bottle of Scotch 'broth' in a Birmingham temperance hotel is to get a 'Wilbers,' soak it well and allow time to mature. When ready, serve in glasses, and add water as found necessary.

'Austin,' Glos.—We are sorry to learn of the loss of your hat, and can only advise that you use a much better quality of glue in order to keep it firm on the head. We sincerely hope that the one you 'found' is of much better quality. The driver of the taxi who took you home has been interviewed, and wants to know 'what about the empties?'

'Novice.'—The term 'pulling off the eleventh' is the 'deaf and dumb' sign for 'What's yours?'

'Perplexed.'—No, the damage to the Fidler's face was not caused by the 'Syston' turkey, or any other bird, but is the result of an accidental discovery. He found another way of dismounting from a bicycle.

'Curate.'—As far as we know the 'Bishops' of Swindon have not the influence you desire. Yes, there is another Shepherd to that flock, and he has been known to ring with his hat on during a rainy period.

'Supper Bar.'—There have not, as far as we know, been any invitations to fish and chip saloon proprietors for tenders for the discarded outer covers of the new 'Collection of Minor Methods.'

'Anxious,' Bristol.—We cannot answer your enquiry in this column regarding the dilemma of the damsels in blue.

'Antiquarian.'—Yes, the 'Syston' turkey is gone, but not forgotten.

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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.

Mr. Stephen H. Wood, who is now residing in Glasgow, has been the 'victim' of appendicitis, but we are glad to say he is progressing satisfactorily after an operation.

Mr. D. K. C. Birt, the popular Master of the Surrey Association, is leaving within the next few weeks for a prolonged holiday in South Africa with his wife and daughter.

Exactly thirty years ago on Sunday, the band at St. Peter's, Brighton, rang the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major. It is the only new Surprise Major method that has really 'caught on' and achieved any real popularity out of the many that have been rung.

James Barham conducted at Harrietsham, Kent, the first peal of Reverse Bob Major 180 years ago next Monday.

A peal of 5,020 Old Double Caters, 'being the first peal ever rung in that method,' was accomplished at Fulham by the College Youths on March 23rd, 1783. What exactly was 'Old Double Caters'?

Will Mr. Maude please write again to the Forge, Handbridge, Chester, on behalf of ringers, his letter having been mislaid.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar of Upper Armley, the meeting of the Leeds and District Society which was to have been held there to-morrow has been postponed for a week, and will be held on the 28th inst. at Holbeck.

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Paddon Smith is mistaken in thinking that the Methods Committee has made any attempt to dictate to the Central Council the form its publications should take. Obviously this is a matter for the Council and not for the committee. It will be in the recollection of all members of the Central Council that the particular point at issue has not been decided, nor even discussed, at any meeting of the Council.

Our stand is taken on the principle that in the absence of a direct vote precedent must be followed, and that no official is entitled to depart from this without authority. In other words, we hold that, in effect, it is the secretary, and not we, who is dictating the form of the book. The last precedent that is parallel to the present one is the publication of 'Plain Major Methods,' and we have asked that that example should be followed now. I understand that Mr. Young claims the latest edition of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' as an argument for supporting his view, but surely there is no true comparison. For this last book the officers are clearly responsible, and it is more than difficult to see whose names it should bear if not theirs.

Unfortunately the question has been complicated by the raising (by Mr. Young) of the thorny problem of copyright. I do not wish to go into this point at this moment, but, speaking purely for myself, I feel there is a good deal to be said on both sides. On the whole, my opinion is that, in the Council's interest, it would be better for it to disclaim any rights and consequent responsibility that ownership of copyright would involve.

However that be, I would express the hope that this copyright problem be decided judicially and without heat, and, above all, apart from the controversies that have recently centred round the Methods Committee.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

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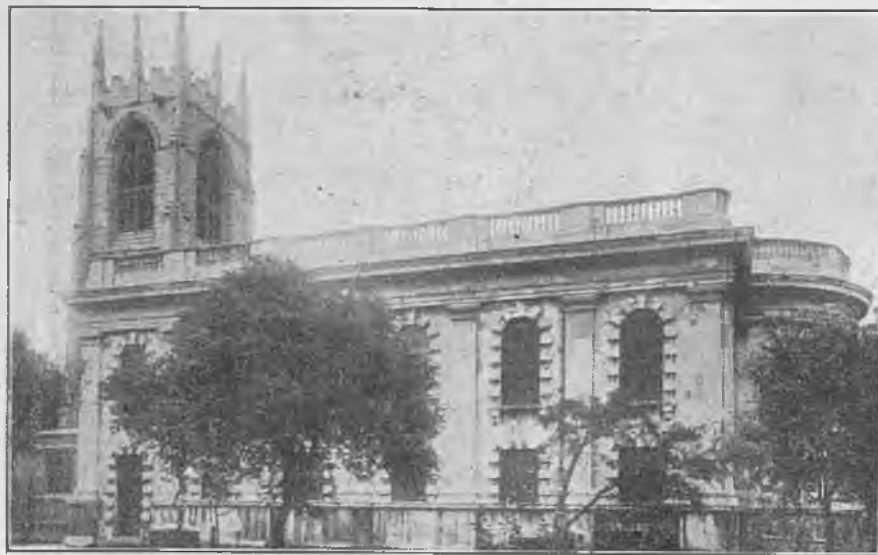
A 15th CENTURY TOWER.

THE HISTORY OF GAINSBOROUGH BELLS.

The early history of Gainsborough Church is unknown, but about the year 1180 the Church of Gainsborough, with its endowments, was given by Sir Roger Talbot to the Preceptory of the Knights Templars at Willoughton.

The church was doubtless served by their chaplains until 1220, when the perpetual Vicarage of Gainsborough was ordained by Bishop Hugh of Wells, and a house and competent endowment provided by the Knights, who remained Rectors and owners of the advowson and probably of the major part of the endowment.

These they retained until 1311, when the Order was dissolved and their place taken by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who pre-



GAINSBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.

sented to the Vicarage until their Order in England was dissolved by Henry VIII. in 1540.

In 1545 the next presentation was made by Nicholas Sutton 'by grant hac vice' from Bro. William Weston, late prior of the dissolved Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, and the next but one by the Bishop of Lincoln.

The Bishops of Lincoln appear to have become Rectors in the place of the Knights and owners of the advowson.

The present tower belonged to a church built probably in the 15th century, being Perpendicular in style, and having some features in common with the Parish Church of Althorpe, said to have been built in 1483, and to the Vicarage of which the Knights of St. John presented alternately with the Master of St. Leonard's Hospital, York.

In 1748 the church itself was replaced by a building in Renaissance style, the architect being James Gibbs, who was consulting architect to the Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral and architect of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and other well-known buildings. The Perpendicular tower was retained, but internally cut off from the main building, and serves the purpose of a somewhat dismal porch.

The ground floor and west doorway were raised, the west windows shortened, a ringing floor was inserted, the fan vaulting removed, and two new doorways broken through the wall of the turret stairs. No provision was made for vestries until about 1900, when adequate vestries were erected on either side of the tower in a somewhat composite style.

Of the early bells nothing is known, but in 1553 there were five great bells and one sanctus bell. There existed many years ago, of which all trace has now been lost, a charge on certain lands in East Stockwith (which a hundred years ago formed part of the ecclesiastical parish of Gainsborough) for the provision of ropes for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th bells.

When the new church was completed and furnished, a ring of eight bells from the foundry of Messrs. Lester and Pack was hung in the tower hearing, except the 5th and 6th, the names of the founders and the date 1764.

The inscription on the 5th bell is: 'In wedlock's bands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite; so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.'

The tenor, in addition to the names of the founders and the date 1764, bears the names of the churchwardens, Joseph Hornby and John Coats. The 6th bell was recast in 1856 by Messrs. C. and G. Mears, and bears the names of the churchwardens, William Stanwell and John Ferris Marshall.

This bell may have suffered owing to the fact that its particular pit was of irregular shape to admit of entrance to the bell chamber, necessitating a short stay and a block slider running in a groove attached to the side of the frame and exerting a special strain on the head stock, which at a later date collapsed and caused the bell to fall, fortunately without injury.

In 1856 the new bell cost £76 8s. 7d., and the founders allowed £62 13s. 6d. for the old one, while £9 15s. 10d. was paid 'for taking down and refixing Bell, etc., etc.' The freight to and from London was 17s. 8d. The bell weighed approximately 11 cwt.

The 6th and 7th bells were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1883, and in the year 1908 extensive improvements were made in the tower. The bells were taken down, quarter turned and tuned, a steel frame was erected, the bells were supplied with new fittings and steel stocks, the camions removed, and new louvres inserted in the windows, which were partially blocked. The tone of the bells as well as the hanging is now excellent, and the ring has a high reputation among ringers. The weight of the bells varies from 5½ cwt. to 20 cwt.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice Mr. Barnett objects to the title of 'Double Little Bob' on the ground that the method was first rung at Crayford, under the name of Erith.

Given that, with the treble as far as fourth's and treble bob above fourth's, the method is 'Little Bob,' then the method we rang with three pull dodging in 5-6 and 7-8 and places in 3-4 down, is Double Little Bob—call it Erith, Wigan or Timbuctoo, if you will—just as 'Dartford' Little Bob is Little Oxford Bob.—Yours faithfully,
NOLAN GOLDEN.

RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

To celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Champness, of Bishop's Stortford, on March 9th, two quarter-peals were rung at St. Michael's Church. The first was for morning service on Sunday, March 8th, a quarter of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins. by: Harold Wacey 1, R. Hayden 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. A. Wacey 4, H. Bull 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8. On Monday, March 9th, a quarter of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, F. Springham 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, P. Springham 8.

Mr. Champness is the oldest member of the Bishop's Stortford hand.

LOST! FIVE SURPRISE RINGERS.

Much concern is being felt in ringing circles in the West Riding of Yorkshire, writes a correspondent, regarding the whereabouts of five 'Surprise ringers,' who, it is believed, set out from various districts in the counties of 'clogs' and 'broad acres' to visit a certain Yorkshire tower to attempt a peal of Surprise on Saturday last, but who, up to the time of going to press, have never been seen there. Exhaustive enquiries at Old Trafford and Elland Road have proved unavailing, and it is thought possible that the party may have journeyed to Wembley to ensure adequate accommodation for the pending F.A. Cup final.

Should this be the case, it may be possible that the 'cinquettette' may be detected by the 'Cinques,' and, providing they are able to 'call round,' may thus be 'roped in' for 3s. 6d. instead of 7s. 6d., and that gruesome qualification of a course of Stedman Cinques on a concertina.

Even the 'Gold Dust Twins,' whom it was thought inseparable, failed to function in that capacity; and thus the 'High Jenks' it was hoped to pull off was converted into a peal of 'Solo Singles,' which was brought round in 1 hour 30 mins., with an interval of eighty minutes between the going off and homing courses. As neither the method nor this mode of peal ringing conform to the rules laid down by the Central Council, the ringers' names had best remain secret.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOOKING FEES.

The annual meeting of the Surrey County Association, held on Saturday at Kingston-on-Thames, was attended by about 90 ringers. Although it is the administrative centre of the county, Kingston is not easy of access from the eastern parts of Surrey, and it speaks well for the interest of the members that so large a number were present. Kingston is full of historical interest, and among its treasures is the King's Stone upon which several Saxon monarchs were crowned. The ancient church has a peal of ten bells, a mixed lot of indifferent quality, but they were kept busily engaged during Saturday afternoon in touches and attempts in a variety of methods. Nearly twice as many ringers turned up at the Church Hall for tea as had intimated their intention of coming, but the caterers eventually surmounted the difficulties.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt), who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin), the hon. treasurer (Mr. C. Dean), and the district officers.

The treasurer's statement showed that receipts in the general fund during the year amounted to £15 11s. including £4 2s. from the Southern District, £6 4s. from the North-Western District, and £3 5s. from compounding members' subscriptions. The expenditure was £17 8s. 6d., leaving a balance of £14 5s. 10d., against £18 3s. 4d. at the end of the previous year.

Mr. Dean moved the adoption of the accounts, and Mr. F. G. Woodiss, in seconding, pointed out that the statement did not show the real position of the association, as the treasurer's balance sheet contained no details of the financial position of the districts. He suggested that in future there should be either three balance sheets presented to the meeting, or one comprehensive statement.

The Chairman said that if Mr. Woodiss' suggestion was carried out they would have to alter the rules under which the districts had the right to deal with their own money subject to the payment of a certain proportion to the general treasurer. It might or might not be desirable to have a comprehensive balance sheet, and perhaps the committee might consider the matter.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the three financial statements appeared in the annual report, and it only needed a little simple arithmetic to calculate how the association was getting on.

The balance sheet was then adopted.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

The committee, in their report, stated that 41 peals were rung during 1930, an increase of 18 on the previous year, 104 members having taken part. The financial position of the association was also sound, the balances on December 31st amounting to £60 5s. 2d., as against £47 7s. 8d. at the end of 1929. The new certificates had been paid for since—an item of £21—but it was hoped that members who had not obtained certificates would do so, so that the funds might be reimbursed. It was the desire of the committee that the official peal record should be brought up to date. It was now several years in arrear, the last volume having been completed, and it was recommended that another book be purchased in order that the writing up of the peals might be continued. The report added that Sunday service ringing would be improved if the jangling of single bells before and after ringing were eliminated. The committee recommended that raising and falling in peal should be practised and carried out as far as possible. For several years the association had been without a president, and, representations to Dr. Garbutt (Bishop of Southwark) to occupy the position having been without effect, the committee were pleased to announce that the Bishop of Croydon had kindly consented to become president. During the year the association had lost two members by death, viz., Messrs. P. Tidy (Limpsfield Chart) and J. D. Talbot (Croydon). In the North-Western District five district meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 32, and two joint meetings, one with the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the other with the London County Association. One fresh tower (Benhillon) had come into the association, and 23 new members had joined. There were now 113 attached and 46 unattached members, a total of 159, in the district—an increase of 10. In the Southern District there were 109 ringing and two hon. members. At the six district meetings there had been an average attendance of 26, and 20 peals had been rung against ten in the previous year. The bells and belfries were in good condition, and most hands had made good progress.

Mr. W. Hewell raised the question as to whether it was worth while going to the expense of having another peal book, in view of the fact that the details of the peals were published in the annual report. An amendment that no further book should be purchased, however, found no seconded.

It was stated that the last volume of peals brought the record only up to August, 1923, and that the outstanding peals would probably fill the new book. It was also mentioned that if the association purchased the book now required, a further book would probably be presented to the association.

It was agreed that the committee should proceed with the purchase of a new book and the writing up of the peals.

UNPAID BOOKING FEES.

The Hon. Secretary then moved that four peals rung in the Southern District, for which no booking fees had been paid, should be deleted from the records of the association. He pointed out that the rule of the association was that a booking fee should be paid of 3d. per popo for all peals, but there were four peals for which the fees had not been paid. All these peals were conducted by Mr. Oliver Sippetts. A few years ago the association was well on the way to bankruptcy. They had a reorganisation, and as one means of assisting their funds they decided to charge a booking fee for their peals. They had to thank the rules and the officers for bringing the association back to a more satisfactory position, until now they had a balance of about £60. They could not, however, allow a member to break the rules after they had been made. If one person could do without paying booking fees, they must license others to do the same; and if they broke one rule they could break another. He proposed, therefore, that the four peals be deleted.—Mr. F. E. Darby seconded.

Mr. A. J. Bull (hon. secretary of the Southern District) said he thought they should approach Mr. Sippetts on this matter before finally deleting the peals.

The Hon. Secretary said he was prepared to incorporate that suggestion in his amendment, so that Mr. Sippetts should have the opportunity of paying the fees. If, however, he did not do so the peals should be automatically taken out.

In reply to a question, Mr. Bull said that none of the ringers paid the fees for the four peals in question, and the hon. secretary pointed out that it was the conductor's duty to collect and forward the money.

A member said he would pay the fees for one of the peals—rung at Reigate.

The Master said they would all be sorry to delete the peals, but they must abide by the rules (hear, hear). Last year they discussed the question of abolishing the booking fees, but did not see their way to doing so. Perhaps now they had got over the expense of providing the new certificate they might in the near future be in sufficient funds to enable them to abolish the fee once for all. In the meantime there seemed no option but to delete those peals unless the rules were complied with. He suggested that, in regard to the three remaining peals, the time for the payment of the fees should be extended to Easter.

The motion was carried, and Mr. Bull then stated that the secretary need not take any further action, as he would pay for the three peals.

This offer led to objection in several quarters and further discussion, the view being taken that the motion having been carried, the application for the fees should be made to the conductor.

The report with this proviso was then adopted.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. H. C. Duffell and H. S. Barber (Kingston), J. A. Cook (Merton), W. Sparkes (Mitcham), F. Bell (Streatham) and Miss Ivy Kippin (Beddington), Mr. James Parker and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (Edmonton), and Mr. E. S. Turner (Falling) were elected compounding members.

Four places were proposed for the next annual general meeting, but, it being pointed out that it was the turn of the Southern District next year, three were withdrawn, leaving Reigate without opposition.

No other nominations having been received, the election of the following officers was confirmed with acclamation: President, the Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; assistant secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; auditor, Mr. E. G. Talbot.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Housden, the retiring auditor, who has removed to Grays, for his services.

On the motion of Mr. Northover, cordial thanks were given to the Master and the hon. secretary for their services, and Mr. Kippin having replied, the Master thanked the treasurer and the district officers for their work during the past year.

Thanks to the Rector of Kingston for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Howes, of the local band, for his share in the arrangements, brought the meeting to a close, and the majority of the ringers then returned to the tower.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a review of Mr. Ernest Morris' new book, 'The Sunday Times' of March 8th says that the Ancient Society of College Youths derives its name from the College of the Holy Ghost and Hospital of God's House, founded by Dick Whittington. This, of course, is a repetition of the statement in the society's official hand-book, but it cannot possibly be true. The College Youths had no more to do with Whittington and his college than they had with the Man in the Moon, and it is not in the least likely that they got their name from any church on College Hill. It is not a tradition of the Exercise, but a myth which has grown up on very slender foundations. No one knows or ever will know how they did get their name, but I think we can make a guess somewhat nearer the truth.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DEATH OF MR. W. MILLER.**THIRTY-THREE YEARS MASTER OF LEYTONSTONE SOCIETY.**

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Miller, of Leytonstone, who passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 4th. About two years ago he had a severe illness, from which he never completely recovered, it having left him with a weak heart which ultimately caused his sudden demise, much to the sorrow of all who knew him, especially his ringing friends in London, Essex and Suffolk.

Mr. Miller was a native of Pakenham (Suffolk), where he first learned to handle a bell on the ring of five at the Parish Church, after which he used to walk to Bury and back regularly in order to obtain practice on the eight and ten bell peals at St. Mary's and the Norman tower. After a time he migrated to Leytonstone, where he had resided since 1894. At that time all changes only were rung at St. John's, but on January 20th, 1898, the Leytonstone (St. John's) Society was formed by Mr. Miller, the late Mr. T. Hervey Beams and Mr. J. Moule, the latter now being the only surviving member of the original band. Mr. Miller was elected Master, a position he retained till his death (thirty-three years). Change ringing was then taken up, and several notable exponents of the Exercise have from time to time belonged to the Leytonstone company, amongst whom may be mentioned the late Sam Hayes, W. Doran, H. Torble, etc., all contemporaries of Mr. Miller. It was mainly through the efforts of the late Mr. Edgar Wightman that Surprise Minor was practised in this tower, and he with the Leytonstone band at that time, together with those previously named, with the addition of Messrs. W. Keeble and G. Dawson, and a few others, raised the standard of ringing at St. John's to a high degree, which has been maintained ever since.

Mr. Miller's peals total 208, of which he conducted 35, amongst them being 62 peals of Surprise Minor in seven methods, one in 22 methods, and one in 23 methods of Spliced Surprise Minor, a peal of Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute, the band for which was drawn from ten different counties, the William peal of London Surprise at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and the two peals of Middlesex Surprise Royal.

On Sunday week a memorial service, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Brown, was held at St. John's Church, a large number attending, amongst whom were the members of deceased's family and the present Leytonstone company, the bells being rung muffled both for this and also the evening service. The Vicar paid a high tribute to Mr. Miller's capabilities as a ringer, and also to the great interest he took in the Church's work generally.

The funeral took place on Monday, March 9th, at the City of London Cemetery (Ilford), a large number of ringers and friends being present, amongst whom were Messrs. W. Pye (Master, representing the Middlesex Association), E. J. Buller (the Essex Association), T. H. Tuffender (the London County Association), C. Hayden (the Royal Cumberlands), Messrs. Petty and Chalk (the Wanstead band), and Mr. G. R. Pye (the Romford band). The service was conducted by Canon Brown, and after the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. G. Dawson 1-2, T. H. Tuffender 3-4, G. R. Pye 5-6, W. Pye 7-8. Amongst the 47 wreaths were those from the clergy and churchwardens of St. John's, the Leytonstone band, and Mr. W. J. Nevard, Mr. G. A. Black, Mr. D. Vincent (Sunderland), Mr. and Mrs. Moule, and also the Wanstead band. After the funeral, a muffled peal of seven Surprise Minor methods was rung by members of the Leytonstone band, and also one of Superlative Surprise at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, which appear in their appropriate place in the peal columns.

This brief account of the passing of William Miller is but a slight appreciation of the esteem in which an old friend was held by all who knew him, and his passing will leave a gap amongst ringers, especially in the south-western portion of Essex, which will be hard to fill. One of his chief delights was looking forward to the time for the Leytonstone band's outing, every one of which he had attended since their inauguration. His delightful demeanour and cheery smile will be sadly missed. E. J. B.

BELBROUGHTON RINGER'S DEATH.**SIXTY YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.**

The death occurred on Friday, March 6th, of Mr. Henry Martin, of Belbroughton, Worcestershire, at the age of 86 years. He was one of the founders of the Worcestershire Association, formed in 1882. He did a great deal of spade work for the association in its early days, often walking miles to the neighbouring towns and villages on practice nights to help other members to learn the art of change ringing. Not a great peal ringer, he rang 17 for the association and conducted 4. He started ringing at the age of 16, and was made conductor when he was 25. He was a ringer at Belbroughton Church for more than 60 years.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 11th, when the bells were rung half-muffled. In the evening the local ringers rang 720 Grandsire Doubles.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**STANDING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held, by kind permission of the president, at his office in London on Tuesday, October 21st, 1930, when there were present Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) in the chair, Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (hon. librarian), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. W. A. Cave. Mr. C. T. Coles regretted he could not be present, and Mr. C. F. Johnston telephoned to say that a heavy cold prevented his attendance.

The suggested new rules, as published in 'The Ringing World,' were gone through, and it was agreed that the suggested Rule 2 might be adopted, as seeming to give more prominence to the associations than to the representatives thereof. The only other suggestion that seemed to call for discussion was the second part of Rule 2: 'That the Council shall consist of (1) representative members elected annually.' The committee were unanimous against any alteration in the three-year system.

It was agreed that any alteration that might be made in the rules at the Liverpool meeting should be printed on a slip and inserted in the copies of 'Rules and Decisions of the Council' in the same way as the corrigenda of peals has been done.

Lantern slides.—A register of those in existence (that are known) to be made, and report to be made to the Liverpool meeting.

The other resolution of the Rev. H. Drake, 'That notices of motions 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,' was approved.

At the conclusion of the business for which the meeting was called, Mr. Young informed the members that he was very pleased to report that at last he had been successful in getting someone to master the Carter ringing machine. In fact, there were two gentlemen now who were capable of demonstrating the machine to interested people.

He also mentioned that he had been successful in his quest for a successor to himself in the post of hon. secretary to the Council.

TREBLE BOB METHODS.

Since his letter on the 'Construction of Methods' appeared in our columns a fortnight ago, Mr. George Baker has been investigating 'Treble Bob' methods. He has discovered a great many which are based on no plain method, and some of them are more intricate than most Surprise methods. 'This,' he says, 'shows how ridiculous it is to lay down arbitrary rules.'

The following is his latest production on these lines, and it will run true to Middleton's peal of Cambridge—and will want a great deal more ringing than that method:—

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2nd's place at the lead-end and 4th's place bob.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on March 13th, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Willesden, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, D. Pink 2, G. Plater 3, D. Ovington 4, J. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, A. G. Crane 8. Also a birthday compliment to J. Armstrong and H. Miller.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Foddy 1, J. A. Green (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, A. J. Green 3, F. Walton 4, F. Case 5, F. Pateman 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, C. Warner (first quarter-peal) 8.

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Heckington, Lincolnshire, on Friday, March 6th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: *B. Slack 1, *H. Connell 2, *N. Brown 3, J. Hy. Clark (conductor) 4, *G. Slack 5, *F. Mason 6, A. Dixon 7, *N. Asher 8. *Longest length rung.

RESTORATION OF INGRAVE BELLS.

The five bells at Ingrave, Essex, having recently been restored by Messrs. Bowell and Sons, a good attendance of members of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association and friends gathered there on Saturday for a pull on this handy ring. Soon after 3 p.m., the bells were going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, everybody expressing pleasure at the splendid 'go' of this rather heavy peal. The association service was conducted by the Vicar, and it was most gratifying to have the full choir, and also a large number of the villagers present. After service all present were invited by the Rector to the tea kindly provided for them in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the whole of the Ingrave band were elected members, and the Rector himself an honorary member. In addition, two other ringing and two honorary members were also elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Woodford on Saturday, May 9th, the district secretary having previously made the arrangements.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. W. Lindsay) for kindly allowing use of tower and bells and for his hearty welcome, to the organist, Miss Boardman, and to the choir, to the members of the congregation for waiting at the tea, and to the Ingrave band for having everything in readiness.—This was responded to by the Rector, who expressed the hope that the association would endeavour to pay another visit to Ingrave as soon as possible, and also by Mr. W. F. R. Boardman on behalf of the choir.

Before commencing the meeting, the members stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Miller, of the Leytonstone band, who had passed away the previous week.

During the afternoon, between 20 and 30 members were present from Brentwood, Braintree, Romford, Leytonstone, South Weald, Maldon, All Saints', Bentley, together with the local men, and six-scores of various methods were rung, the bells being lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m., all agreeing that most enjoyable and profitable afternoon had been spent.

AN INTERESTING MASONIC PEAL.

A Masonic peal of special interest was rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on Saturday week, when five members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and five members of the Royal Cumberlanders stood side by side as brothers of the craft, and accomplished a 5,000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal. In that respect the performance was unique.

It was the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it speaks volumes for the way the work has been done that it was possible to turn the bells with a 31 cwt. tenor to a peal of Treble Ten in 3 hrs. 16 mins.

The local company gave up their privilege of ringing the first peal to enable the Masons to make this attempt, and their action was, naturally, very much appreciated.

DEATH OF A MERROW RINGER.

The band at Merrow, Surrey, has lost by death Mr. Adolphus John Boniface, who for many years was captain of the local company. Mr. Boniface's ringing was not of the spectacular kind, but he kept the Sunday service ringing going at his own church in face of many difficulties. He was a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and of the Guildford Diocesan Guild from its formation.

He was a member of the choir for 34 years, and he took an active part in friendly society work in the village. He had been ill for a considerable period, and passed away in the Royal Surrey County Hospital on Sunday week at the age of 60 years.

The funeral on Wednesday of last week was choral, the Nunc Dimittis and the hymns, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er' and 'On the Resurrection morning,' being sung, while after the committal prayers a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling, R. Philpott and J. S. Goldsmith. The church bells were rung muffled before the service.

STEDMAN RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. H. Lewis, in the course of his speech at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, remarked that he had been 'exiled' for fifteen years in Scotland, and that a new generation of ringers had sprung up during that time, many of whom he did not know. With all due respect to the popular president of the Central Council, it would interest me to know on what source of information he bases his conclusion that (with one possible exception) nowhere did we get such good Stedman ringing as in Birmingham both on handbells and tower bells.—Yours faithfully,

H. JACKSON.

Stockport.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 8th, for divine service in the evening at St. Bartholemew's Church, 720 Hanley Double Surprise Minor: J. W. Walker 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. Corfield 4, W. C. Lawrence 5, J. Walley 6.

BELLS OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS.

THE FIRST CHANGE RINGING IN GUERNSEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 21st, 1930, I note that Mr. F. W. Richardson is under the impression that no change ringing has ever taken place in either of the Islands. For the information of ringers generally, I draw attention to the fact that some time prior to 1914 (I forget the exact year) the St. Nicholas' Guild of Ringers, Bristol, chose the Islands for their annual outing, with the view of trying to ring a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. Peter Port Church, Guernsey, which had, at that time, been rehung by a French firm of bellhangers. On arrival we found that the bells were almost unringable, and it was only through the labour of our steeple-keeper, Mr. J. Richmond, that we managed to ring them. Not to be deprived of the opportunity of recording what probably would be the first change ringing on the bells, Mr. J. Richmond spent most of the Sunday morning greasing and adjusting the stays and sliders, whilst his colleagues were paying a visit to the Vale Church and rang a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor for morning service, this being the first completed attempt of change ringing in the Islands.

On our return to the Parish Church, we found a lot of improvement in the 'go' of the bells, and we started for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which did not succeed owing to insufficient time to ring it, but we had the undisputed satisfaction of knowing that we had made the first attempt at change ringing on St. Peter Port bells. The report of our visit to the Islands was published in 'The Ringing World.' As regards Jersey bells, we visited that Island also, but it was unknown to the Bristol ringers that there were ringable bells there, or we should certainly have tried to ring there also.—Yours truly,

F. G. MAY.

Cape Town, South Africa.

THE INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to a recent leading article in 'The Ringing World' on 'What is the best way to teach the art of change ringing?' I must say that I was rather disappointed that some experienced instructors have not given us more helpful information on the subject, although we have been told the correct way to hold the rope.

To say that ringers must possess certain qualities, and that nine-tenths hold the rope end wrongly, and that one-fifth are wrong at hand stroke, is somewhat disheartening, and not at all helpful, although I notice the writer thinks it safe to apply this to country ringers only.

Personally, I should imagine that one good quality a ringer or learner may possess would be 'enthusiasm,' and the instructor should certainly possess a knowledge of teaching on correct lines, so that learners are put on the way to grasp ropesight.

I notice that according to Mr. Dyke's letter, in which he told us how to hold a bell rope, the illustrations in 'Troyte's Change Ringing' and 'Snowdon's Ropesight' on the position of the tail end are incorrect, as they both show the rope end held with the 'sally' by the four fingers. I have used these books for instruction, and think they must be badly in need of revision if these incorrect illustrations have been allowed to stand for so long.

There is no doubt that proper instruction is badly needed, and I think the associations should do more to supply it. I believe some associations have one or two instructors and assistants, while others have none at all. I should like to suggest that there should be a qualified teacher present at ringing meetings as often as possible, and that occasional meetings be held for tower instructors only, where the technique as well as the science of ringing could be taught, and thus handed on. This would surely be real good work.

W. A. OSBORN.

RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

At Braintree, Essex, on Monday, March 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: S. Warno 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Lindridge 3, R. Martin (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, B. Ridgwell 5, A. B. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, H. C. Reason 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. W. H. Hammond, who died earlier in the day, and whose husband has been a ringer at Braintree for several years.

A DATE TOUCH.

On March 6th, at All Saints' Church, Abnoldbury, Yorkshire, a date touch of 1,931 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hour 10 mins.: John Robertson (conductor) 1, A. Garner 2, A. Armitage 3, W. E. Dransfield 4, C. Smithies 5, W. Moorhouse 6, J. W. Nutton 7, Jack Newton 8. Composed by Geo. H. Simons, of Elland.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 15th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: H. Milton 1, R. Picton 2, R. Bell 3, H. Long 4, S. Hoare 5, F. Crook 6, W. Norris 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On March 15th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woodston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Lawrence 1-2, S. Head 3, W. Williams 4, A. Phillips 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. B. Yates 1, H. H. Fearn 2, P. O. Ladin 3, J. Withers, jun., 4, C. Webb 5, A. Downes 6, J. Eaton 7, G. E. Fearn 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Withers 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Downes and Mr. C. Webb.—On Thursday, March 12th, a 793 of Grandsire Caters, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Buraston, wife of the late schoolmaster of King's Norton: C. Webb 1, H. H. Fearn 2, W. Dowding 3, J. Turner 4, H. Williams 5, A. Downes 6, H. Stanley 7, G. E. Fearn 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Withers 10.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 1,260 Bob Royal in 53 mins.: Miss K. Meadows 1, H. Allen 2, A. Hume 3, L. J. Clark (conductor) 4, E. Runter 5, R. C. Clark 6, W. Lincoln 7, H. Devenish 8, J. Wood 9, J. W. Cornford 10. This was the first quarter-peal of Bob Royal by all the band except the ringer of the tenor, and the first on the bells.

BRIGHTON.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, for evening service, on Sunday, March 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins.: C. J. Cooper 1, F. J. Sharpe 2, W. J. Webb 3, E. A. Andrews 4, S. E. Armstrong 5, J. C. Edwards 6. All are members of the local band, and this is the first 720 rung by them.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 15th, at the Church of St. Mary, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, E. Thoday 4, D. Adams 5, C. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 London Surprise (21 bobs): M. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, March 15th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins. (from the first quarter of Holt's Original): H. W. Strickland 1, H. Ellis 2, F. G. Symonds 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.

DUFFIELD.—At the Parish Church, on March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evensong service: R. Spencer 1, Miss F. Hartle 2, R. Bolton (conductor) 3, H. Hill 4, C. Draper 5, P. Dudley 6, S. Dawson 7, W. Baker 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Baslow on Saturday, Mar. 28th. Church of St. Anne (6 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea at the Rutland Arms at 5 p.m. It is hoped to arrange a visit to Edensor (in Chatsworth Park) after tea. Church of St. Peter (6 bells). Visitors welcomed. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—The recast peal of 8 bells and new cast iron framework by Taylor, Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Palm Sunday, March 29th, at 11 a.m. Bells available in the afternoon.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, *The Coffee Pot, on the 24th, 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.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Church Room, South Street (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. The bells at All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available after the meeting.—George W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth, Reddish, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, March 21st. The peal of 8 (tenor 14½ cwt.) at Holy Trinity Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea, at a charge of 1s. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Vicar of Ordsall. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea. Further particulars will be sent to towers by circular, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at Shere. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m., also at Woodbridge, 6 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton on March 21st (8 bells). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Claybrook on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good attendance is expected. All ringers cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Hartlip, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 3 p.m.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—**BARKWAY**, Sat., March 21st. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. Regret short notice. Last meeting of ringing year 1930-31, so please make a point of attending if possible.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Central School (1s. per head).—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 Eastwell on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service and tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at Saracen's Head at 5, to be followed by usual business meeting. Please notify me regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The third quarterly meeting will be held at Daybrook, Notts, on Saturday, March 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Snook, Standwell, Duke Street, Arnold, Notts, by March 25th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, March 28th. The address at the service, to be held at 4 o'clock, will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Please send numbers for tea by March 25th.—S. Thurstfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 25th. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely. — A meeting at Stetchworth on Saturday, March 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following, by kind invitation, at the White Horse Hotel. Dullingham and Wood Ditton bells also available.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wolvercote on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 25th. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at the Royal Exchange, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than March 24th. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Amended Notice.—Nomination meeting. Owing to the serious illness of the Vicar of Upper Armley, the meeting at Armley for the 21st is cancelled. The nomination meeting of the society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Bristol, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Room, Charles Street. Kindly notify by the 24th for tea.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

KIDSGROVE, near Stoke-on-Trent.—The ring of six bells recast and hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, March 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby (8 bells) on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, in the Institute, followed by business meeting. All those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, the 26th, first post, if possible. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on March 28th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, address by the Vicar. Tea after, at 5.30, 1s. each. I hope for a good muster. All ringing friends welcome. Essex friends give us a look up. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) ready early. Subscriptions are now due. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than Friday, 27th inst. Special effort for this meeting.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, near Swindon.—The peal of five bells restored and augmented to six by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Sunday, March 29th, at 3.30 p.m.

HALSALL, LANCS.—The recast ring of 6 bells, together with the clock and carillon machine, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Warrington on Saturday, April 4th, at 2.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of

Hitchin. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill (near Abbey Station) immediately after the service, followed by annual business meeting for election of officers, etc. Towers open at 2 p.m., but ringing can be had at the two six-bell towers, during the morning, if early application is made to me.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham (through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sears), on Easter Monday, April 6th.

Service at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting in the Parish Hall. Dinner and tea arrangements will be announced in these columns in due course. Prestbury Church bells (8) available 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Leckhampton Church bells (8) before and after service and meeting, Charlton King's Church bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Nominations for the various offices are requested.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 6th. By kind permission of the Incumbents, the bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael-at-Coslany, and All Saints', will be placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon C. C. Lancheater. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at luncheon are kindly requested to notify the secretary on or before Wednesday, April 1st. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon. The committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. in the Vestry of St. Peter Mancroft.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 11.15. Association service in the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Carlton Café, High Street, at 1.15, followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. till 11.30 and after the meeting: Tonbridge (8), Tunbridge Wells (8), Chiddingstone (8), Penshurst (8), Sevenoaks (8), Hadlow (8), Shipbourne (6) and Speldhurst (8). Application for dinner tickets (free to practising members, 3s. to non-members) must be made on or before last post Tuesday, March 31st.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Derby on Easter Monday. Bells of Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Luke's (8), St. Peter's (8) open for ringing (times later). Committee meet at 3.15. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. It is regretted that Ald. Chambers' memorial will not be completed by this date, but will all members of committee possible meet at Littleover Church at 12 noon, to view and discuss final arrangements? — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 6th. Business meeting

in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address by the Rev. G. W. Webb, Vicar of Longdon, 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 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), 11 to 12 and after 5.30, All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithun's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 1st. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11th, at the Parish Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. The tea will be supplied by the generosity of the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, Reading, at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 11th (p.v.). Will branch secretaries notify me before that date the number of annual reports required for their respective branches? — Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, April 11th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Great Holland. Preliminary Notice. — Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the new ring of eight erected to the memory of Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Further particulars later.—C. H. Howard, Master.

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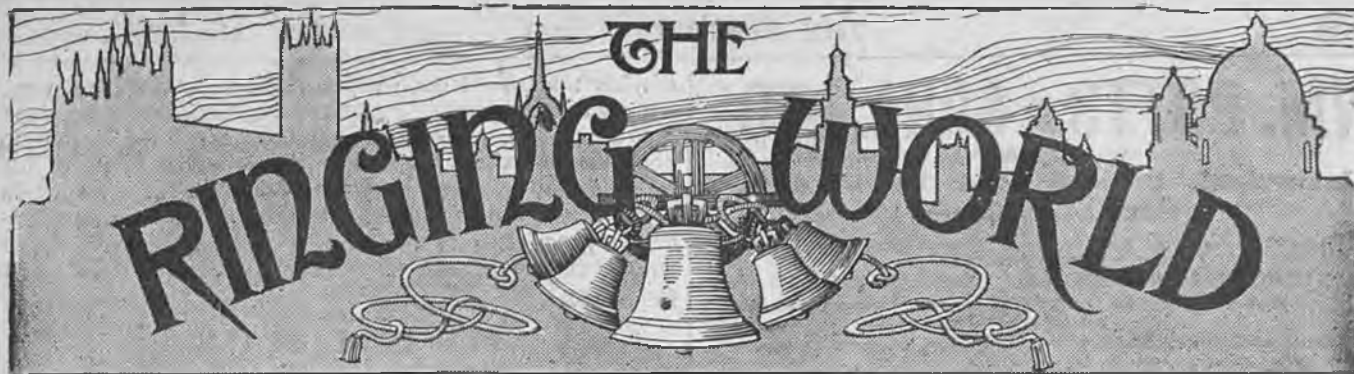
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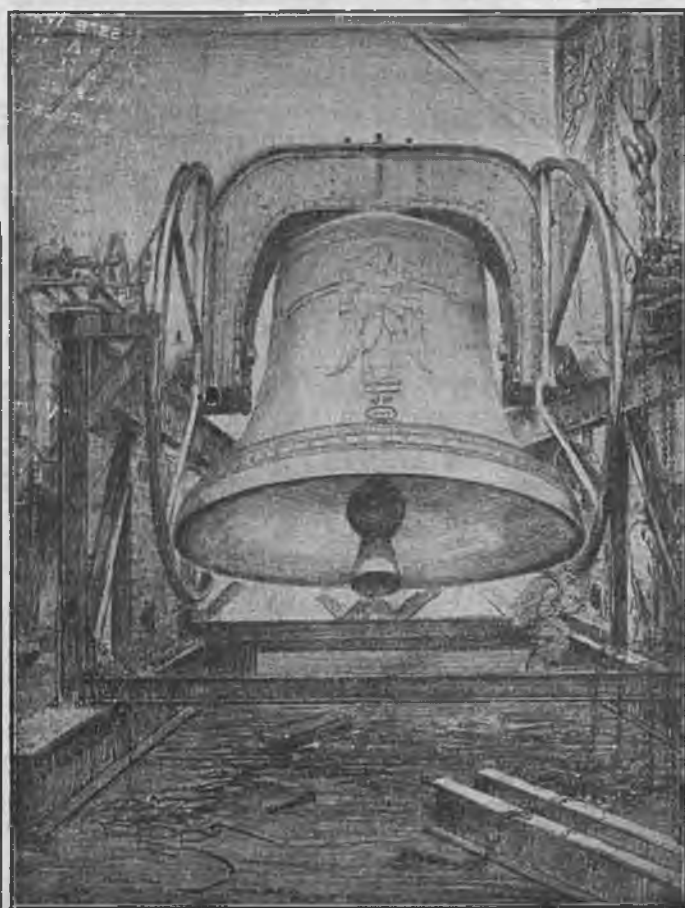
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THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION.

The proposal which was made in this column a few weeks ago that something should be done in this year of 1931 to commemorate Fabian Stedman, who was born exactly three centuries ago, is now beginning to take definite shape. The suggestion was that funds should be raised to put into ringing order the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, where Stedman himself rang and where there are still five of the actual bells upon which he and his band used to practise. It was pointed out that the tower in which the bells hang is a very precious relic—one of the oldest buildings in East Anglia. It is of Saxon origin, and dates from somewhere round about the year 1000 A.D. Obviously nothing which would in the slightest degree involve a risk to the stability of this venerable pile could be dreamt of, and it is the safety of the tower which must dominate any scheme in which the bells are concerned. Further, as the object of any restoration work which might be carried out is the commemoration of the 'father' of change ringing, it must naturally be an essential part of the scheme to preserve as far as possible that with which Stedman was personally identified, and, in this instance, there is only one line to take, and that is to keep intact, with any imperfections that cannot be removed without recasting, the bells of Stedman's days.

These are the primary conditions upon which any commemoration scheme which includes a work of restoration must be based, and there is good ground for hoping that the ringers of England will have the opportunity of taking in hand a renovation which will be a practical memorial to the man to whose genius the Exercise owes so much—owes, indeed, the foundation of its art. The Saxon tower and the bells have been carefully inspected by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, than whom no greater authority on questions of the stresses set up by bells on towers exists, and by Mr. A. R. Powys, architect and secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. There is every prospect of an agreement between the 'ringing' and the 'antiquarian' views as represented by these experts, and, what is more, their proposals are likely to meet with sympathetic consideration on the part of the church authorities.

We cannot anticipate their report, but we think there is little doubt that it will open the way for the Exercise to commemorate one of its first and most famous members, and of doing so by a practical act which will bring back into use some of its most historic bells, for what bells could be of more historic interest from the ringers' point

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of view than those upon which Fabian Stedman first rang his own incomparable method? No time could be more appropriate than the 300th anniversary of his birth; no opportunity more unique, nor the practical value of the proposals more advantageous. We hope the scheme will become national in character; and that associations collectively and ringers individually will give in accordance with their means when the time comes to ask for their assistance.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL, Kent County Association	... ..	Treble
JOHN W. JONES, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association	2	
RICHARD T. HIBBERT, Oxford Diocesan Guild	... ..	3
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH, Guildford Diocesan Guild	... ..	4
CHARLES T. COLES, Middlesex County Association	... ..	5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, Surrey Association	... ..	6
GEORGE A. CARD, Royal Cumberland Youths	... ..	7
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Yorkshire Association	... ..	8
FREDERICK W. ROGERS, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	... ..	9
JOSEPH T. DYKE, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (Irish Association).

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

The above are secretaries of their respective associations and guilds.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN PRICE	... ..	Treble	HARRY HUBBALL	... ..	6
BENJAMIN GOUGH	... ..	2	WILLIAM GREEN	... ..	7
HARRY GOODMAN	... ..	3	CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER	... ..	8
HENRY GOODMAN	... ..	4	WALTER FARLEY	... ..	9
SAMUEL J. HUGHES	... ..	5	JOHN GOODMAN	... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal 'inside.' Arranged as a birthday peal to Messrs. B. Gough (Dudley) and W. Green (Old Hill), but owing to the lamented death of Mrs. Sheppard, wife of Mr. Herbert J. Sheppard, the much-esteemed secretary of the Guild, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER	... ..	Treble	ROBERT HEAZEL	... ..	5
GEORGE R. PYE	... ..	2	ERNEST W. FORBANK	... ..	6
FRANK C. RINGE	... ..	3	WILLIAM PYE	... ..	7
ALFRED PYE	... ..	4	JAMES BENNETT	... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

WINDERMERE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNES AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JIM TREAY	... ..	Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON	... ..	5
EDWIN JENNINGS	... ..	2	WILLIAM T. TROUGHTON	... ..	6
HECTOR WOODBURN	... ..	3	FRANK WILSON	... ..	7
HUBERT RICHARDSON	... ..	4	WILFRED WALKER	... ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Triples. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Bell, a member of the local band, who was interred at Bowness during the afternoon.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN S. MORTON Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
*HARRY HOVERD 3	FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by F. J. CULLOM, JUN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. GILES, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5
D. CREIL WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
GEORGE PRESTON 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*MISS MARCIA WHITE ... 4	†WILLIAM G. GALE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Martin Stewart after the peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Jesmond,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 6
ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL Treble	WALTER J. NORTON 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 2	*CYRIL MATHERS 6
FREDERICK E. STONE 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	JOHN WEATHERSEY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal on a bob bell. First peal ever rung on the bells (which were put in the tower in 1893) by all Sunday service ringers at the above church. The ringer of the 2nd took part in the first peal on the bells in 1904.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, March 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

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BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	HAROLD MANT 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 4	*CHARLES BOYCE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HOAD.

* First peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Rung by request of ringers of 5th and 7th, after meeting one short for Bristol Surprise.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH 5
*REGINALD C. KERSEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

* First peal in the method.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LEONARD A. TIDY Treble	*ARTHUR WILLETT 5
*FRANK JEAL 2	WALTER CLAYDON 6
ALFRED J. BULL 3	ROBERT G. HOARE 7
HUGH R. THORP 4	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung as the quarterly peal for the district.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANLEY SLANEY Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
CHARLES MASON 3	*JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
HAROLD KENT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

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On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM WHITING Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	†WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY 7
†JOHN HOYLE 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡ First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY Treble	*RAYMOND OVERY 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	*GEORGE GILBERT 6
GEORGE W. STEERE 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 the method and first attempt.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEFOLCHRE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
GEORGE HOUGHIN 2	CHARLES E. LOVETT 6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
*CHARLES A. HUGHES 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	*JOHN MOULE 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 3	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 7
CHARLES ELLIOTT 4	FREDERICK W. THORNTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late John Crowder, of Lee, whose son is a member of St. John's.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR 5152 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, of Farnham Royal.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The 106th peal on these bells, which were restored and made eight some fifty years ago. A birthday peal for the composer, who celebrated his 78th birthday recently.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT TAYLOR Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS 6
HARRY BOSWELL 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
HERBERT E. BOOTH 4	*RAYMOND BLACKWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt on eight. 70th peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. F. J. Cheverton, and Mrs. Cheverton, who are leaving for Byfleet, Surrey.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST PICKLES Treble	MAURICE HODGSON 5
*HAROLD PICKLES 2	*GEORGE HEWITT 6
HERBERT ROWLEY 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 7
JOSEPH HEWITT 4	ROBERT THICKEIT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by MAURICE HODGSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
WILLIAM BUTTON 3	*THOMAS E. SONE 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 75th peal together. Birthday peal for Mr. W. Button and his son, the ringer of the 3rd. This composition, No. 169, is now rung for the first time.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CESAR DAVIS Treble	WILLIAM F. WEBB 5
EDWARD H. STRADLING 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	DONALD G. CLIFT 7
GEORGE HAWKINS 4	*JEFFREY TOSSELL Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of 2, 4 and 7 were elected members of the association previous to starting the peal. The band are greatly indebted to Mr. Knight, who filled a gap at a moment's notice, also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Ex-Corp. A. C. OTWAY, Wilts. Regt. ... ..	... Treble
Ex-Pte. A. H. WINCH, Labour Corps ... ..	... 2
Ex-Sergt. F. G. WOODISS, Grenadier Guards ... ..	... 3
Ex-Sergt. G. MARRINER, E. Surrey Regt. ... ..	... 4
* Ex-Bmdr. H. E. CHRESMAN, R.F.A. ... ..	... 5
Ex-Corp. G. A. COOK, London Regt. ... ..	... 6
Ex-S/Sergt. A. HARMAN, M.S.M., R.G.A. ... ..	... 7
Ex-C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by Ex-Flt./Sergt. F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by Ex-S/Sgt. A. HARMAN, M.S.M.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the laying-up of the King's colour and for the unveiling of the memorial to the honoured dead of the 21st (Public Schools) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, which took place at the above church on this day. Also a birthday compliment to A. H. Winch. The band consists of four College Youths and four Cumberlands.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Plain Bob.

GEORGE MARIES ... ..	... Treble	ROBERT CARDWELL ... ..	... 4
CHARLES SHARPLES ... ..	... 2	WILLIAM CARDWELL ... ..	... 5
DAVID McLELLAN ... ..	... 3	JOSEPH SWIFT ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by G. MARIES.

Rung to celebrate fifty years of service ringing at St. John's Church by C. H. Kerr, captain of the band.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

* HOWARD BUTLER ... ..	... Treble	HERBERT E. BOOTH ... ..	... 4
† RAYMOND BLACKWELL ... ..	... 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... ..	... 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... ..	... 3	† SIDNEY LEVETT ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* SIDNEY ROWE ... ..	... Treble	* ERNEST TOSSELL ... ..	... 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..	... 2	CHARLES FIELD ... ..	... 5
JEFFERY TOSSELL ... ..	... 3	WILLIAM WEBB ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Charles Lilley, who was leaving the district for Plymouth, Devonshire.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... ..	... 4
* JOHN D. BELL	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... ..	... 5
CHARLES WHITNEY	GEORGE W. JEFFES ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. JEFFES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor of Minor.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and thirty six-scores of Grand-sire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

* JOHN LEWIN ... ..	... Treble	† FRANK LEWIN ... ..	... 3
W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... ..	... 2	LEONARD TOSELAND ... ..	... 4
		ROBERT G. BLACK ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.' Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. L. Toseland on his 21st birthday.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER ... ..	... Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... ..	... 4
ARTHUR HATCH ... ..	... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... ..	... 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE ... ..	... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT BLACKLIDGE.

First peal of London Surprise by all and on the bells. First peal of London Surprise Minor by the association. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... <i>Treble</i>	* LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ..	3
* ARTHUR W. DILLEY 2	TOM BARTRAM	4
HERBERT SHERMAN <i>Tenor</i>		

Conducted by HERBERT L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE OVER SOCIETY AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT SMITH ... ..	... Treble	FRED C. GINN ... ..	... 4
MANSFIELD GINN ... ..	... 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... ..	... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... ..	... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CESAR DAVIS ... ..	... Treble	JEFFERY TOSSELL ... ..	... 4
GEORGE HAWKINS ... ..	... 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... ..	... 5
EDWARD H. STRADLING ... ..	... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

The ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 6 take this opportunity of thanking Mr. C. Davis and Mr. W. F. Webb for their kind help in arranging this and the peal at Blagdon; also Mr. Webb for the tea which he provided after the above peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Thursday, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Osborne 1, R. Dear 2, Rev. E. V. Cox 3, L. V. Davis (aged 16 and first attempt for a quarter-peal) 4, A. V. Dent 5, E. Waters 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, C. Chandler 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor man. All Sunday service ringers with the exception of the Rev. E. V. Cox.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	FREDERICK PAGE	7-8
ALLEN F. BAILEY... ..	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	9-10
HAROLD JACKSON	5-6	WILLIAM JACKSON	11-12

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

First peal of Bob Maximus by all except the conductor. First peal of Maximus on handbells in the county and for the Guild.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

L. WISEMAN	1-2	O. BROYD	3-4
A. CATERWELL	5-6		

Conducted by O. BROYD.

Witness: Miss M. WISEMAN.

First peal in seven methods 'double-handed' by the ringer of 5-6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. Wiseman and also Miss Dot Wiseman, his daughter.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM REYNER.

CHORISTER AND RINGER FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

One of the best-known and most highly respected residents in the Sandal district has passed away in the person of Mr. William Reyner, whose death took place suddenly at his residence, Hill Top, Newmillerdam, on March 10th, at the age of 71 years, after a full and active life. A lifelong abstainer and non-smoker, for 62 years the deceased was a chorister, and for over 52 years a change ringer at the Parish Church of Sandal, which he dearly loved, and where he was a communicant. It was one of his proud boasts that never was there a disagreement between the ringers and the clergy in the history of the bells. Of his ringing abilities it could not be said that he was a 'globe trotter.' He confined himself to Minor on the six bells of his own tower, and was seldom absent except on holiday. He was a great supporter of the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1879. He was the very life and soul of Barnsley and District Association from its beginning. A past-president and vice-president, his enthusiasm for its welfare knew no bounds. He was always eager to join hands in unity. He was always anxious that ringers should stand well in the opinion of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese.

At the funeral, which took place on the 13th at Sandal Church, the service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Audley Parry). The Rev. Canon Hone (hon. president of the Barnsley and District Association) and the Rev. E. C. Hamer were also present. The hymns, 'Peace, perfect peace,' and 'On the resurrection morning,' were effectively rendered. The Oddfellows' funeral service was read at the graveside, and the committal prayers were said by the Vicar. Representatives from the many societies of which Mr. Reyner was a member were present, including Wakefield Oddfellows, Barnsley and District Association of Change Ringers, Sandal Property Owners' Association, the Paxton Society, Sandal Church bellringers and choir, and the officials and workmen of the Wakefield Golf Club, where he was last employed.

The bells were muffled and rung for both services on Sunday, the tenor having one side 'open.' For all he did Mr. Reyner had a reason, and for everyone he had a word in season.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Wednesday evening, March 18th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, Milnrow, Lancs, in memory of Mr. Clifton Fielding, who was interred earlier in the day in the parish churchyard. Mr. C. Fielding was formerly a member of the local band, but had to resign owing to ill-health: S. Parry 1, J. H. C. Massey 2, W. Staff 3, G. Staff (conductor) 4, J. B. Shaw 5, J. C. Bennett 6, A. Buckley 7, A. Sidebottom 8.

On Wednesday, March 4th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples (1,260 changes) in 56 mins.: F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, W. Jarvis 5, L. Pryke 6, W. R. Poulson 7, F. F. Mortlock 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect for Miss Boby, a churchworker for fifty years, who was interred that day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Hands-worth, Sheffield, on Saturday last. For an annual meeting, the attendance was only moderate, the towers represented being St. Marie's and the Cathedral, Sheffield, Rammoor, Ecclesfield, Darfield, Doncaster, Arksey, Wortley, Rawmarsh and Wath, with visitors from Leeds, Dore, Grimsby, Ordsall and Norton bringing the number up to nearly forty. Ringing in various methods was carried on up to 4.30, when a service was held, at which the preacher was the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Vicar of Ordsall, Notis, and a well-known member of the Exercise. At a later stage in the day's proceedings, the rev. gentleman said he always knew beforehand what he was going to read in 'The Ringing World' about the service: 'The preacher gave a very inspiring and helpful address.' He could not say that about his own, as he was afraid it was neither.

As it would not be polite to contradict a parson (the use of his bells might be wanted at some time), it might be let go at that (verb. sap.).

A splendid tea was provided by the local company in the Schools, and the business was transacted in the same place, the Rector presiding.

The secretary read correspondence received from the societies in the southern area of the county with regard to the quarterly meetings being joint ones, but from the views expressed in the letters it was decided not to proceed with the matter further, but to still have the one annual joint meeting. The secretary was instructed to try and arrange this at Whiston, near Rotherham, on either the second or fourth Saturday in June next.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Payne and J. Hoywood, of Treeton, J. Gilbert and Miss M. Higgins, of Handsworth.

Mr. G. Halksworth, of Doncaster, the retiring Ringing Master, was elected for a further term of three years, and, in returning thanks for his re-election, said that it would be his last term. He had held the office from the formation of the district in 1914, and as this term would make his period of office up to twenty years, he thought it was time they found a fresh Ringing Master. He hoped they would give his successor (whoever he might be) the same support as he had received.

Mr. Halksworth was heartily thanked for his services. Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield Cathedral), Mr. A. Panther (Wath) and Mr. T. C. Ryder (Rotherham) were elected to the committee, Mr. Ryder taking the place of Mr. A. Hill, of Tickhill, who had resigned on account of business reasons. Mr. Palmer was further elected to service on the general committee for a period of three years.

Votes of thanks to the preacher, the Rector, the local company, and to the 'wenches' (this was the Rector's word for the ladies who attended to the ringers' wants at tea) were heartily carried and replied to by the Rector, who gave the association a cordial invitation to pay another visit in the near future.

WESTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Queensbury on Saturday last, when members from the following towers were present: Keighley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Guiseley, Halifax, Bradford, Pudsey, Batley, Bramley, Armley, Idle, Brighouse, Leeds, Lindley, Ripon, Shipley, Donholme, Northowram and the local company. During the afternoon the bells at Holy Trinity were rung to Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman, and a short service was held, the address being given by the Rev. F. C. Foote. Tea was served in the Schools, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. Cotterell, vice-president, was in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the association).

The following officers were re-elected for a further term of three years: J. Broadley (Ringing Master), F. W. Dixon, J. Hardcastle and R. Umpleby (committee). A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved from the chair, and seconded by Mr. J. Woodhead.

Seven new members were elected: M. Ryder (Idle), Miss Mary Jagger, E. Sandland, G. Pitt (Northowram), F. Carter, F. Dalby (Donholme), R. Greaves (Bramley).

The place of the next meeting was discussed, and it was decided to endeavour to arrange one at East Ardsley.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall proposed, and Mr. Greenwood seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and address, and to the organist and choir for their services. This was carried, and Mr. Craven responded. 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 the chairman and seconded by Mr. J. Woodhead. This was also carried, and Mr. Gregson and Mr. Whiteley responded. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business meeting. The tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 23 mins.: G. Johnson 1, H. Withering 2, W. Brown 3, F. Turner 4, W. H. Coles (Taunton) 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a very successful meeting was held at Barkway. About thirty-five members were present, and represented the following towers: Anstey, Barkway, Barley, Braughing, Chrishall, Hitchin, Little Mundeu, Molbourn, Meldreth, Taunton (Somerset) and Trumpington.

The standard of ringing was good, and methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. An excellent tea was served at the Wheatsheaf, and a short business meeting followed with Mr. W. H. Lawrence in the chair.

The two outstanding events of the meeting were undoubtedly performed by Mr. W. H. Lawrence—that of ringing 3-4 on the tower bells to a course of Grandsire Triples, and after tea accompanying some tune playing on handbells, with '9-10-11-12' in hand, and, considering the size of the tenor was 18 in G, he had literally got a 'handful'!

Ringling continued until about 9 p.m. As this was the last meeting of the ringing year, the secretary would like to thank the many friends who attended this and all the other meetings during the past year, and trusts that they will continue to do so, as, after all, the secretary merely arranges the meetings—the ringers make them either a success or a failure.

D. C. M.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Mr. Nolan Golden's undignified and sarcastic manner of expressing himself does not commend itself to me. He has apparently, in spite of the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' between Mr. G. Lewis and myself, deliberately altered the name of the method he rang at North Lopham, on February 15th last, from Erith Little Bob to Double Little Bob. If the attitude he adopts is allowed to go unchallenged, we shall find him one day trying to alter the names of some of the standard methods just because he may think they do not conform to his ideas of what is right or wrong. It has always been recognised by the Exercise that the band who first ring a peal in an unnamed method have the privilege of naming it, and no amount of explanation can alter the fact that the band who rang the first peal in the method under discussion named it Erith Little Bob, and they have no intention of altering its name.

I hope the Peal Analysis Committee will take notice of my objection.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this association was held at Royston on Saturday, March 14th, when the towers represented were Badsworth, Cawthorne, Darfield, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Horbury, Penistone, Sandal, Wath, and the local company. After ringing during the afternoon, tea was served in the schoolroom, thirty-one being present. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar, Rev. E. Walker, presided, and referred to the death of Mr. William Reynier, of Sandal. He moved a vote of condolence to the widow and relatives, and all present stood in silence.

Crofton was selected for the shield contest to be held on July 4th. Two new members were elected, and Darfield was chosen for the next place of meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing tea. The Vicar, in reply, gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and said he would like to have the bells overhauled, but financial difficulties would not allow it at present.

Further ringing continued until 9 p.m., various methods being practised.

'FATHER' OF ISLAND RINGERS.**EIGHTY-EIGHT AND STILL RINGING REGULARLY.**

The veteran Isle of Wight ringer and 'father' of the Ryde band (Mr. George Henry Coombes) will celebrate the eighty-eighth year of his birth to-morrow.

For 45 years he has been a member of Ryde All Saints' Parish Church bellringers, having joined the band in 1886, soon after the bells were installed there by Taylor and Co. He was then 43 years old (no 'chick' to commence change ringing), but he soon mastered his bell and method ringing, and has since been a most regular service ringer. He has rung several peals of Grandsire Triples, his last peal being in honour of his seventieth birthday in 1913. In addition to ringing regularly for Sunday service, he still attends and takes an active part in the weekly practices, and is, we believe, the oldest active ringer in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

A horticulturist by profession, Mr. Coombes is still as keen as ever, and his flower beds at his residence, 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, are greatly admired by both residents and visitors during the summer months, and are worthy of inspection. A lover of football, he is also a keen follower and supporter of the local team, and only very severe weather prevents his attendance at every match.

In the name of the Exercise we extend to Mr. Coombes hearty greetings and congratulations upon his birthday.

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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 response to the paragraph in this column last week, we are to say that T. Maude (Yorks) cannot recall having written to the Forge, Handbridge, Chester.

To-day is the anniversary of the 12,000 of Treble Rob Royal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch in 1784, and which stood as a record until 1911.

A hundred and five years ago to-day the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield.

His many friends, both in and outside the Dudley and District Guild, will extend heartfelt sympathy to the hon. secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard, whose wife passed away on Wednesday week after a long illness.

Mr. Maurice E. Wilson, of 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, was on Saturday elected hon. secretary of the Sheffield and District Society to succeed Mr. H. Thorpe.

The death has occurred at Hemel Hempstead of Mr. J. Floyd, who was for forty years a ringer at St. Mary's Church.

We are glad to be able to state that Mr. James George is making good progress towards recovery after his recent bad attack of influenza and bronchitis. He sends his kind regards to all old friends, and desires to express his thanks to those who have made kind inquiries during his illness.

SURREY ASSOCIATION PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please note that the undermentioned peals rung during 1930, conducted by Mr. O. Sippetts, have been deleted from the Surrey Association's records owing to non-payment of the booking fee in accordance with the rules:—

Horley, May 18th, Double Norwich Major.

Reigate, May 31st, Superlative Surprise.

Godstone, June 11th, Cambridge Surprise Major.

Leigh, June 22nd, Minor in seven methods.

Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN,

Hon. Secretary.

THANKS TO OUR 'SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thanks very much to your 'Special Investigator.' His note had the desired effect. A certain gentleman, not many miles from Gloucester, who specialises in umbrellas, on looking through 'The Ringing World' last Saturday morning suddenly realised he had got the wrong hat.

To catch the first bus to Gloucester and restore it to the rightful owner was his first thought, and eventually the exchange was made, much to the comfort of the owner, who was about to buy a new one. Needless to say, a few more empties had to be moved after the happy reunion.—Yours truly,

Gloucester.

JOHN AUSTIN.

A PILGRIMAGE TO YPRES? SUGGESTED RINGERS' VISIT TO BELGIUM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Several ringers have written me regarding the proposal, mooted in the 1,000th number of 'The Ringing World,' to promote an outing to Belgium with a view to a pilgrimage to the Menin Gate. The most suitable time for such an undertaking is naturally in the August holidays, and the anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War.

The suggested plan is as follows:—

To leave London on Saturday, August 1st, for Ostend.
Sunday, a free day (or otherwise as the company decide).
Monday, to tour the battlefields, visiting Ypres, with a short service at Menin Gate, with handbells. At night, Bruges carillon.
Tuesday, return.



THE MENIN GATE, YPRES.

The above is for those who cannot stay for the 'week' of eight days. For those who can stay, it is proposed to visit Lille or Arras (France), and, if possible, Cologne (Germany).

Now the cost. For the week-end tour: To travel London-Dover-Ostend out and home, with three full days' board and accommodation at Hotel Pension Myra, including all charges and a guide, is £3 15s. The battlefields trip is 7s., and the Bruges one 5s.

The cost for the week of eight days is £5 8s. 9d. per head 'all in,' but the charges for Ypres and Bruges as above are extra. There are numerous firms of 'chairs' transport running trips every day in all directions, and a visit to Brussels or Cologne can be fixed up by rail on the spot.

I have been over some of the ground and consider that a visit such as is contemplated would be remembered with pleasure for a lifetime. It is proposed to attempt handbell peals if the scheme matures. For those who do not ring there are sights that will sink into the soul. They can stand on the spot where their friends or relatives laid down their lives for posterity.

"In the land where poppies grow,

Where graves are white in the fading light
As flakes of falling snow."

Will those who are willing to join such a party send me a postcard with their name and address. Later it will be necessary to deposit five shillings; the remainder can be paid a month before the date.

No passports are necessary for the short date tour, but for those who stay the full week they are compulsory. I will do all the correspondence of organisation willingly, and free of charge. Send your postcard to me

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3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester.

HOW A NEW ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED.

TEN SECRETARIES RING A PEAL.

An event took place at Beddington, Surrey, last Saturday, unique in the annals of ringing. The general secretaries of ten associations and guilds met and rang a peal together. Some of them came long distances, and, as all good secretaries should, they were punctually at the meeting place. The last to arrive was the man on the spot, but even he was not late. The question of the society to which the peal should be credited was a perplexing one, but the secretaries even found a way out of this difficulty—good secretaries are expected to find a way out of all difficulties. The solution of the problem in this case, seeing that they belonged to so many different societies without all belonging to any one society, was to form a new society and elect themselves as members. Quite a simple and cheap procedure when you think about it and know how to go about the job! And secretaries are supposed to know—it's their business, and they know a good deal. For instance, they know the trouble it is to get in subscriptions; they know what a bore it is to have to write up minutes—you who propose and second all sorts of motions and amendments know nothing of the days of worry and the sleepless nights you sometimes give your over-worked and under-paid secretaries. Yes, secretaries know something, and in drawing up the constitution of their new society they were careful to eliminate anything that would be likely to create work. So this is the resolution which was solemnly proposed, seconded by everyone, and carried with acclamation, unanimity, nem con, nem dis, and any other old thing by, on or with which resolutions are carried. It was put to the meeting by the self-constituted chairman, and the words in parentheses show how it was greeted with a crescendo of approval:—

'That an association, to be known as the Secretaries' Association, be and the same is hereby formed (hear, hear); that those here present become its first members (applause); that it be open to secretaries of recognised ringing guilds and associations (loud applause); that there be no entrance fee or annual subscription (loud cheers), and that no minutes of its proceedings be kept' (loud and prolonged cheers).

After that, of course, all that remained was to ring the peal and record it for the Secretaries' Association in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' At least, it wasn't quite all. At the 'Harvest Home' there was another small formality. The president—the chairman had, in the meantime, been raised a step in the peerage—was authorised to spend the entrance fees and subscriptions due to date for the refreshment of himself and the rest of the company. This he did, with the result that he found himself with a deficit in the balance sheet—which no good secretary ought to have.

By the way, Beddington is not quite in the centre of the map for the secretaries of ten associations who have to come from such uncivilised places as Yorkshire, South Wales, Somerset, Portsmouth, Berkshire and some others that could, but need not, be mentioned. As a consequence, various means of transport had to be employed, and a system of collection and delivery organised. The collection was all right, but in one case the delivery agent failed in his contract. The Chilcompton 'busman' was entrusted with the delivery of the goods for Reading at Guildford Railway Station not later than 9.40 p.m., and left in good time—that is to say, good time for him, for in the ordinary course he needs only about half the time that any other equally careful driver would require. When he 'treads on the gas' the policeman does not even have time to gasp, 'Crikey, that's Joe, that was!' But the trouble about Joe is, apparently, that at night, when he can't read the sign posts he navigates by the stars, and on this occasion a horrible cloud overspread the heavens soon after he set out, and he lost his bearings. When at last the stars reappeared, the pilot found the Pole Star to the south, and Orion's Belt to the west, or east or north—or somewhere where it ought not to be—and so he decided to get out and ask where he was. He wasn't on the road from Beddington to Guildford—not by a long chalk. He was nearer Reigate on the other side of the county. And so 'Old Tom' enjoyed a tour round half Surrey, missed his train and got home at heaven knows what hour. But all's well that ends well; and when you have helped to form a new association and have rung in its first peal, both in one day, what does it matter what time you get home?

But now from the gay to the grave, for there was a sad side to an otherwise delightful gathering of friends. Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, was one of the band. He had reluctantly left the sick-bed of his wife, who urged him to come in order to 'keep his promise and not 'let down' the rest of the company. As soon as the peal was over, he made a dash by car to catch a train to South Wales from Paddington. With only a minute to spare—thanks to the admirable driving of his son—he caught the express and reached home after midnight. At nine o'clock in the morning his wife died. The tragedy of it! On behalf of the other members of the band and himself, the writer of these notes tenders to Mr. Jones the deepest sympathy of them all.

PENNINGTON, LANCASHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, March 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: W. Howard (longest in method) 1, R. Johnson 2, S. Greenhalgh 3, R. F. Deal (conductor) 4, S. Holt 5, W. H. Shuker 6, H. Greenhalgh 7, W. Edwards 8.

THE GLOUCESTER DINNER. THIRD SUCCESSFUL REUNION.

The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, when 97 members and friends sat down. The Mayor of Gloucester (Councillor W. R. Eggleton) presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. G. Saleby (Vicar of Leonard Stanley and Master of the association) and the Rev. E. D. S. Camus (Vicar of St. Mary de Crypt), Mr. Sidney Romans (chairman of the branch), Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), Mr. J. Austin and Mr. Geo. Jackson. Apologies for absence were received from Rev. Canon Brathwaite, Rev. H. G. Hadow and the Rev. W. G. Pritchard. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. E. Guise and a party from Bristol, Mr. C. Gardiner and party from Swindon, Mr. Holt and party from Worcester, Mr. Cam and party from Upton-on-Severn, Mr. A. Wright, Stroud, also several ringing friends from Cheltenham district, Lydney and Westbury-on-Severn. Messrs. Taylor and Co. were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston by Mr. S. Roper.

After an excellent repast, served under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Smith, the loyal toast was honoured on the call of the chairman.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the Mayor said he was proud to think that his education was started at a church school. He wanted to acknowledge the very great debt of gratitude that was due to the women for the work they were doing for the Church. He saw a large number of men present that night, and he wanted to tell them that in that respect the women were ahead of them every time. At the early morning service they found a preponderance of women, and he hoped that the men would take that as an example to follow. The men might say that they had had a hard week's work, and wanted a bit of sport on Sundays, but he could assure those present that it was nothing as compared with the old days. The toast of 'The Church,' concluded the Mayor, covered very wide ground. It referred to the life of the Church at home, in the Army, in the Navy, in the hospitals, and in foreign fields, and if everyone took the Church into their lives he believed that half their troubles would be solved (applause).

In response, the Rev. E. D. S. Camus said that bellringers were very much concerned with the Church, and there should be a closer connection between them. Continuing, he said there never was a time when the churches, and what the churches stood for, were more discussed than at present. Once upon a time it was rather rare to find anything about religion in the morning newspapers, but now there was always something somewhere. That spoke for itself of the influence of the Church among men. In these days, when the question arose as to whether theatres or cinemas should be opened on Sunday, one felt a strong debt of gratitude for those who climbed the church towers and rang the bells, for those at all events would be heard outside the churches, whereas the voice of the preacher would be confined to the inside for those who attended. Reference had been made to the work of the women, and a good many men thought that womenfolk could do all there was to do in the church. That was not so. There was a lot of work in the church that could be done by men. They wanted to encourage that feeling of brotherhood, so that they could all work together in the service of the Father of them all (applause).

APPEAL FOR YOUNG MEMBERS.

The Rev. E. S. Saleby proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association and Kindred Societies,' and said he thought they should all encourage team work. Everyone who pulled bells knew how necessary team work was. Regarding the association, he was glad to say the finances were satisfactory, and wherever he went he was impressed by the wonderful spirit that was to be found at all the branch meetings. He appealed to the young men to take up bellringing and join the association, and so help to maintain the position they now held.

Mr. J. Austin, in reply, also referred to the shortage of young members, and said it was on them that the future of the association depended. Some young men joined, got to a certain stage, and then left, but he thought that if they once got over the early difficulties it was a life membership for them. In conclusion, he paid a tribute to the work of the officers of the Gloucester Branch.

Captain Lodge proposed 'The Visitors,' and Mr. E. Guise (Bristol) replied.

During the evening the Tuffley Revellers gave an entertainment, and selections on handbells were rendered by Mr. and Miss H. Holford (Cheltenham) and other members of the association.

VETERAN WEM RINGER.

An attempt was made for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples at Wem, Shropshire, on Saturday, as a token of respect for the late Mr. George James Moore, who died suddenly on the previous Thursday. Mr. Moore was in his 80th year, and had been a ringer for about 57 years, having learnt to handle a bell when at Adderley at the age of twelve. Before going to Wem, he had resided in Birmingham and at Wellington, Salop, and was a ringer at Wem up to the time of his death. He was towerkeeper there for many years.

The peal attempt failed through the clapper of one of the bells coming out towards the end.

DEATH OF MRS. E. GOLDSMITH, LEWES.

At the advanced age of 84 years, the death took place at Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on Sunday, of Mrs. Emma Goldsmith, widow of the late Mr. John Goldsmith, and thus was peacefully closed a long life characterised by many Christian virtues.

Daughter, wife and mother of church bellringers, Mrs. Goldsmith was well known to many members of the Exercise who had visited Lewes, where the King's Head, of which she had held the license since the death of her husband in 1884, has been the scene of many happy gatherings of ringers. Although knowing nothing of the art itself, Mrs. Goldsmith took an immense interest in all things appertaining to ringing, and nothing gave her greater pleasure than the success of a peal attempt on the bells of her beloved parish church, where for sixty years she had been a worshipper, and which she had served faithfully as an office bearer for many years.

Her interest in ringing developed through the activities of her husband, who, in his day, thought lightly of walking fourteen or sixteen miles to practise Grandsire Triples, and who taught change ringing to more than one band in the district. One of her most cherished possessions was a framed portrait of her husband, presented to her in recognition of what he voluntarily did to instruct a band of ringers at Seaford in the late '70's.

At the time of his death in 1884, Mr. John Goldsmith was parish clerk of Southover, and the office passed to his widow, who filled this post—an unusual one for a woman—until 1900, when she retired and was presented with a silver tea and coffee service by the parishioners. It was her instigation, in the desire to see the connection with ringing, which had been handed on for three or four generations, continued in the family, that prompted her son, the editor of 'The Ringing World,' first to take up the art. For many years she was treasurer of the Southover Church Bellringers' Guild, and under her roof many ringers' dinners have been held, and many ringing friends, first of her husband and afterwards of her son, have enjoyed her hospitality.

Mrs. Goldsmith was widely known and greatly respected in Lewes, where she endeared herself by many acts of kindness. It is interesting to note that the license of the King's Head was held by her husband and herself for the unbroken period of over 72 years.

The funeral took place at Southover yesterday.

LLANDAFF SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT.

The deepest sympathy of his many ringing friends throughout the country will be extended to Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, in the irreparable loss which has overtaken him by the death of his wife.

Mrs. Jones developed a serious illness last week, which caused much anxiety to her family, but despite her condition she urged her husband to fulfil an engagement of long standing which he had made to take part in a peal at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, with nine other association secretaries. The bells came round about 7.5 p.m., and Mr. Jones' son, who lives at Wraybury, was waiting to take him by car to Paddington, where by the narrowest margin they caught the 7.55 to Newport. Reaching home after midnight, Mr. Jones unhappily found his wife worse, and she passed away about 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Of gentle nature and sweet disposition, Mrs. Jones shared her husband's interest in ringing, and it was only by her persuasion, when she urged him not to disappoint anyone, that he left the sick bedside on Saturday.

A son and three grown-up daughters are left, with Mr. Jones, to mourn their loss.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first Guildford District meeting of the year was held at Shere on Saturday, when the peal of eight were kept going to various touches throughout the afternoon and evening. Members and visitors attended from the Guildford towers, Cranleigh, Buckland, Witley, Aldershot, Seale, Old Woking, Clandon and Baldock.

In spite of a special appeal from the secretary, the members of the local band (with the exception of one old stalwart) and those from the neighbouring parish of Albury were conspicuous by their absence. In the case of the local men no apology for absence was received, but the Albury secretary wrote regretting that the members of his band were too busy to attend, and that the bell ropes were in too bad a condition to permit of any ringing there.

The Guild's form of service was conducted, and an 'out of the ordinary' address given by the Rector of Shere, the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman. The Rector also presided at the business meeting after tea.

Six new members, including two ladies, one of whom comes from Handsworth, Yorkshire, and the other from Bath, were elected.

On the proposition of Admiral T. P. Walker, votes of thanks to the Rector and the organist were carried with applause, and in acknowledging this the Rector said how sorry he was that only one of his ringers was a member of the Guild, that he did not know why none of the others would join, and that he had always been anxious that they should support the Guild.

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All matter for publication must, therefore, reach this office not later than first post on Monday next.

BEDWORTH BELLS IMPROVED.

The meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Bedworth on Saturday, March 21st, was very well attended by members from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke and Warwick, together with the local band.

During the afternoon Grandsire and Plain Bob were the only methods rung, some useful work being put in on behalf of those on the threshold of change ringing.

Tea was served in the schools, and afterwards Mr. H. Argyle proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing the tea. Some of the members then stayed in the tea room to ring Stedman and Kent Treble Bob on handbells, while the majority returned to the church for further ringing on the tower bells. The methods rung during the evening were Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol. This was the first meeting at Bedworth since the bells have been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and they were pronounced by all to be much improved.

SUDDEN DEATH IN A BELFRY.

While practice was in progress at Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, on Tuesday of last week, the death took place in the ringing chamber of Mr. John Farncombe Stedman, the oldest member of the band and a ringer at Southover Church for about forty years. Mr. Stedman, who was 69 years of age, had rung the tenor to a touch of Grandsire Triples, and had sat down in a chair, when, without warning, he collapsed and fell to the floor. The other ringers went immediately to his aid, and a doctor was summoned, but life was found to be extinct. The body was reverently removed from the church, but an inquest was not considered necessary, the doctor being able to certify that death was due to heart disease.

John Stedman's ringing was confined to covering, but he rang a few peals on the tenor of his own church, his first being in 1904. He also rang the tenor to the first 'local' peal on the bells.

The funeral took place on Saturday, when the bells were rung muffled while the cortege was proceeding from the church to the cemetery, and again in the evening. Among the wreaths was one from the Guild.

Much sympathy has been extended to the widow and family in their sudden bereavement.

A YORKSHIRE REPORT CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly publish the following correction of Peal No. 3,332 (5,021 Grandsire Caters by G. F. Williams), which is wrongly printed in the new issue of the Yorkshire Association report.

The last section of the composition should read:—

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, for Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Bowden 1, Mrs. G. Fletcher 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Ellis 4, E. A. Hull 5, J. Parker (conductor) 6, G. Fletcher 7, H. Ellis 8.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Sunday, March 22nd, at the Church of All Saints, for matins, 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins.: N. Moxon 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, H. Denman (first 720 in the method) 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierpont (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Wales, who was buried the previous Tuesday, at Sutton-on-Trent.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise: W. Morris 1, F. Whitby 2, L. Cordell 3, S. Clark 4, H. Smaile 5, I. Cavill 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. For evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, L. Cordell 2, S. Clark 3, W. Morris 4, H. Smaile 5, W. Wheeler 6, I. Cavill (conductor) 7, J. Cordell 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, G. Whybrow 2, M. Ginn 3, R. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 York Surprise Minor: G. Whybrow 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, Miss P. M. Leach (first quarter-peal) 2, F. Blackith 3, Fred Blackith (conductor) 4, S. Helliwell 5, F. Jackson 6, E. Redshaw 7, J. Thackray 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 48 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. Plater (first quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise) 3, W. Pickworth 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 48 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, D. Pink 3, D. Ovington 4, G. Plater 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church for evensong on Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Milton 1, R. Picton 2, S. Hoare (conductor) 3, F. Crook 4, H. Long 5, R. Bell 6, E. Palmer 7, H. Cashmore 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 15th, for an organ recital in connection with the 'Ringers' Sunday effort, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Clayfield 1, F. Boulstridge 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, W. Curson 6, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 7, P. Grice 8.—On February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Clayfield 1, F. Boulstridge 2, L. Freeman 3, P. Grice 4, W. Brooker 5, W. Curson 6, J. W. Cotton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Woodward 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th.

LONDON, E.C.—On Sunday, March 15th, at the Church of St. Botolph, for evensong, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: J. H. Crampion 1, J. A. Waugh 2, W. Williams 3, W. H. Hewett 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 6.7.8 covering): W. Bush 1, W. E. Kilbey 2, A. H. Rowe 3, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 4, G. W. Dumper 5, H. Willson, sen., 6, H. Willson, jun., 7, J. Kilbey 8. Longest length by ringers of 7 and 8.

TAUNTON.—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: A. W. Hayward 1, S. Wyatt 2, E. J. Bull (first quarter of Major 'inside') 3, H. E. Cansley 4, A. J. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, S. G. Coles 7, S. A. Wyatt (first quarter as conductor) 8.

WINDERMERE.—On Sunday, February 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins. Also rung as a compliment to the conductor on the birth of a son the previous day: E. Hadwin 1, Jim Tebay 2, H. Woodburn 3, H. Richardson 4, T. Jefferson (conductor) 5, W. Troughton 6, F. Wilson 7, W. Walker 8.

WARWICK.—On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 56 mins.: J. L. Rye 1, A. W. Bond 2, A. W. Brighton 3, H. C. Burt 4, C. Wildsmith 5, W. C. Harrison 6, J. T. C. Rye 7, H. Huxley 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, F. Berry 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by H. C. Burt and F. Berry. With the exception of A. W. Brighton (London) all are local ringers.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, February 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Miss M. E. Romaine 1, Miss E. Mathews 2, A. Fry 3, I. Harris 4, W. A. Romaine 5, A. Bennett 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on Sunday, February 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for evensong by the following Sunday service ringers: H. James 1, J. Collett 2, C. Pratley 3, G. Burtonshaw 4, W. Wright 5, T. Banning 6, B. Phillips (conductor) 7, E. Gardner 8.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at Saracen's Head at 5, to be followed by usual business meeting. Please notify me regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 138, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The third quarterly meeting will be held at Daybrook, Notts, on Saturday, March 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at 1s. 3d. per head. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Rd., Sheffield

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, March 28th. The address at the service, to be held at 4 o'clock, will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. —S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely. — A meeting at Stetchworth on Saturday, March 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following, by kind invitation, at the White Horse Hotel. Dullingham and Wood Ditton bells also available.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wolvercote on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Evensong 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham on Saturday, March 28th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Royal Exchange.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KIDSGROVE, near Stoke-on-Trent.—The ring of six bells recast and hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, March 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Enderby (8 bells) on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, in the Institute, followed by business meeting. All members and friends welcome. — Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on March 28th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, address by the Vicar. Tea after, at 5.30, 1s. each. I hope for a good muster. All ringing friends welcome. Essex friends give us a look up. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Baslow on Saturday, Mar. 28th. Church of St. Anne (6 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea at the Rutland Arms at 5 p.m. It is hoped to arrange a visit to Edensor (in Chatsworth Park) after tea. Church of St. Peter (6 bells). Visitors welcomed. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—The recast peal of 8 bells and new cast iron framework by Taylor, Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Palm Sunday, March 29th, at 11 a.m. Bells available in the afternoon.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, near Swindon.—The peal of five bells restored and augmented to six by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Sunday, March 29th, at 3.30 p.m.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Evesham.—The dedication of the restored and augmented peals of 8 bells, by Taylors, of Loughborough, will take place on Wednesday, April 1st, at 5.30 p.m.

HALSALL, LANCS. — The recast ring of 6 bells, together with the clock and carillon machine, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Warrington on Saturday, April 4th, at 2.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SEDDLEWORTH CHURCH, UPPER MILL.—Service for restoration of bells, Saturday, April 4th, 2.30 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society. Established 1824) **AND NORTH SOUTH-WARK DIOCESAN GUILD.** — April meetings: Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes'; Tuesday, 14th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary, Lambeth; Monday, 20th, St. Clement Danes', practice, 7.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m. With a view to improving attendances at fortnightly Monday practices, also at the first Sunday morning of each month at St. Clement Danes', I shall be glad to receive members' promises to attend at least once a year, also dates most convenient to them. Possibly some living long distances would thus appreciate a visit. —Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, London, S.E.5.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the above association will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. The bells of the Church of Our Lady (R.C.) will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrew's from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at Great St. Mary's 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. at the Dorothy Café. Will all those intending to be present please notify me before April 2nd? — T. R. Dennis, Gen. Sec., 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of Hitchin. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill (near Abbey Station) immediately after the service, followed by annual business meeting for election of officers, etc. Towers open at 2 p.m., but ringing can be had at the two six-bell towers, during the morning, if early application is made to me. The peal of 8 at Harpenden will be available from 12.20 p.m.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham (through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sears), on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting in the Parish Hall. Dinner and tea arrangements will be announced in these columns in due course. Prestbury Church bells (8) available 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Leckhampton Church bells (8) before and after service and meeting, Charlton King's Church bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Nominations for the various offices are requested.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8) available early. Will members requiring tea please notify Mr. Hy. Stenton, South Anston, by Thursday, April 3rd?—Maurice E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tadcaster on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be provided at Woodward's Café at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting. Those intending to be at dinner must notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, April 1st, or they will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 6th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) (recently rehung) will be available from 10.30 a.m. St. Peter de Merton (6) also available. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to any visitors.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Derby. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 9.45 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Luke's (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10), 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 3.15 prompt. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting at King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Application for tea (2s. per head) must be made to Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Friday, April 3rd. To avoid disappointment, will all intending to be present note this and act accordingly? It is regretted that Ald. Chambers' Memorial cannot be completed by this date. Will members of committee meet at Littleover Church at noon, to view and make final arrangements? — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 11.15. Association service in the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Carlton Café, High Street, at 1.15, followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. till 11.30 and after the meeting: Tonbridge (8), Tunbridge Wells (8), Chiddingstone (8), Penshurst (8), Sevenoaks (8), Hadlow (8), Shipbourne (6) and Speldhurst (8). Application for dinner tickets (free to practising members, 3s. to non-members) must be made on or before last post Tuesday, March 31st.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 6th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address by the Rev. G. W. Webb, Vicar of Longdon, 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 1st. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), 11 to 12 and after 5.30, All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithun's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 1st. All ringers welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripley on Easter Monday. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. Will visitors please inform Mr. F. F. Hill, 5, Argyll Road, Ripley, by Thursday, April 2nd? A good attendance requested.—J. W. England, Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8) available; also Ottery St. Mary (8) and Tidbury (6). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., at Bray's Café. All ringers welcome. — J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 6th. By kind permission of the Incumbents, the bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. John de Sepulchre, St. Michael-at-Coslany, and All Saints', will be placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon C.C. Lanchester. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at luncheon are kindly requested to notify the secretary on or before Wednesday, April 1st. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 'St. Paul's Cathedral on April 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, all at 7.30 p.m., and at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th, at 8 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 Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 10 a.m.: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), Rushmere (6), Bramford (6). Service 4.30. Tea at Co-operative Hall 1s. each, at 5. Meeting to follow.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11th, at the Parish Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. The tea will be supplied by the generosity of the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, Reading, at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 11th (p.v.). Will branch secretaries notify me before that date the number of annual reports required for their respective branches? — Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, April 11th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Great Holland. Preliminary Notice. — Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the new ring of eight erected to the memory of Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Further particulars later.—C. H. Howard, Master.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Bramley, April 18th. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Visitors welcomed. Numbers to me by April 15th, please.—D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 18th. Full particulars later. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. —The annual meeting of the district will be held at Birling on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea (free) and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—On and after March 31st the address of Mr. Walter Idle will be 28, Back Kent Street, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury. Friends please note.

IN MEMORIAM.

SHEPPARD.—On March 18th, at 113, Himley Road, Dudley, Mary Ann, the dearly loved wife of Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., Dudley and District Guild, passed peacefully onwards after a long illness, patiently borne. At peace with God.

DEATH.

GOLDSMITH. — At Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on March 22nd, Emma Goldsmith, widow of the late John Goldsmith, aged 84 years.

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LEWISHAM DISTRICT'S LOSS.

The Lewisham District has lost one of its oldest members of the Exercise by the death of Mr. John Crowder, of Lee.

John Crowder was twenty-five years with the late Rev. F. Law, M.A., Rector of Lee, during which period he was steeplekeeper, the peal having been augmented from three bells to six. For the past thirty years he was keeper of the Parish Schools, where he passed peacefully away on Saturday, March 14th, at the age of 78 years. He was laid to rest in Lee Cemetery on Thursday, March 19th. He was for several years a member of St. John's Society, which was represented at the graveside by its oldest member, Mr. W. A. Martin. A half-muffled peal was rung at St. John's on Saturday, March 21st, to his memory.

DEATH OF A RINGER AT WINDERMERE.

Members of the Exercise in the Lake District have sustained a loss by the death of Mr. Thomas Bell, of Bowness who expired during Saturday night, March 14th. Mr. Bell was forty years of age, and is survived by a widow and two daughters.

Decensed joined the Windermere Parish Church band at its formation just about three years ago, and had taken part in only one peal, a peal of Doubles, the only one rung in Windermere.

The funeral took place at Bowness-on-Windermere on March 17th, when a large number of ringers, friends and members of the British Legion attended the last sad rites.

After the funeral a half-muffled peal was rung.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, on March 18th, by the service ringers, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar's warden, who was interred on the preceding Saturday, a date touch of 1,932 changes in 1 hr. 13 mins.: R. Fishwick 1, G. Tyson 2, J. W. Kay 3, A. Sandiford 4, E. Edwards 5, P. Crook, jun. (conductor) 6, P. Crook, sen., 7, O. Olive 8.

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BIG INCREASE IN PEAL RINGING.

The peals analysis, which is published this week, reveals a big increase in the number of peals rung during 1930 compared with the preceding year. For the second time only in the annals of ringing the total has passed two thousand. The one previous occasion where this happened was in 1913, when the total reached 2,358. Last year the figure was 2,014. To the extent that peal ringing represents the efficiency of ringers, the rise of 349 in the number of peals is a very satisfactory mark of progress. There are many factors which enter into success in peal ringing and too much importance must not be attached to any increase or decrease in the aggregate of peals rung, but an examination of the details, so carefully compiled by the Analysis Committee, will reveal features which are not only interesting, but which are, we think, a real indication of progress. For instance, the number of ringers who scored their first peal was 96 more than in the preceding year, and the number who rang their first peal in a new method or in a method on a different number of bells was 345 more. There were a greater number of new conductors, and among the increases in the peals themselves it will be found that out of the 104 additional peals of Major no fewer than 93 were Surprise peals.

These facts point to an increasing interest and desire to advance; they indicate that peal ringing made a wider appeal than for many years past and in so far as this encourages a better standard of service ringing, it is all to the good. There are, of course, some people who consider that peal ringing serves very little purpose except to satisfy personal ambition. It is true that success in peal ringing provides the ringers with a good deal of individual gratification and pleasure; but it is also true, as a general rule, that peal ringers are better ringers than those who never seek to go beyond short touches, for the simple reason that the longer practice and the greater concentration necessary for peal ringing has its effect upon the 'training' of the ringer. Nor is this the only justification for peal ringing. At its best it is the highest form of the art and brings out in the fullest degree mental and physical qualities which are, in comparison, very lightly called upon in the ringing of lesser lengths.

It is, of course, impossible to say precisely to what reason or reasons the sudden jump of 349 peals in one year is due. The two preceding years had shown distinct declines; 1930 made a new spring forward. Undoubtedly it is partly accounted for by a fairly general increase of ambition in peal ringing, but it would be interesting to know if it was also in any way due to a more

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'successful' year than usual; whether, that is to say, fewer peals were lost. It would be easier to judge the measure of progress if we had, in addition to the records of successes, some indication of the proportion of failures. If associations could induce their members to keep count of their failures, as well as recording the peals actually rung, the information which would then be available over a series of years would be even more conclusive of progress, or otherwise, than the figures at present available, which record only the completed achievements. But, whatever the reason, 1930 must go down in history as one of the greatest of peal ringing years, not only in the number, but in the quality of the methods rung and in the encouragement which has obviously been given to young and aspiring ringers. For the knowledge which the Exercise is able to gain year by year from the interesting tables, which have been compiled now for exactly fifty years, they have to thank a little body of ringers—who may change in personnel but not in the spirit of willingness to give time and infinite labour—who work week in, week out, with punctilious care to ensure that the analysis shall faithfully and accurately record for all time what the Exercise throughout the world is doing in the way of peal ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	* HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
* MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3	† HARRY PRICE 8
* ARTHUR J. MARTIN 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. Arranged and rung on the occasion of the enthronement of Dr. A. W. Perowne as Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

* CHARLES H. SONE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
THOMAS E. SONE 2	† ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 7
MRS. H. BAKER 3	ALBERT RELFE 8
GEORGE EDWARDS 4	† LUTHER J. HONESS 9
HARRY BAKER 5	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 175th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES DAVIS Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
FRED PRICE 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
* FRANK E. HAYNES 4	HARRY COOK Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells. Rung in honour of Mr. W. Cooper's 83rd birthday. He has been a member of the local band for 59 years.

ST. ALBANS.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

BRO. W. NASH, Mimmine Lodge, No. 4932. Treble	
W. BRO. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, L.R. P.B. G.S.N., Old Albanian	
No. 4999. 2	
BRO. H. HODGETTS, Wilson Hles, No. 2054. 3	
BRO. JOHN D. MATTHEWS, Rose of Denmark, No. 975. 4	
BRO. WM. G. WHITEHEAD, Abercorn, No. 1549. 5	
BRO. H. E. C. GOODENOUGH, Semper Fidelis, No. 4393. 6	
BRO. STAFFORD H. GREEN, Whitgift, No. 3617. 7	
BRO. FREDERICK WHITE, Holmesdale, No. 874. Tenor	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

Bro. John D. Matthews was elected a member of the association previous to starting. All the above are Master Masons.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*ALAN GARNER Treble	G. KEMBALL 5
†MISS E. GARNER 2	P. WILFORD 6
†B. PYBOS 3	R. LAUGHTON 7
A. LAING TAYLOR 4	C. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by C. ROBINSON.

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

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
JOHN BASS 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 6
JAMES HEMMING 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Specially arranged for Mr. James Hemming, the genial secretary of the Southern Branch of this association, it being his first peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Suffolk Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	*WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	†HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
†THOMAS STEPHENSON 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6
†FRANK AINSLEY 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

S. WARNE Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
HERBERT CHARLES REASON 2	FREDERICK T. ELY 6
FRED RIDGEWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*REGINALD MARTIN 4	BASIL RIDGEWELL Tenor

Composed by C. A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of Major. A wedding compliment to Miss Kitty Young and Mr. F. Melbourne, youngest son of Mr. W. G. Melbourne, who has been a member of the Braintree company for 35 years, and rung at the first opportunity after the wedding.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.
GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	WILLIAM G. GALE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARNAN Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
*NORMAN V. HARDING 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
*FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. N. V. Harding was proposed a member of the association before starting.

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three 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 12½ cwt. in C.

MISS E. DORIS BLENOWE Treble	RALPH H. BIGGS ... 5
*FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 2	FRED BIGGS ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... 4	†ERNEST TUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. This is Mr. Ralph Biggs' 107th peal on these bells.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE ... Treble	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 5
WILLIAM HORAN ... 2	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for W. H. Hunter, and was his first peal in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
*A. ROY WOODARD ... 2	GEORGE WILSON ... 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. E. Fisher, of Ufford.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN LEADBEATER ... Treble	*FRANK J. BALDWIN ... 4
ERNEST PEARSON ... 2	MAURICE SMITH ... 5
*CECIL HINTON ... 3	JOHN MARDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SMITH.

* First peal of Minor.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

First peal on the bells, which were cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1769, and have recently been tuned and rehung in a frame for eight by Taylor and Co.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Thursday, March 26th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,251 changes) in 48 mins.: R. Maynard, jun. (conductor) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, J. A. Waugh 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, W. B. Manning 5, J. C. Adams 6, R. Maynard, sen., 7, H. F. Hull 8, E. E. Holman 9, J. H. Crampton 10.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE ... Treble	CHARLES J. BRACKLEY ... 3
*JACK C. BELCHAM ... 2	HARRY TURNER ... 4
GEORGE MILES ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to the Rev. P. L. Cloughton, who, on March 17th, completed 50 years as Rector of Hutton.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five 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 in 14 different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb. in B.

CESAR DAVIS ... Treble	ERNEST TOSSELL ... 4
JEFFERY TOSSELL ... 2	HAROLD BLACKER ... 5
CECIL MOGFORD ... 3	*JOHN WATTS ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BLACKER.

* First peal in two methods. This is the first peal in two methods on this beautiful little six which were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1913. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. Fry for kindly having everything in readiness.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TACHTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*WILLIAM WARREN ... Treble	WILLIAM GIGG ... 3
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 2	*CHARLES TREMLETT ... 4
ARTHUR H. REED ... Tenor	

Conducted by A. H. REED.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Dr. Harris, on completion of twenty-five years' service in the parish.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Burton, Rochester, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent, Oxford and 960 of Woodbine.

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	*JOHN R. MATTOCK ... 3
ARTHUR GILL ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. L. E. Meredith), after the induction service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Sheffield.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE WIGHTMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

WALTER W. MILLER, SEN. ... 1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3-4	JOHN ASBON ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN
Umpire: STEPHEN WIGHTMAN.

COMBE MARTIN.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday evening, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Yeo 1, C. Rook 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, R. Gubb 4, L. Walters (first quarter-peal) 5, J. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, T. Gubb 8. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

A YOUNG FAMILY OF RINGERS. PROMISING DARLINGTON CHILDREN.

There is a family of young ringers of great promise in Darlington. The children of Mr. H. Taylor—whose ages range from six to twelve years—are assiduously practising on handbells and making great headway under the instruction of their father. They have only been seriously tackling the job for about six months, but

lady ringers and look forward to the time when they, too, may take part in peals for the Ladies' Guild. As to the boys, they have their eyes on the exploits of such men as William Pye and James George, and are determined not to be satisfied until they can emulate their example. In addition to their change ringing they ring tunes very nicely.

Mr. Taylor is naturally proud of his children's progress, for he is both father and 'mother' to them. Un-



Grace
(aged 8).

MR. H. TAYLOR AND HIS FAMILY OF RINGERS.
Raymond
(aged 9).

Harry
(aged 6).

Ida
(aged 11).

Fred
(aged 12).

already the elder ones can ring Grandsire and Stedman Triples 'double-handed' and an independent witness informs us that he has seen the four oldest with their father ring a perfect course of Grandsire Caters.

Even the six-year-old can ring the treble to Grandsire, and they are all of them intensely interested in all that is going on in the Exercise and follow the doings of some of their campanological 'heroes' with great zest. The girls are keen on the successes that attend the efforts of

happily, Mrs. Taylor has been a helpless invalid for some years, suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, and Mr. Taylor has done everything for the children before and after his own day's work, while the eldest children take their important share in caring for the home and the other members of the family. They are a fine quintet of boys and girls, with a brave father and patient mother, and the children's progress in the art of ringing will be watched with interest.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

One of the best known and most highly respected residents of Ringstead, near Thrapston, Kettering, Mr. Ebenezer Mayes, passed away at Northampton Hospital on March 7th, after an operation for cancer of the mouth.

Mr. Mayes, who had lived at Ringstead all his life, was 78 years of age, and celebrated his golden wedding about four years ago. A lifelong abstainer and non-smoker, he had been wonderfully active up to the last.

Mr. Mayes had been a handsewing craftsman in the boot and shoe trade. He had been a school manager and a member of the Ringstead Temperance Band, and a sacristan. He had been a ringer for upwards of sixty years. The funeral took place on March 11th, after which a muffled 720 of Bob Major was rung by: H. Peacock 1, A. Baxter 2, S. G. Robinson 3, E. Whitmore 4, W. Whitmore 5, F. H. Chapman 6. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent from friends, including one from the ringers. Many friends were at the church and also at the cemetery to pay a last mark of respect, but Mr. G. H. Roberts, a particular friend of the deceased, was unable to be present on account of illness.

ARKSEY CHURCH'S LOSS.

At Arksey, Doncaster, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,288 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Miss Edith Dunhill, for twelve years Vicar's warden, and a devoted churchworker for close on fifty years. The esteem in which she was held in the village of Arksey was shown by the great number of people who attended the funeral on Saturday, March 21st. The choir and clergy led the procession to the cemetery, and the service was conducted by the Vicar of Arksey (the Rev. J. Pierce Price) and the Vicar of Bentley (the Rev. A. E. B. Wade).

The death of Miss Dunhill, who passed away suddenly at the age of 62 years, leaves a gap in the church life of Arksey that will be exceedingly difficult to fill. She was a great friend of the ringers, and had, a few years ago, replaced the old 'ding dong' chimes with full Cambridge chimes for the clock, in memory of her father and mother.

The quarter-peal was rung by: F. Garner 1, G. Clark 2, E. Lea 3, E. Cooper (conductor) 4, H. Arrand 5, J. McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8.

STEDMAN CATERS.

A NEW TYPE OF PEAL.

5,016, BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

231456789 1 2 4-5 8-9 14-15 18-19

342651978	—		x	x	x	x
463152			x	x	x	x
614253			x	x	x	x

125364879	—	s			x	x
231465			x	x	x	x
342561			x	x	x	x
453162			x	x	x	x
514263			x	x	x	x

216453978	—				x	x
142356			x	x	x	x
431652			x	x	x	x
364251			x	x	x	x
623154			x	x	x	x

125463879	—	s			x	x
241365			x	x	x	x
432561			x	x	x	x
354162			x	x	x	x
513264			x	x	x	x

216354	—				x	x
132456			x	x	x	x

Repeated, omitting the bob at 1, gives:—
231456789

231456897 by Bob at 1.

231456789 by Bob at 1.

First rung on February 28th, 1931, at St. Stephen's, Bristol, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, conducted by W. A. Cave. This composition contains a large number of calls, most of them 'twin-bobs'; in fact, it looks at first sight more like a peal of Stedman Triples. Perhaps a few words on its construction and musical qualities will be of interest.

If you start from 123456789 and call 2 bobs each time the 5th, 7th, 8th or 9th is behind with one of the other bells, then each of these 4 will be retarded 2 sizes in their work, and they will all come back into their home positions after 20 sixes (i.e., 2 more than an ordinary course). The bobs will have been called at 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19, and the course-end produced is 241653789, which repeats 4 times to give a round block of 5 courses. This block is the basis on which the peal is founded.

Now let us look at the musical advantages made possible by its use. If we put the big bells into the 'titlums' position and fix the 5th in 5th's place, we shall get the usual titlums music at the course-end, and we shall also get an —8975 in the middle of the course, and —78 and —59 will come up together behind twice in every course instead of once. Similarly, if we put the bells into the 'handstroke-home' position and fix the 6th in 5th's place, we shall get, in addition to the usual course-end music, a —9876 in the middle of every course, with —79 and —68 dodging together behind twice instead of once. So that really we may say that we are getting twice as much good music in a course only 2 sizes longer than usual.

When we come to putting these courses together into peal form we are at once faced with a difficulty, because when we have called the 4 pairs of twin-bobs at 4-5, 8-9, 14-15 and 18-19 we find that there is no other place in the course where we can make another call without disturbing the fixed bells, so that we can get our 5 courses, but we can get no further. The solution to this difficulty lies in the simple manner in which the bells can be turned from one position to the other and back again. Thus it will be found that if the heavy bells are in the titlums then by calling a 'bob at 2' and omitting the usual bobs at 4-5 and 8-9 they will fall into the handstroke-home position half-way through the course, and vice versa. And if we arrange to do this after the course-end at which the 6th is in treble's place, then it will fall into the correct position in which it has to be fixed when 7, 8, 9 are in the handstroke-home position; and similarly for the 5th when we turn the heavy bells back again. Thus we have a 5-course block of titlums and a 5-course block of handstroke-home linked up into one round block of 10 courses, thus:—

614253978 2 4-5 8-9 14-15 18-19

215463879	—				x	x
142365			x	x	x	x
431562			x	x	x	x
354261			x	x	x	x
523164			x	x	x	x

126354978	—				x	x
231456			x	x	x	x

(Continued in next column.)

THE COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.
VIEWS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In order to try and clear the air with regard to the Methods Committee's report, I took the responsibility of sending to each member of the Standing Committee a copy of attached letter, together with one of the enclosed cards, which I have marked with the result of the voting.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. CAVE.

The letter to the members of the committee was in the following terms, and was signed by Mr. Cave as acting secretary of the Council:—

'As a member of the Standing Committee you will have received a circular letter from the hon. secretary of the Council, and also read the protest from the Methods Committee published in "The Ringing World."

'I would ask you to please refer to previous publications of the kind, and then kindly fill in your answers to the questions on the accompanying stamped post-card and return it to me without delay.'

'COLLECTION OF MINOR METHODS.'		Yes.	No.
Should the title page show the names of the Methods Committee?	...	11	3
Should the title page show the names of the executive officers?	...	8	6
Should the publication of the books be proceeded with at once?	...	11	3
Or should publication be delayed till Mr. Young's return early in May?	...	3	11

PRESENTATION TO MR. T. H. VALLANCE.
LEICESTER RINGERS' PARTING GIFT.

Force of circumstances and an opportunity to start in business for himself combined to induce Mr. T. H. Vallance, a well-known Leicester ringer, to seek fresh fields and pastures new and old, for he returns to his own particular place whence he came some twenty years ago.

A native of Stoke Golding, he was bred and fed on six-bell methods, but when he migrated to Leicester he rapidly digested eight and ten bell methods, and thrived on them.

Tom was the first of St. John's company to join up in the Great War, and saw it through to the end. There is another side to his nature. He is a rough diamond in unconscious humour, and when he effervesces and can no longer keep his bottle of fun corked, the readers of this journal inhale the bubbles signed 'A Flat.'

So it was with mixed feelings that a goodly company of ringers from several Leicester churches met at St. John-the-Divine's belfry on Monday night of last week to wish him the best of luck. Touches of Grandshire and Stedman Caters, also a course of Cambridge Royal, were rung, and, after the bells had been lowered, Mr. W. Willson, on behalf of the company, asked Mr. Vallance to accept a polished mahogany mantel clock, on which was inscribed: 'Presented to T. H. Vallance by St. John-the-Divine Society of Ringers, March 23rd, 1931.'

In making the gift, Mr. Willson expressed the regret of all that the severance was to occur, but they all realised that 'there comes a time in the affairs of man,' and they trusted that this effort would carry Mr. Vallance on the tide to success. There would always be a niche and a welcome for him.

Tom, in his reply, was visibly affected, but said that he did not intend to give up ringing; on the contrary, he would return to his old haunts on every opportunity.

Tom Vallance starts in his new sphere with the sincere good wishes of all who know him, and his business career will be followed by his friends with the greatest interest.

(Continued from previous column.)

231456	x	x	x	x
342651	x	x	x	x
463152	x	x	x	x
614253	x	x	x	x

By the introduction of 6 singles operating on the little bells, 1, 2 and 3, 4, we can now extend this to give a block of 40 courses, or 4,800 changes, and this is then spliced in between 3 bobs at 1 to give the peal. Thus, we start with a bob at 1 which puts the bells straight into the body of the peal, ring through the 40 courses till we come round to the same position again, and then call 2 more bobs at 1 to bring the bells round. This gives a length of 5,016, finishing with the plain course.

It may be noted that with the exception of the 8 'bobs at 2' and the 2 'bobs at 1' at the end all the calls are either 'twin-bobs' or singles, so that with these few exceptions all the bells go in alternately 'quick' and 'slow' throughout the peal (as in an ordinary peal of Stedman Triples).

But it is in the music produced in this peal that its chief claim to attention lies, and it is dedicated in particular to those members of the Exercise who argue (and with some reason) that Stedman Caters in the ordinary titlums and handstroke-home positions is 'all right at the course-ends but not very musical in the middle of the courses.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The committee of the Norwich Diocesan Association, in their forty-ninth annual report of the fifty-third year of the association, to be presented to the annual meeting on Easter Monday, state that the twelve months that have elapsed since the last annual report have been distinguished by the satisfactory results brought about by the reorganisation of the association into four branches. Eleven branch meetings and two joint meetings were arranged during the year by four branch secretaries. Their reports on the work of the branches may be regarded as a record of progress which may be looked upon with satisfaction and encouragement for the future.

The committee wished to record their thanks to Messrs. W. B. Duncan, W. J. Leo, F. Nolan Golden and W. J. Eldred for their generous services and excellent work rendered for the welfare of all. They regretted the loss by death of six members and fourteen members by resignation. Fifteen members had lapsed during the year by non-payment of their subscriptions, but the election of forty new members and the re-election of three old members made the total membership of the association 830, as against 822 in 1929.

Attention of members was called to one item in the balance sheet and that of the petty cash account, which again for the third year in succession appeared on the credit side of the balance sheet as unpaid and due to the treasurer, and this tended to make such balance sheet misleading as to real balance in hand. The committee earnestly urged all members whose subscriptions were outstanding to pay more promptly in the future and before Christmas of each year to enable the general secretary and treasurer to discharge all debts before December 31st of each year. The outstanding subscriptions on December 31st, 1930, amounted to £4 10s., and should be nearly all recoverable by the collectors. The committee were glad to report an increase in the number of peals rung during the year, the total being 73 peals in 16 different methods, against 45 peals in 11 different methods in 1929. 120 members took part in the peals, which were conducted by 15 members. Amongst the peals rung to be noted were a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8,096 changes, composed and conducted by F. Nolan Golden, and rung at St. Andrew, Quidenham, on March 15th, 1930, and also the peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major, 5,280 changes, composed by H. W. Wilde and conducted by William Clover, and rung at SS. Peter and Paul's, Salle, on May 3rd, 1930, this being the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band and by the association.

The committee concluded their report by expressing thanks to all officers, branch secretaries and committees, for their generous services during the past year for the welfare of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

DEATH OF MR. C. W. ALLEN, OF HAGBOURNE.**A PUPIL OF J. W. WASHBROOK.**

On Monday, March 16th, Mr. C. W. Allen, of Down Farm, West Hagbourne, Berks, passed away at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Allen, who was very well known in Berkshire, and was a prominent member until a year ago of the Wallingford Urban District Council, was one of the original band of ringers taught early in the 'eighties' by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and he rang some fifteen peals chiefly at East Hagbourne, where the funeral took place on Thursday week.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the ceremony, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. W. Cox 1, G. F. James 2, H. K. White 3, A. H. Webb (conductor) 4, W. V. Webb 5, J. Sawyer 6, R. G. Rice 7, W. Lambell 8.

'STONY' MEN'S QUARTER-PEAL.

At Old Knebworth, Herts, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, with ten callings) was rung in 43 mins., the ringers being: Arthur Turner 1, Walter Scott 2, Arthur Childs 3, William Scott 4, John Ferris 5, Frank Towers 6. Conducted by W. Lawrence, who stood in the tower. The first five ringers are Knebworth service ringers, who have only been change ringing for three months, and it was their first attempt for a quarter-peal. They had been 'stony' ringers several years, but have been learning the art of change ringing under Mr. W. Lawrence and Mr. E. Turner (who covered in their quarter-peal, and who belongs to Stevenage). The striking was very good.

PLAYING THE GAME ?*To the Editor.*

Sir,—At a service specially arranged for sportsmen in Irchester Parish Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Laws, M.A.), in the course of his address, asked the question, 'Does everyone play the game?' to which the answer, he said, was 'No.' Some always wanted to win, and, when losing, exhibited bad grace and made excuses. There was no discredit in losing fairly, said the Vicar, but much in winning unfairly. He appealed for all sportsmen to 'play the game.' Having read various arguments in 'The Ringing World' at different times, I think ringers might well take these words to heart.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

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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.

Conductors of peals rung on Easter Monday should post off the reports to reach 'The Ringing World' on Tuesday morning.

The first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung took place at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffordshire, and was rung on Saturday, April 6th, 1897, in seven different methods by: George Clarkson 1, William Wheeldon 2, John E. Wheeldon 3, Charles Preston 4, Daniel Preston 5, William Twigg 6. The band consisted of two pairs of brothers, an uncle and a nephew. The two latter are now deceased.

Mrs. Barton, the wife of Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, I.O.W., sailed on Tuesday last for Australia accompanied by her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Brown. She had recently contracted a complaint which entailed absolute rest and quiet. All who know her will wish her bon voyage and a safe return completely restored to health.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, has been laid up with an attack of bronchitis, and, much to his disappointment, will be unable to attend the Kent County Association's general meeting at Tonbridge on Easter Monday.

Only six Surprise Major peals are recorded in our columns this week, but these half-dozen are in no less than five different methods.

RINGERS' MEETING IN AUSTRALIA.

A GATHERING OF THIRTY AT MELBOURNE.

At the invitation of the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, the ringers of Ballarat paid a visit to Melbourne on January 26th (Foundation Day). Eight members of Ballarat took the journey and were met by members of St. Paul's at 10 a.m. The Precentor (Rev. R. Sherwood) welcomed the ringers at the Cathedral entrance. Ascending to the belfry, the bells were given a busy time during the day. Luncheon and tea were provided in the city, a party of twenty-four sitting down to luncheon and thirty to tea—all ringers.

During the day the Precentor, five ladies and five young men, 'recruits' of St. Paul's, took part in the ringing. These recruits have been learning the art since August last, and can now manage a bell quite well, and it is hoped to have them taking part in 'touches' at an early date.

Unfortunately, the Ballarat ringers do not have much opportunity to practise change ringing, as their bells are situated in the City Hall, and when meetings are held there ringing cannot take place. This is a great handicap, as the men manage their bells well, and there is a fine peal of eight at Ballarat.

Touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, and wherever possible a Ballarat ringer was put in with the Melbourne ringers.

Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent, and it is hoped to make these visits more frequent. St. Paul's ringers are most fortunate in having the Precentor at their head. Not only does he take a great interest in the ringers and ringing, but is keen on learning the art himself, and spent the whole of the day with the ringers.

At St. Paul's, Melbourne, there is a very fine peal of thirteen bells, tenor 31½ cwt.

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NOTE.—The following Associations were affiliated to the Council during the year:—Oxford Society, Oxford University, Romney Marsh and District Guild.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES

Associations.	MINOR Number of Methods.								Total.	DOUBLES Number of Methods.						Total.	Grand Total of Peals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 to 20		1	2	3	4	5 to 14			
Barnsley and Dist.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Bath and Wells	14	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	18	28	1	1	1	1e	—	53	
Bedfordshire	1	—	—	1	1	1	2	6	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	17	
Chester Diocesan	15	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	28	5	—	—	—	—	5	33	
Cleveland & N. Y.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Dur. and Newc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
E. Derbys. & Notts	2	—	2	2	1	—	1	—	8	—	—	5	1e	—	14	14	
Ely Diocesan	21	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	
Essex	4	—	—	2	4	—	—	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	
Guilford Dio.	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	
Hereford Dio.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	15	—	1	—	—	21	25	
Hertford County	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	8	1	—	1	—	—	2	10	
Kent County	11	—	—	1	2	—	—	3	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	
Ladies' Guild	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Lancashire	6	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	2	13	
Lincoln Diocesan	7	2	3	2	2	—	3	13	42	2	—	—	—	—	2	44	
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Middlesex County	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Midland Counties	8	1	—	2	2	—	—	1	14	4	2	4	1	1e	12	26	
North Notts	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Northampton	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Norwich Dio.	7	—	—	—	1	2	3	2	17	1	1	2	—	—	4	21	
Oxford Diocesan	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	4	11	10	1	—	—	—	11	22	
Peterborough Dio.	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	3	11	8	1	1	—	2g	15	26	
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Salisbury Dio.	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	5	2	—	—	—	7	17	
Stafford Arch.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	4	8	
Suffolk Guild	5	—	—	6	7	—	2	3	24	—	3	—	—	—	3	27	
Surrey	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
Sussex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Swansea and Brecon	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	1	7	
Trent Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	3	
Warwickshire	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Windsor & P'm'h.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	4	
Worcestershire	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	16	8	1	—	—	—	12	28	
Yorkshire	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Unaffiliated Soc.	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	7	2	3	1	—	—	6	13	
Non-Association	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	0	1	—	—	—	1	10	
TOTAL	103	11	40	31	14	11	70	8	360	108	26	11	7	10	162	522	

(a) 23 methods. (b) one in 21 and one in 26 methods. (c) one in 8, one in 9, one in 11, and one in 15 methods. (d) 7,200 in 10 methods. (e) one in 5 methods. (f) two in 7, one in 9, one in 12, and one in 14 methods. (g) two in 6 methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Associations.	CINQUES		ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR		TRIPLES		MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTAL					
	Stedman	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob	Little Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	D'ble Norwich C.B.	Double Bob	Sp. D. Pl. & Lit. Bob	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob		Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	1 and 2 Methods	1 and 2 Methods
Cambridge Univ.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Durham & Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Essex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
Guilford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Kent Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Warwickshire Ass.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Unaffiliated	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Non-Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
TOTAL	4	1	1	1	10	5	5	1	1	1	6	1	32	1	6	8	18	97

(a) One in 2 methods.

SUDBURY.—On Sunday, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) for evensong: H. Herbert 1, L. Allington 2, C. Woodcock 3, S. Gridley 4, A. Fitch 5, L. Johnson 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, T. E. Slater 8. First quarter-peal in this method by the 5th and 6th men.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

There has been a remarkable increase in the number of peals rung during 1930 as compared with 1929. In fact, this is only the second time since 1881, when the first Analysis was compiled, that the total has been over 2,000. In 1913 the number of peals rung was 2,358, and in 1930, the year under review, the Analysis shows a total of 2,014. As compared with 1929 the increase is 349, which is shown by the following summary:—

	1930		1929	
	Tower.	Hand.	Tower.	Hand.
Maximum	25	—	23	—
Cinques	30	4	23	3
Royal	57	13	49	4
Caters	100	10	83	9
Major	733	42	629	31
Triples	450	7	359	5
Minor	360	8	318	3
Doubles	162	13	126	—
Total	1,917	97	1,610	55

TOWER BELLS.—The peals of Surprise Maximums remain the same, the decrease in peals of Cambridge being offset by those of Pudsey. Treble Bob Maximums have increased by 5 and other Maximum methods have decreased by 3. Stedman Cinques have increased by 4 and Grandsire Cinques by 3. Surprise Royal show 6 more, all of Cambridge. Treble Bob Royal have increased by 6. Other Royal methods have decreased by 4. In Caters the increases are Stedman 5 and Grandsire 11.

In Major methods the increase is 104 peals, and it is pleasing to note that peals in Surprise methods account for 93 of this number. Superlative alone showing 49 more. Triples show an increase of 91 peals, all Grandsire. Minor peals are 42 more and Doubles 36 more.

HANDBELLS.—The number of handbell peals rung was 42 more than last year, the increases being—Cinques 1, Royal 9, Caters 1, Major 11, Triples 2, Minor 5 and Doubles 13.

NEW METHODS.—Pudsey Surprise Maximums, Double Dublin Surprise Major, Surrey Surprise Major, Reverse Dublin Surprise Major, Double Little Bob Major and Erith Little Bob Major are recorded as having been rung for the first time.

ASSOCIATIONS.—The Lancashire Association this year has rung the greatest number of peals, viz., 135, followed by the Kent County Association with 134, the Chester Diocesan Guild with 114, the Midland Counties Association with 113, and the Essex Association with 110. No other Association reached 100 peals. Thirty-one Societies show an increase, headed by the Bath and Wells with 43 peals, the Kent County Association with 34, the Oxford Guild 32, the Lancashire Association 31, and the Lincoln Guild 30. Twelve Societies show decreases, the chief of which is the Midland Counties with 15 peals less than last year.

GENERALLY.—Long lengths rung during the year are as follows:—12,221 and 9,261 Grandsire Cinques by an unaffiliated Society; 8,096 Double Norwich Court Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association; 7,200 Minor in 10 methods, and 6,400 Oxford Treble Bob Major by the Yorkshire Association; 6,144 Guildford Surprise Major by the Guildford Diocesan Guild; and 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Sussex County Association.

Performances worthy of note are a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 11 methods by the Middlesex Association; Spliced Surprise Minor in 26 methods and 21 methods by the Kent County Association; and one of Surprise Minor in 23 methods by the Essex Association. Two peals of Minor on handbells were rung in the Transvaal. A 'George' peal of Bristol Surprise Major and a 'William' peal of Double Norwich were rung by the Middlesex Association, whilst an 'Edwin' peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the Kent County Association. In the latter peal three generations of one family took part.

Three non-conducted peals were rung, one of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Bath and Wells Association, one of Stedman Triples by the Stafford Archdeaconry, and one of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) by the Kent County Association. A Boy Scouts' peal was rung for the Chester Guild, and a handbell peal of Grandsire Caters for the Durham and Newcastle Association was rung in a coal mine.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1930 and 1929:—

	1930	1929		1930	1929
January	129	113	July	117	118
February	171	118	August	192	148
March	144	92	September	154	137
April	133	141	October	177	150
May	193	148	November	237	197
June	147	132	December	220	171

An analysis of the footnotes shows that the number of ringers who have scored their first peal has increased. This year there are 595, as compared with 499 in 1929. There is also a considerable increase in the number who have rung their first peal in a new method, or method on a different number of bells. Last year's total was 869—this year it is 1,214. Ringers of their first peal inside

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ERITH LITTLE BOB.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I add a few words to the discussion that is going on about the above method?

If you write out the simplest possible method with the treble hunting up to 4th's place, and nothing else but plain hunting (except the dodging above 4th's caused by the treble making 4th's place), you will have written out 'Little Court Bob,' and nobody is likely to dispute it. If you add 2nd's place when the treble leads, you will get 'Little Bob,' and no one will dispute this.

If, now, you add 3rd's place while the treble makes 4th's, you might conceivably call it 'Double Little Bob,' on the analogy of Double Bob (Major) being produced from Plain Bob by adding 7th's place while the treble makes 8th's; but this would require a modification of the generally accepted meaning of the term 'Double' as applied to methods; in any case, it does not give a 'Bob Major lead-end,' and is therefore not a regular method at all.

If, however, we add 4th's place when the treble is in 2-3, EITHER up OR down but not both, we get in each case a regular method with lead-end 14263857. Here we have two methods, one of which is the method in question.

Neither of them is a 'Double' method, as the work on the way up is different from that on the way down. They are both equally entitled to the terms 'Little' and 'Bob,' and it is therefore necessary that they should be given further names to differentiate them from each other and other Little Bob methods.

The names given by the bands who rang the first peals in these methods were 'Erith' and 'Dartford,' and there seems no reason why subsequent bands should ring them under any other titles.

In any case, I submit that there is no such thing as 'Double Little Bob.'—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Cold Ashton Rectory, Chippenham.

DOUBLE LITTLE BOB.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett unfortunately misinterprets my attitude, which is that a method that has been familiar to ringers for two hundred years or more needs no other further designation than 'Little' to indicate the shortened hunt of the treble.

And when Mr. Barnett warns the Exercise of a 'dictator' in their midst, is he not projecting his own complex?—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

BOB MINIMUS WITH MAJOR LEAD-ENDS.

Sir,—With regard to the correspondence between Mr. E. Barnett and Mr. N. Golden re the above, I did not wish to again open up the subject of what is, or is not, the proper name for the method under discussion, but seeing that my name is being mentioned again in the controversy I feel I must trouble you for a little space in case your readers should think I have altered my opinion. After the publication of the diagrams in 'The Ringing World' of February last year, I still maintain that the method rung as Erith is nothing but Double Bob Minimus with Major lead-ends, and I may add that the peal rung at Sheffield has been published by the Yorkshire Association in their annual report as Double Little Bob. With my kindest regards to both Mr. Barnett and Mr. Golden,—Yours,

The Cross, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.

GEO. LEWIS.

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number 67; away from the tenor 16; in the method inside 83; Maximus 16; Cinques 11; Royal 11; Caters 15; Major 77; Triples 29; Minor 83; Doubles 24; on twelve bells 29; on ten 56; on eight 43; on six 4; Surprise 48; 'in hand' 23; in method 'in hand' 29. The number of new conductors has risen from 54 to 69, and conductors in a new method from 73 to 85.

Other footnotes show that 51 peals were the first on the bells; 39 since restoration or augmentation, and 173 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 73. In addition to these, 25 muffled peals were rung on the occasion of the R101 disaster. Birthday peals number 309; Royal Birthdays 12; Wedding (including Diamond, Golden and Silver) 88; Church Festivals and Dedications 45; Empire Day 19; Armistice Day 17; Anniversaries 47; Welcome and Farewell peals 49.

It should be noted that in cases where peals are published under the names of two associations these are recorded in the Analysis under the first named association.

In conclusion, we give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 57,220.

1883	156	1909	1,628	1921	1,632
1885	500	1913	2,358	1923	1,885
1889	797	1914	1,415	1926	1,667
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	1930	2,014

(Signed)

EDITH K. FLETCHER,
GEORGE R. PYE,
CHAS. DEAN,
GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**SOME OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.**

The headquarters will be the Stork Hotel, Queen Square, Liverpool. Terms, bed and breakfast 8s. 6d., mention Central Council. Members will book rooms direct with the Stork.

The Council will meet in the Town Hall by the kind permission of the Lord Mayor, who will receive and welcome the Council.

The Lancashire Association will entertain all members of the Council to lunch at headquarters. Apply for tickets to me before May 15th (stamped addressed envelope, please).

The Lord Mayor will entertain the Council to tea in the Town Hall at the close of the meeting.

With regard to the Masonic peal attempt, will any other brethren who desire to stand in notify me early, and any brethren who desire an invitation to Lancastrian Lodge notify me prior to May 15th.

A social evening is arranged at headquarters for the Tuesday evening.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

One of the most successful meetings of the Northern District was held at Daybrook, Notts, on Saturday, when ringers attended from Sutton-on-Trent, St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham, North Collingham, Ilkeston, Rotherham, Sheffield, Treeton, Bolsover, Basford, Cotgrave, Sandiacre, Beeston, and the local tower.

A choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Everitt, who gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to the church.

An excellent tea, prepared by the ladies, was served in the Social Centre, presided over by the curate. Afterwards a short business meeting took place, Miss Thompson, of Nottingham, taking the chair. Miss Thompson was appointed a member of the committee, and two new members were elected.

The usual vote of thanks was given to Miss Thompson.

The ladies then adjourned to the belfry, where a plain course of Bob Major was rung by ladies. All were very sorry when a rope broke and ended the ringing earlier than usual.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TREASURERSHIP.**

A quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Enderby on Saturday. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and tea was served in the Institute.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. Ernest Morris (general secretary) mentioned that if Mr. W. Wallace gave up the treasurership of the association, Mr. W. White, of Cotgrave, would be willing to accept the office.

For the mid-quarterly meeting, Hallaton was unanimously agreed upon. Great Easton was also suggested, but was considered too far away, and not easily accessible from Leicester. The secretary was asked to invite the Vicar of Great Easton to attend.

For the half-yearly meeting, Saddington, near Kibworth, was decided upon. It was also proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Hinckley District, it being left to the secretary to arrange the date and place with the secretary of the Hinckley District.

The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Clarence Jesson and his wife for arranging such an excellent tea. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going up to 8.30 p.m.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Baslow and Edensor on Saturday last, when about sixteen ringers were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Dore, Edensor and Eyam. The pretty peal of six (tenor about 12 cwt.) at Baslow were raised soon after 3 p.m., and some creditable ringing was indulged in, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise all being brought round. A very enjoyable tea was partaken of at the Rutland Arms, during which, in order to save time, an informal business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam).

The secretary apologised for his absence from the previous meeting at Darley Dale, stating that the car in which he was travelling was held up by the heavy snow which fell that day. It was decided, if possible, to have the next meeting at Youlgrove on April 18th, when the grand old church, fine heavy peal of eight and beautiful surroundings, should prove an attraction.

The secretary announced that the new Vicar of Dore, the Rev. J. D. W. Dawson, M.A., at present Rector of Stoke Dry, Uppingham, and sometime curate of Rawmarsh, Rotherham, would be inducted on Friday, April 24th, at 7.30 p.m., and extended a cordial invitation to any ringer who cared to do so to join in the ringing before and after the service. Mr. Dawson has done a little ringing himself, and it was hoped to interest him in the belfry. One new member, Mr. W. Hawksworth, of Baslow, was elected.

At 5.45 p.m. a move was made to Edensor, about two miles away, whose beautiful church, standing within Chatsworth Park, possesses a very fine ring of six bells, tenor about 15 cwt. These were kept going till about 7.15 p.m. in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Cambridge, a good 'fall' at the above-mentioned time bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THREE FIVE-BELL TOWERS VISITED.**

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Stetchworth on Saturday. Members were present from Exning, Fulbourne, Newmarket, Over, Sawston, Stapleford, Trumpington, Willingham and Wood Ditton, and the local band turned out in full force to welcome the visitors.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. V. Wylie), and tea was very kindly provided by the inhabitants of Stetchworth at the White Horse Hotel. As this was a by-meeting, no formal business had to be transacted, but several new members were elected, including two clergymen, the Rev. S. V. Wylie, of Stetchworth, and the Rev. Austin, of Wood Ditton, also Messrs. L. Brown, R. Cater, F. Dean, J. Dean and J. Starling, all of Wood Ditton.

It was decided to hold another by-meeting at Gamlingay on April 25th. Mr. A. E. Austin, District Ringing Master, expressed grateful thanks on behalf of the visitors for the very generous hospitality and hearty welcome given to the association.

The neighbouring towers of Wood Ditton and Dullingham were visited in turn. It was very pleasing and encouraging to see the keenness displayed by a number of promising young ringers.

Everyone spent a very happy afternoon and evening, and one ringer was overheard to remark that it was the best five-bell meeting he had ever attended, and he had been to many.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 21st, and was attended by about twenty members from other towers, but, for some reason unknown, the local band were not represented. The bells were kept going from 2.30 to 4.30, when the Rector conducted the Guild service, and Mr. C. Coleman presided at the organ. Then a walk across Eastwell Park to the Flying Horse, where a substantial tea was in readiness.

The Rector took the chair at the business meeting which followed, when Hawkhurst was confirmed for the next meeting on April 18th.

Two new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

Some then returned to the tower for more ringing, which continued to 8.30 p.m.

THE MASONIC PEAL AT STEPNEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With the association's rule, No. 15, as it is, I do not see how the Masonic peal, rung at Stepney and recorded in 'The Ringing World' of March 20th, can be claimed as a Kent County Association peal.

The rule states that, 'previous to starting for a peal, a band may elect not more than two as members of the association,' and according to the footnote three were so elected.—Yours truly,

A. H. SMITH.

Leatherhead.

RINGING IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is always a pleasure to read in 'The Ringing World' letters from ringers abroad, and I was very pleased to read the letter from Mr. F. G. May, in which he relates experiences in Guernsey, but I was not under the impression expressed in the first sentence of his letter.

The explanation is this: The last paragraph of my letter in November 21st issue should read '... parish church in the island.'

You will notice in my first paragraph I wrote 'particularly in Jersey,' and I purposely refrained from mentioning Guernsey in my letter as I knew of the Bristol ringers' visit.

Referring to the last sentence of Mr. May's letter, if he will read my fifth paragraph he will notice the 1844 ring at St. Mark's has been 'pushed into the corner,' presumably at the time of the hanging of the 1881 Taylor clock bell, which put the peal of six out of action as regards ringing.

The 'tapping' was done on the ropes, which come down together against the wall into the ringing chamber.

I am very glad to know others are interested in the bells of the Channel Islands, and would like to know that change ringing is to be practised.

It must be a source of great pleasure to you, Mr. Editor, to receive these letters from ringers abroad, and to know that 'The Ringing World' has such a world-wide circulation. I earnestly hope that the increased circulation at home, for which you have so long striven, will, in the near future, be realised.

I would also like, with your courtesy, through 'The Ringing World,' to send to Mr. F. G. May my best wishes, with many thanks for his interesting letter.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

Brockley, S.E.4.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BEDDINGTON.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evensong, 1,344 London Surprise Major in 50 mins.: G. Jennings 1, J. Sparrow (first in the method) 2, H. S. Robinson 3, E. G. Talbot 4, F. Jennings 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, J. F. Galyer 7, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise by the local society.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, 1,320 Treble Bob (consisting of 240 College Exerciase, 360 Oxford and 720 Kent): J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, B. C. Mann 2, C. Mann 3, F. W. Shynn 4, G. Neville 5, H. Gardner 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MITCHAM.—At Christ Church, for evening prayer, on March 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob half-muffled, in grateful memory of Beatrice Taylor, a worker in and benefactor of the parish, widow of Thomas Taylor, for many years churchwarden and restorer of the spire: H. Allen 1, E. H. Jones 2, A. Miller 3, J. W. Parslow 4, G. Pidwell 5, W. H. Pasmore (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, February 15th, for matins, 720 Kent: M. Ginn 1, G. Whybrow 2, C. Robinson 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 Norwich: M. Ginn 1, F. O. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, R. Thoday 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.—On Monday, February 9th, R. Thoday and M. Ginn rang their first 720 of Norwich on a working bell.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, February 8th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: C. Moody 1, H. G. Owen 2, E. Cassell, sen., 3, W. H. Ball 4, C. Ottley 5, W. T. Elson 6, W. Malins (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8. First quarter in the method by H. G. Owen, and specially arranged for him. Also for dedication festival and the visit of the Rector of Lambeth.

SOUTHWARK.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, on Sunday, February 8th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: Guardsman Chance (first in method) 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. Brett 3, W. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, F. Digby 6, J. E. Davis 7, W. Bottrill (conductor) 8.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday evening, February 8th, in 42 mins., at St. John's Church, Lewisham, J. George's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. J. Lamb 1, H. Hoskins 2, W. A. Martin 3, P. S. R. Steers (first in the method) 4, E. B. Crowder 5, F. W. Thornton 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Bennington 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, February 8th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, J. Martin 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith 7, S. Penfold 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hanson 1, T. Willis (first quarter 'inside') 2, Reg Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, Wal Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, A. McMillan 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 1st, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wilkes 1, E. Brett 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, A. Cutmore 4, C. J. Chooet 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, R. W. Green 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Joyce.

NOTICES.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5.30. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middlewich on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.

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HALSALL, LANCS. — The recast ring of 6 bells, together with the clock and carillon machine, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Warrington on Saturday, April 4th, at 2.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SADDLEWORTH CHURCH, UPPER MILL. — The ring of eight bells restored and hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, April 4th. Service at 2.30 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society. Established 1824) **AND NORTH-SOUTH-WARK DIOCESAN GUILD.** — April meetings: Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes'; Tuesday, 14th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary, Lambeth; Monday, 20th, St. Clement Danes', practice, 7.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m. With a view to improving attendances at fortnightly Monday practices, also at the first Sunday morning of each month at St. Clement Danes', I shall be glad to receive members' promises to attend at least once a year, also dates most convenient to them. Possibly some living long distances would thus appreciate a visit. — Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, London, S.E.5.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of Hitchin. Tea at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill (near Abbey Station) immediately after the service, followed by annual business meeting for election of officers, etc. Towers open at 2 p.m., but ringing can be had at the two six-bell towers, during the morning, if early application is made to me. The peal of 8 at Harpenden will be available from 12.20 p.m. — G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8) available early. Will members requiring tea please notify Mr. Hy. Stenton, South Anston, by Thursday, April 2nd? — Maurice E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 6th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) (recently rehung) will be available from 10.30 a.m. St. Peter de Merton (6) also available. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to any visitors. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8) available; also Ottery St. Mary (8) and Tidbury (6). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., at Bray's Café. All ringers welcome. — J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Tadcaster on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be provided at Woodward's Café at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Derby. Bells available: Cathedral (10), 9.45 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; St. Luke's (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10), 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Committee meet 3.15 prompt. Tea 4.45, followed by general meeting at King's Café, St. Peter's Street. Application for tea (2s. per head) must be made to Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Friday, April 3rd. To avoid disappointment, will all intending to be present note this and act accordingly? It is regretted that Ald. Chambers' Memorial cannot be completed by this date. Will members of committee meet at Littleover Church at noon, to view and make final arrangements? — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 11.15. Association service in the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Dinner in the Carlton Café, High Street, at 1.15, followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. till 11.30 and after the meeting: Tonbridge (8), Tunbridge Wells (8), Chiddingstone (8), Penshurst (8), Sevenoaks (8), Hadlow (8), Shipbourne (6) and Speldhurst (8). — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 6th. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address by the Rev. G. W. Webb, Vicar of Longdon, in the Cathedral, at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), 11 to 12 and after 5.30, All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithun's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. — J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepscoate, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 6th. By kind permission of the Incumbents, the bells at St. Peter Mancroft, St. John de Sepulchre, St. Michael-at-Coslany, and All Saints' will be placed at the disposal of the members from 10 o'clock a.m. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon C.C. Lanchester. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon. — Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripley on Easter Monday. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at a moderate charge. A good attendance requested.—J. W. England, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham, on Easter Monday, April 6th. The Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham will give the address at the service, 2.30 p.m., Parish Church. Luncheon, 2s., at the Malvern Hotel (from 12 noon). Business meeting in the Schoolroom at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s., at the Malvern Hotel. Notice for meals should be given by post to-day. Ringing arrangements as previously announced in these columns.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The arrangements for the annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 6th, have been slightly amended, and members and friends are asked to note the alterations. The bells of St. Mary the Great (12) will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and during the evening. The Church of Our Lady (R.C.) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and evening. Great St. Andrew's (8) 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Benedict (Stedman's tower) 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Vestry of Great St. Mary's at 3.10 p.m. sharp, by kind permission of the Vicar, followed by service at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Essex). Tea will be served at the Dorothy Café, 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify me by April 4th.—T. R. Dennis, Gen. Sec., 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, all at 7.30 p.m., and at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Madeley on Saturday, April 11th. Will all who intend to be present please notify me not later than April 8th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11th. at the Parish Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. The tea will be supplied by the generosity of the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 10 a.m.: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (5), Rushmere (6), Bramford (6). Service 4.30 (with sermon by Rev. C. S. Scott, Incumbent of All Hallows, and District Secretary). Tea at Co-operative Hall 1s. each, at 5. Meeting to follow.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, April 11th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 7th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, Reading, at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 11th (p.v.). Will branch secretaries notify me before that date the number of annual reports required for their respective branches? — Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head, to all who notify Mrs. J. Harrison, Park Gate, Hoghton, near Preston, not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. The reports for 1930 are now ready.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. T. W. Hilton, 28, Victoria Street, Darfield, near Barnsley, by Thursday, April 9th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please advise me before April 8th. Send a card this time if you never have before! — W. J. Davidson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chief Fire Station, Newcastle.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell on Saturday, April 11th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. each, at 5, followed by business. Ringing at Clerkenwell from 2.45 and after the meeting; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, 7 to 9 p.m. Please advise us, if you require tea, by April 7th.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, April 11th. Service at St. Andrew's Church 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Tichborne Arms 4.30. Bells of Cheriton and Tichborne available 2.30. Please let me know how many will come.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Farnworth (Widnes) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. Notify for tea Mr. J. Witter, 127, Albert Road, Widnes, before Wednesday, April 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Lecture and short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea to reach me not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, April 18th. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Visitors welcomed. Numbers to me by April 15th, please.—D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Birling on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea (free) and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, Rev. John Goodacre. Tea (1s.), in Institute, at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 14th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Great Holland.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the new ring of eight erected to the memory of Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Kirby-le-Soken Station ten minutes' walk by the fields. Frequent bus service from Clacton-on-Sea. Tea in the Village Hall, provided at a small charge, to all who give notice to Mr. W. J. Nevard, The Myrtles, Great Bentley, Colchester, by the first post Tuesday, April 14th. All ringing friends will be welcomed.—C. H. Howard, Master.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, EVESHAM.—The restored and augmented peal of 8 bells will be open to ringers on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided, 9d. per head, for all who let me know by Wednesday, April 15th. All ringers welcome. Good bus services from Evesham.—F. J. Johnson, 29, Hinton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 18th. The peal at the Parish Church (10) available from 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and at All Saints' (8) from 2.30 p.m. onward. Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church, with sermon by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, Vicar of All Saints'. Tea will be served in Wordsworth's Café, Beartfair, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. W. Pearson, 53, Northgate, Pontefract, not later than Thursday, April 16th. Business meeting to follow. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of the Cathedral from 2.30 p.m., and St. Nicolas' from 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30.; preacher, Bishop Golding-Bird. Tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Tuesday, April 14th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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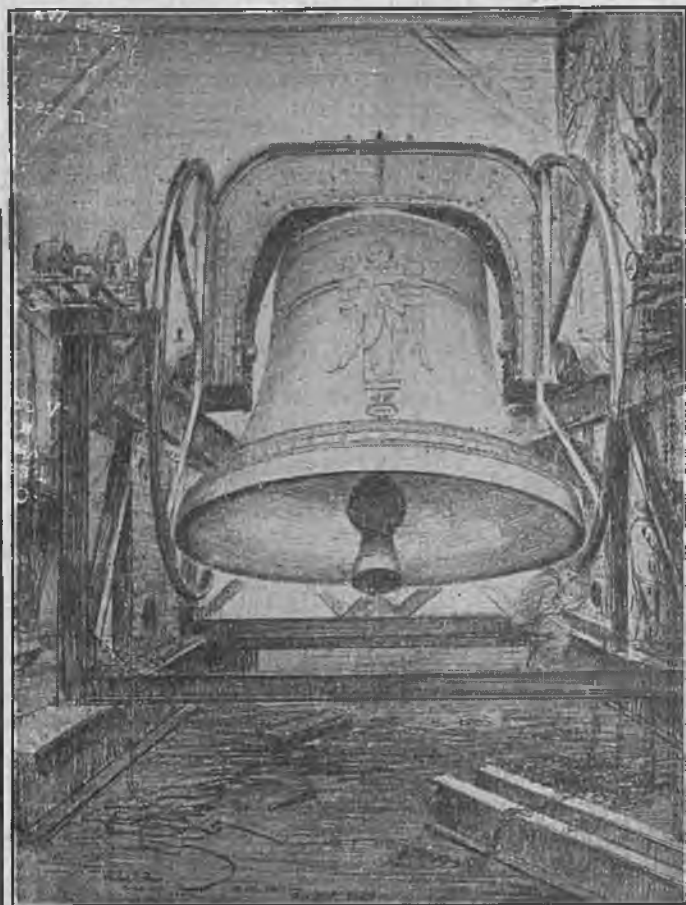
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On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
*LESTER L. GREY ... 2	*WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
*JAMES T. SMITH ... 3	*JOHN COOKE ... 8
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... 9
JOHN WILKINSON ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Ring in honour of the birth of
a son to the Rector, Canon J. C. H. How.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... Treble	STANLEY ARMSTRONG ... 6
ALFRED KING ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 9
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TANDY ... Treble	HARRY SEAR ... 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 3	*JOHN SIMONS ... 8
*SIDNEY TAYLOR ... 4	*HERBERT INFREY ... 9
RICHARD A. POST ... 5	*ROBERT HIGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK SHARPE ... Treble	JAMES W. WILKINS ... 6
MAURICE SMITH ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3	RICHARD WHITE ... 8
HUGH BALCOMBE ... 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	GORDON CAUDWELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS', IN EIGHT PARTS.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Treble	T. KELHAM DEACON ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	JOHN OLDBAM ... 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... 4	*FRANCIS R. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal on eight bells.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's, for evening service, on Palm
Sunday, 1,007 Grandsire Caters: E. E. Tanser 1, A. Hewitt 2, Ernest
Morris (composer and conductor) 3, G. Straw 4, S. A. Johnson 5,
W. Tanser 6, L. Johnson 7, E. Cattell 8, J. Morris 9, J. Grant 10.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BLACKLEDGE ... Treble	THOMAS ROTHWELL ... 5
JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... 2	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 6
JOHN BOOTH ... 3	JAMES W. HALL ... 7
JAMES MARSH ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. Also first peal in the method for the ringer of treble, 5th and 7th. The band take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for their kind hospitality after the peal.

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

E. SHEPHERD ... Treble	REV. E. S. POWELL ... 5
E. W. BIFFIN ... 2	A. TRUMAN ... 6
J. ARBURY ... 3	A. G. BETTS ... 7
W. HOWE ... 4	G. LUXTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. G. BETTS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 7
WALTER J. NORTON ... 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal of Triples as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. J. W. Jones, wife of Mr. J. W. Jones, the highly esteemed hon. secretary of the above association, with whom much sympathy is felt in his bereavement.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... Treble	RICHARD BALDRY ... 5
WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... 6
JOHN ALDIS ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
LEONARD POINTZ ... 4	GEORGE POINTZ ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON

Rung with half-muffled clappers.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	HERBERT FULCHER ... 5
WILLIAM FLATT ... 2	GEORGE GOWER ... 6
CHARLES LOOME ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
CECIL BARRETT ... 4	WALTER BARRETT ... Tenor

Composed by A. E. DURRANT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RYE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 31st, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: E. Curd 1, J. Vincent (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, G. Farr 3, F. Bryant 4, G. Hodson (conductor) 5, W. Sands 6, T. Lay 7, W. Henley 8 (cover 7.6.8). First quarter-peal as conductor.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb.

HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
ERNEST BENNETT ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the treble ringer.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Five Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 9600 CHANGES;

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

RAYMOND OVERY ... Treble	*RAYMOND S. PHILPOIT ... 5
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
*GEORGE GILBERT ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted by GEORGE E. CLODE).

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First touch in the method. Longest peal on the bells, and longest in the method. W. J. Robinson's 100th peal.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
*JOHN SPARROW ... 2	GEORGE E. CLODE ... 6
JOHN F. GALYER ... 3	DANIEL COOPER ... 7
ALAN R. PINK ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

* First peal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRANK OAKSHOTT ... Treble	†WILLIAM C. SMITH ... 5
MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 6
*WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 7
†GEORGE READ ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT BEADLE Treble	*W. MILTON 4
MISS NORA WELCH 2	T. H. TOWNSEND 5
SYDNEY CARTER 3	J. WELCH Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

* First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 1 and 4 are from Watton, 3 Little Munden, 2 and 6 Bennington, 5 Chells Green. Ringer of treble was elected a member previous to starting.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LADRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. (approx.).

ERNEST GARDNER Treble	CHARLES W. DENYER 4
*WILL H. VIGGERS 2	*REGINALD J. WHITFORD 5
WILLIAM DENYER 3	CHARLES NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung on the conductor's 20th birthday.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. BRINLEY JONES Treble	EDWARD H. STRADLING 4
GEORGE HAWKINS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

Mr. D. G. Cliff was unable to ring owing to illness, and the band are indebted to Mr. E. H. Stradling, who took the vacant rope at short notice.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven varied callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. A. C. MOULE Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS 2	CHARLES ROBINSON 5
ARTHUR WILSON 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung with clappers fully muffled to the Greatest of All. 'Lest we forget.'

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of College Exercise, Westminster, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

H. F. HYLTON TIDY Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 4
H. BERNARD WELLS 2	*DANIEL COOPER 5
HUGH R. THORPE 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in seven methods.

ALDWINCLE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	ERIC J. SARGANT 3
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 4
BORLEY P. MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by BORLEY P. MORRIS.

First peal on the bells for the Guild, and first on the bells for twelve years.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by all.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. LEACH, KIRKSTALL AVENUE,

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*MISS P. MARJORIE LEACH ... 1-2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 5-6
JOSEPH THACKRAY 3-4	*HENRY G. GRIMWOOD ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TRING.—On Sunday evening, March 29th, for a Confirmation service held by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: F. Keen 1, F. C. Reeve 2, H. Bishop 3, H. Bull 4, J. Puplett 5, C. Badrick 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, March 29th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 41 mins.: C. R. Goodburn 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, G. A. Jones 3, J. Burles 4, H. Argent 5, G. R. Ambrose 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, C. M. Mitchell 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by the ringers of 1, 2, 5 and 8, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2. An attempt for a peal in the same method on the previous day was unsuccessful after 1½ hours owing to two bells shifting.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. King (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, E. H. King 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. Bowden 6, J. G. Nash 7, E. A. Hull 8.—On January 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): J. G. Nash (conductor) 1, J. Bird 2, F. G. Symonds 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday morning, March 29th, 1,248 Bob Major: S. Clark 1, F. Whitby 2, I. Cavill 3, E. Rochester (first quarter-peal) 4, L. Cordell 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Cordell 7, H. Smale (conductor) 8. For evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise: F. Whitby 1, G. Dent (conductor) 2, W. Morris 3, S. Clark 4, L. Cordell 5, I. Cavill 6, J. Cordell 7, H. Smale 8.

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THE STEDMAN TWINS.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF AN INSEPARABLE PAIR.

BY 'Quick Six.'

Of course you have all heard of the Stedman Twins, at any rate all who have rung peals of Stedman Triples have met them. They are a most delightful pair, so attached to one another, so obliging and, like all twins in devoted families, well-nigh inseparable. They are so much alike that when they are apart even their most intimate friends have a difficulty in distinguishing one from the other, for they answer to the same name—both being called 'Bob' for short.

To some, of course, the Twins, their habits and their idiosyncrasies are quite well known, but there are doubtless many who will be interested to learn why this devoted couple play so conspicuous a part in the peals of Stedman Triples that are most generally rung, and the object of this little sketch is to give ringers not otherwise familiar with them a closer acquaintance with the pair.

These bobbed twins, or, as they are also known, twin bobs, are, for all their modern appearances, not quite so young as they look. To be perfectly truthful they were born just about a hundred years ago, their father being a gentleman named William Hudson, of Sheffield.

Stedman Triples had been rung for considerably more than a century before the birth of the twins, but the compositions were, from the present-day standpoint, execrable things, although, to do the old composers justice, they were the product of a great deal of painstaking effort, and with the little material they had to work on reflect a great deal of credit upon them. These compositions contained a multitude of calls, some of them of the 'legitimate' order and some 'illegitimate,' but they produced a 5,040 containing as many changes strictly on Stedman's principle as the composers could work in.

To realise something of the problem which these old composers set out to solve, put yourself in their position. Remember they had no text books; no one had gone before them and left a legacy of results of investigations. They had got the method, bequeathed to them by Stedman, which lends itself to repetition probably as easily as any method under the sun, and they knew that there were 5,040 possible changes—and that is about all. Can you wonder that the initial efforts were, to modern eyes, crude and cumbersome affairs? George Stephenson's 'Rocket' could not be compared with a modern railway express engine.

But these old explorers, as they groped about in the darkness of ignorance, were always seeking to improve upon what had gone before; they aimed at eliminating the 'illegitimate' calls and reducing the number of Singles, and the system they worked upon was the plan of utilising courses of continuous bobbed sixes, that is to say, they kept the same bells dodging behind as long as possible in each course by calling bobs at consecutive sixes, and when it was necessary to change the pair behind they let one slip away and another come up by missing out a bob. As this is not intended to be really a technical article, there is no need to go into reasons which doubtless prompted the old composers to use this plan of bobbed courses 'plained' together in preference to the one using plain courses, bobbed together, except to say that it eliminated a great deal of the risk of repetition.

Well, some time round about 1830 Will Hudson, who was the 'big noise' in Sheffield in composition about that time, did two things which entitle him to a place in history. He produced his famous 'Sixty course-ends' of Stedman Triples and the first peal in which twin bobs were employed. It is true that he also utilised in this peal twenty-two calls which were known as 'Doubles,' but he had laid the foundation on which Lates and Thurstans, of Birmingham, worked to produce peals with bobs and two regular Singles only. And Hudson's sixty course-ends are the real secret of the whole business. How he found them, whether by luck or judgment, does not matter for our purpose; it is sufficient that he did find them, and probably as the result of immense labour and the burning of a good deal of midnight oil.

These sixty courses, if pricked to their extents, are the nearest possible approach to sixty true plain courses, that is to say sixty separate full courses without bobs. So beautifully adopted for the purpose are the relationships between these sixty courses, and so impossible does it appear to obtain any other effective set, that upon these sixty courses every subsequent twin-bob peal has been constructed. There is the authority of Sir Arthur Heywood for saying

that no matter what variation, reversal, or transposition is attempted by starting in different ways or in different parts, by change of observation bell or the use of singles, the sixty course-ends of a twin-bob peal having a fixed observation bell will always bear precisely the same relation to one another, as do the course-ends which Hudson discovered.

And now, what about his famous Twins? A peal of Stedman Triples consists, of course, of 840 sixes, divided, if one bell follows a fixed path undisturbed by bobs, into sixty courses. It is, however, impossible to obtain more than forty true plain courses, and in Hudson's sixty the repetitions occur at the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 12th sixes. If the observation bell is to remain undisturbed it is at these or at corresponding places, together with the 4th, 6th, 8th and 13th or corresponding sixes that the bobs must be called. The reader is not asked to analyse Hudson's sixty courses, although a study of them will well repay the trouble, but he can take it for granted that every 3rd six of a course has its repetition elsewhere in a 7th six, and every 7th six, consequently, its repetition elsewhere in a 3rd six. Similarly every 5th six of a course appears as the 12th six of some other course, and every 12th six, consequently, as the 5th six elsewhere. Thus there are 120 sixes that occur in duplicate, and 120 sixes which do not occur at all. Now comes an extraordinarily curious and interesting fact. If every one of the sixes which occur in duplicate are bobbed, instead of coming up plain, the 120 missing sixes appear in duplicate in place of the 120 which came up in the plain courses. Then comes the problem of how to get rid of the 120 duplicate plain sixes and substitute the 120 bobbed sixes. This proves to have a simple solution. If, instead of bobbing all the sixes which duplicate, only half of them are bobbed, the missing sixes will be substituted for the repeating ones. Thus every bobbed 3rd six entails plaining a 7th six, and vice versa; and every bobbed 5th six necessitates a plain 12th six, and vice versa; so that if you have, for example, 40 courses with the 3rd six bobbed, leaving 20 with this six plain, there must be 20 plain 7th sixes and 40 bobbed; or, if you have 30 bobbed and 30 plain 5th sixes, you must have 30 plain and 30 bobbed 12th sixes.

But here comes the 'snag.' Having bobbed away one of the 'regular' sixes to get hold of one of the missing sixes, the thread of Hudson's sixty courses is lost, and it is essential, for various reasons, that a quick return to them should be made. Here again, Hudson's marvellously adjusted plan of courses comes into play, for the thread which is broken by a bob at the 3rd six, is by a bob at the next six taken up again at the 4th six in another course; a bob at the sixth six restores the thread in a corresponding position elsewhere, when it has been broken by a bob at the fifth six; and so with a bob at 8 after a bob at 7; and a bob at 13 after a bob at 12.

Thus you will see the very important part played by the Stedman Twins in the scheme of peal composition (the wonderfully skillful odd bob peals by the late Mr. John Carter and Mr. Joseph W. Parker are not concerned in this article). The business of the twins is twofold—one of the pair brings in a six which could not otherwise be introduced: the other restores the thread of Hudson's sixty courses upon which the truth of the peal depends. If William Hudson had not discovered his sixty courses, probably someone after him would have done so, but his researches and discoveries revolutionised the composition of Stedman Triples, and his work deserves to be better known among ringers than it is. Thurstans is one of the names which will ever be on the lips of Stedman ringers, but let us not forget the man who made his famous masterpiece possible—William Hudson, 'father' of the Stedman Twins.

For the benefit of those who have not the figures by them, here are Hudson's 60 course-ends, and those who wish to go further into what is really a fascinating subject will find that if they are pricked with bobs at 3.4.5.6 throughout they give the 840 true six-ends:—

231456	234165	123564	154263	451362	345261
324156	321465	215364	512463	543162	432561
125346	136245	132654	461253	164352	246351
213546	312645	316254	642153	613452	423651
152436	462135	251634	256143	365142	563241
514236	641235	526134	521643	631542	652341
511326	163425	361524	145623	146532	264531
455126	614325	635124	416523	415632	625431
342516	243615	562314	265113	356412	354621
435216	426315	653214	624513	534612	536421

BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 19th, for a Confirmation service, 1,320 of Minor, being 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 360 of Oxford Single, and 240 Plain Bob Minor by the following: Miss L. Chapman 1, Geo. Battle 2, Miss D. I. Leatham 3, G. R. Edwards 4, Jas. F. Smith 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob for the ringer of the second, and his longest touch in four methods, and also the first 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and longest touch in any method for the ringer of the treble.—Also on Monday, March 23rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Gibson (first 720) 1, Miss L. Chapman 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, W. J. Battle 4, G. R. Edwards 5, J. F. Smith (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss L. Chapman.

DEDICATION OF MARKET DRAYTON BELLS.

RING OF EIGHT RECAST AND REHUNG.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have just recast the ring of eight bells at Market Drayton, Shropshire, and rehung them in a new iron and steel frame. They have carried out the work with their customary skill, and not only is the 'go' all that can be desired, but Market Drayton possesses a ring of bells among the best for their weight in the country.

The dedication of the bells took place on Sunday week, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Stafford. The founders were represented at the service by Messrs. C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler.

After the Bishop had dedicated the bells, the local band of ringers rang a short touch, and after the morning service the same ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, and further touches of the same method were rung up to mid-day.

In the afternoon there were visitors from Eccleston, Pulford, Farndon, Stanton-on-Hine Heath, and Hodnet, who with the local ringers rang touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The local ringers rang for the evening service. During the day the tower was thrown open to visitors, and many took the opportunity of inspecting the bells.

The bells and the inscriptions are as follow:—

Treble.—'Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Church Restoration commenced 1881, Geo. S. Cuthbert, Vicar; Frs. R. Twemlow, Geo. Lashmore, churchwardens, John Warner and Sons 1887. Vicar's wardens: Samuel Bennion 1875, John Lockett 1879, Benjamin S. Hawthorn 1885, John W. Wilson 1886, Richard H. Lea 1890, H. Robert Glennie 1898. People's wardens: John Pearce 1880, Thomas Hughes 1891, John Evans 1902, William Hy. Tyler 1907, John Robert Pearce 1918, Geo. Burton Lashmore 1925. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1931.'

2nd.—'God save the Queen. Victoria Jubilee, 1887. John Warner and Sons 1887. Omnia lant ad dei gloriam. Church Restoration completed by the restoration of the Tower 1887. Chas. J. Winser, Vicar; Frederick Gouldbourn, Samuel J. Harding, churchwardens. To the Glory of God, repeat through the generosity of the Bell-ringers and rehung in memory of Thomas Jones by his son, William Jones, 1931. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.'

3rd.—'When you me ring I sweetly sing. A.R. 1700. Recast and rehung to the Glory of God and in memory of Hubert Onions by his sisters, 1931.'

4th.—'Prosperity to all our Benefactors. To the Glory of God recast by members of St. Mary's Guild and rehung in memory of all women workers of this church, 1931.'

5th.—'Mr. John Bill. A.R. 1700. To the Glory of God recast in memory of Wilma Mary Garnault Bowles by her husband, Eustace Bowles, 1931.'

6th.—'Feare God. Honour the King. Abra. Rvdhall, 1700. To the Glory of God recast in memory of Mary Katherine Wilkinson by John S. Wilkinson, and rehung by other benefactors, 1931.'

7th.—'T. Mears, of London, fecit 1819. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1931. To the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, Dan MacCabe, Liverpool, died 1925, and her son, Harry MacCabe, died 1917, this bell was recast and rehung by Jessie MacCabe, 1931.'

Tenor.—'I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all. Rev. R. Price, Vicar, 1700. C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1846. Revd. J. Lee, Vicar; C. Poole, J. Haslem, churchwardens, 1846. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1931. To the Glory of God and in memory of John Alberic Everard Upton and Joseph Annesley Everard Upton. This bell was recast by their parents 1931. This peal of eight bells was recast and rehung in 1931: William Benjamin Dowell Lee, Vicar; George Francis Palin, George Charles Roberts, churchwardens; William Weatherby, captain of ringers.'

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, March 23rd, at Heston, Middlesex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, W. Bolwell 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. H. Stevens 4, W. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, F. Cattermole 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Carter, wife of Mr. S. Carter, who was interred the same day. Mrs. Carter at one time was a chorister and Sunday School worker, while for many years Mr. Carter was leader of the local band of ringers, churchwarden, and treasurer of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District).

On Tuesday, March 31st, at Heston, Middlesex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: H. C. Chandler 1, W. Lewis 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Cooper 5, C. S. Bird (conductor) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, F. Cattermole 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Lady Becker, wife of Sir Frederick Becker, of Sutton Hall, Heston, who was interred the same day. Sir Frederick was a generous contributor to the funds when the bells were increased to the octave in 1908.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, March 28th, at King's Norton, which was originally a royal borough and known as the King's North Town. It belonged to the Crown from the time of the Conquest up to the reign of Henry III., and again from the reign of Edward IV. onwards until October, 1804, when it passed by purchase into private possession. The ancient Manor Court survived till 1876, when it was discontinued. It is interesting to note that from 1845 to the extinction of the Court, one John Suckling Pritchett held the office of bailiff, and his namesake is now Presiding Ringing Master of the Guild. King's Norton was originally in Worcestershire, but came into Warwickshire when the Birmingham Extension Act of 1911 was passed, and it became part of the city.

Up to the year 1846 the church was a chapel of ease to the mother church of Bromsgrove. Very little remains of the original building, the church having been completely restored and reopened in 1872. It stands on a high eminence, and its tower and spire are a landmark for miles around. The tower originally contained a peal of eight bells, which were recast by Taylor and Co. in 1924, with tenor about 17 cwt. In 1927 two trebles were added from the same foundry, the gift of Mr. F. B. Yates, who for several years was a churchwarden, and at the present time is an active and regular Sunday service ringer.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector, who also gave an interesting and instructive address. This was followed by tea at the Saracens Head, an old 16th century coaching house that was de-licensed some little time ago, and was presented as a free gift to the church by the brewery company. The building is in perfect condition, and is a great acquisition to the parish.

At the business meeting, presided over by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, sympathy was extended to Mr. J. E. Groves, who has not been well for some time, and the secretary was instructed to write him with the Guild's best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health. Mr. James George also wrote stating that he was making sure, if slow, progress, and that he was looking forward to meeting his ringing friends again shortly.

The Chairman stated he was sure they would all regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Goldsmith, the mother of the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' She was a dear lady of a genial disposition, and he moved 'That the secretary be instructed to send a letter to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith expressing the sympathy of the Guild with him and his family in their bereavement.' This was seconded by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously.

The question of loyalty to the Central Council was discussed at some length, and it was unanimously decided on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, 'That the Guild be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

Mr. Ernest Morris' new book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' was also referred to, and on the proposition of the librarian Mr. G. F. Swann, seconded by Mr. Walker, it was unanimously agreed that the Guild purchase a copy for its library. Several members present who already have copies expressed their appreciation of its value.

The Chairman stated that two copies were already in the Birmingham Library, one in the lending department and the other in the Reference Library, also that he hoped to get a copy into the Coventry Library.

Mr. J. Holman, of Sheffield, and Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, were duly elected life members, and Mr. E. Sibley's election previous to starting for a handbell peal was also ratified.

On the proposition of Mr. A. P. Smith, seconded by Mr. W. C. Dowding, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Coleshill on Saturday, July 4th, if the necessary arrangements can be made.

Mr. A. P. Smith, in a humorous speech, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address in church, and for the use of that building, in which he had been on many previous occasions under somewhat different management. He congratulated the Vicar and parish on having such a fine place in which to carry on its work. He also thanked the ladies for their services in providing such a nice tea.—This was seconded by the chairman and carried with applause.

This completed the business, and a return was made to the belfry, where further ringing took place.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. John-the-Baptist Church, Womersley, on Saturday, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss O. Voller, daughter of Mr. G. Voller, captain of the Womersley band, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: A. Rooke 1, W. Enticknap 2, L. Hunter (conductor) 3, G. Voller 4, R. Skinner 5, F. Rooke 6. Thanks are due to Mr. Hunter for standing in and conducting at short notice.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL BANK HOLIDAY MEETING.**

A meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Martin's, Dorking, on Easter Monday, and despite the unsettled weather proved a great attraction, members and friends attending from Ashstead, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Brockley, Buckland, Cambridge, Carshalton, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Dorking, Epsom (St. Martin's), Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), London, Mitcham (Parish Church), Newdigate, Putney, Reigate, Walton-on-Thames and Wandsworth. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the bells were kept doing until service time.

A short and enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. J. Newill), and the curate kindly presided at the organ. Tea followed at the Commercial Hotel, and 45 members and friends sat down to a very enjoyable meal, though perhaps a trifle congested in some parts of the room.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) presided at the business meeting, which was short and of a routine nature.

The Secretary reported the death of a member, Mr. R. J. Loveland, of St. John's, Croydon, since the last meeting, and the members endorsed his action in sending a wreath and the sympathy of the association to his relatives.

Only one new member was elected, viz., Miss I. Shorter, of Cambridge.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to the curate for playing the organ, also to the steepiekeeper for having everything in readiness. Several touches were then rung on handbells, and much appreciated by those present, before a move was again made to the tower for further ringing, which continued until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal and a very enjoyable meeting terminated. Methods practised during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds and Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

The next district meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, May 16th.

CHEPSTOW.—On Saturday, March 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), rung after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples had failed owing to a shift course: E. H. Luff 1, E. H. Stradling 2, G. Hawkins 3, A. Hawkins 4, G. Popnell 5, S. T. Rackham 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, H. Sims 8. The thanks of the band are tendered to Mr. H. Sims, of Chepstow, who rang at short notice instead of Mr. D. G. Clift, who was indisposed.

FORMER LADY RINGER MARRIED.

An extremely pretty wedding took place at St. Ann's Church, Bagshot, Surrey, on Saturday, when a large congregation assembled to witness the marriage of Mr. Hugh Black, of Camberley, son of Mrs. Black, of Austruther, Scotland, and Miss Alice Kathleen Corbett, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbett, of Bagshot. Mr. Corbett has been secretary of the local ringers for many years, and Miss Corbett was one of a party of young girls who, in war time, took the place of the men in the belfry. She became quite a competent ringer, although she did not follow up the art after the reconstruction of the band.

Saturday's ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Stuart), and the singing was led by the choir. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of cream satin, with old Brussels lace train, and was attended by six bridesmaids, attired in mauve crepe-de-chine and carrying baskets of violets. There was also a tiny page in Highland costume, and he and the youngest bridesmaid acted as train bearers. The happy couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' and the pealing of the bells rung by the local ringers. The reception at the Parish Hall was attended by a large number of guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Black left by car for their honeymoon to the strains of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples being rung by A. E. Clarke (Bagshot) (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Viggers (Aldershot) 2, C. W. Denyer (Aldershot) 3, H. J. Chaffey (Ottershaw) 4, F. Nye (Bagshot) (conductor) 5, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 6, H. Hunt (Bagshot) 7, H. Hunt, sen. (Yorktown) 8.

THRAPSTON WEDDING BELLS.

The wedding took place on Easter Eve, April 4th, at Thrapston Parish Church, of Miss K. Nickerson and Mr. E. Lingard. The bride, herself an hon. member of the Ladies' Guild, is the only daughter of Mr. James M. Nickerson, the captain of the Thrapston belfry, and the popular secretary of the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. As the newly-married pair left the church, the bells were rung in 'matrimonial order' by ringers from the neighbouring towers, and, later, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: E. E. Whitmore 1, W. Copperwheat 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, F. Kirk 4, H. William Cheney 5, F. Stubbs 6, C. M. Whitney 7, G. W. Jeffs (conductor) 8. The band were afterwards entertained to tea at the home of the bride, and their congratulations and best wishes were expressed by one of the members.

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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 peal of ten bells of Solihull Parish Church, near Birmingham, are being removed by Messrs. John Taylor and Company to their foundry at Loughborough for recasting.

Five ringers have been elected to the new Parochial Church Council of Over, Cambs—Messrs. A. J. Ginn, F. Warrington, C. Robinson, H. Robinson and G. Whybrow. A bell fund has been opened, but unfortunately the clock and organ have gone wrong, and must be attended to first. Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, is, we understand, repairing the clock.

We understand a move is being made at All Saints', Longstanton, to provide a memorial to the late Rev. H. B. Woolley.

The good wishes of the Exercise will go out to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the genial hon. secretary of the College Youths, who will be 72 on Monday.

An interesting peal was rung at Kettering exactly 200 years ago next Sunday. It was the result of a challenge to the local ringers, who in 1729 had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Some unbeliever evidently questioned whether all the peal had been rung in this space of time, so with one exception, that of the tenor-man, the same band set about proving not only could it be done in the time occupied in 1729, but also in a good deal less.

The peal board which recorded the first peal also has the following added: 'Since it was asserted our first performance could not be rung in less than 3 hours and a half, for an experiment, and before skilful judges, on ye 12th of April, 1731, ye whole peal of 5,040 was completed at 30 changes each minute, in 2 hours and 48 minutes, by the persons underwritten: Tho. Howard, 1; Tho. Woodford, 2; John Law, 3; G. Eayre, 4; Hen. Parker, 5; Rob. Booth, 6; Jno. Carley, 7; Jona Barlow, 8.'

Sunday is also the anniversary of the famous peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters rung in 12 hrs. 18 mins. at Loughborough on April 12th, 1909.

The anniversary of another long peal occurs on Monday, that of the 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1914.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

In the particulars of the arrangements made for the Central Council meeting at Liverpool, published last week, the name and address of Mr. Claude I. Davies, of Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, who is acting as secretary of the local reception committee, was omitted. Members requiring tickets for luncheon, which will be provided by the Lancashire Association, and those who desire to take part in the proposed Masonic peal, should apply to him.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

On the morning of Easter Day, at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City of London, a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on St. Olaf's Day, July 19th, 1930, by members of the Kent County Association, was, at the invitation of the conductor (Mr. F. W. Thornton), unveiled and dedicated by the Rector, Prebendary Tom Wellard, B.A., B.D. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony several touches of Grandsire were rung enabling four of the young local band to make their initial effort in Triples on working bells.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE has just completed some original research into the history of an interesting period of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the result of his investigations, bringing to light a great deal of hitherto unpublished information, is to appear in our columns in a series of articles, of which the following is the first.

I. INTRODUCTION.

The Ancient Society of College Youths claims to be the oldest ringing society with an unbroken corporate existence since 1637. This claim has generally been allowed by the Exercise; but now and then, at very wide intervals, we come across doubts expressed and statements made that at a particular time there was a definite breach and that the present society is not the real successor of the society founded by my Lord Brereton and his aristocratic companions in the reign of Charles I. A year or two ago, when collecting materials for some historical notes on ringing, I came across one of these statements, and I promised to try and find out the truth and see what evidence there is behind these rumours.

Sixty or seventy years ago there were a number of men who started an interest in the archæology of bells. By a vast expenditure of time, patience and learning, they got together an immense amount of information relating to bell inscriptions, bell lore and legend, and bell founders. Some of them added inquiries into the history of early bell ringing and bell ringers. Two of the best known of these men were the Rev. C. W. Lukis, Rector of Wath, near Ripon, and the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Rector of Clyst St. George, near Exeter. It was these two men, I believe, who first published any doubts of the continuity of the College Youths.

Writing in 1855, Mr. Lukis says: 'There is in London a society of College Youths, but it is said not to be descended from the ancient society, which became extinct in 1788' (Note 1).

Mr. Ellacombe, in 1872, in 'Bells of the Church,' says: 'It would be pleasant if we could reject the hypothesis of the ancient society's extinction; but the probability, it cannot be denied, is in this direction.'

I know of no other published statement on the subject.

Neither Lukis nor Ellacombe could have had any information from anyone who had personal knowledge of the matter, and by 1872, at any rate, all memory of it had faded out of the Exercise. It is, therefore, certain that both got their information from Osborn and from Osborn alone.

Edward John Osborn was a London ringer, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths about 1840, who formed the intention of writing a history of change ringing, and collected a large quantity of information about the early societies. He wrote an account of most of the London companies, but his book was never completed and never published. After his death his widow presented his manuscripts and the material he had collected to the British Museum, where they now are. This was on February 12th, 1853.

The books which Lukis and Ellacombe and such like wrote were for antiquarians. They were expensive, with a limited number of copies, and, as a rule, published by subscription. They were little likely to be read by ringers, and these statements attracted no attention and passed almost unnoticed. But Ellacombe (Note 2) was

on friendly terms with the College Youths of his day and no doubt brought the matter to their notice. Their reply, in so many words, was that Osborn was a liar, who, because he had quarrelled with the society, made up this tale out of spite. Their actual words are as follows:— 'Some years ago a gentleman named Osborne, on leaving the society, deposited a manuscript history in the British Museum, in which he tries to make out that the Company became extinct once or twice since its formation. The documents of the society prove the contrary, and that its continuity is a matter beyond doubt.'

This is the concluding paragraph of 'An Historical Account of the rise and progress of the Ancient Society of College Youths, compiled from the Company's records' (Note 3), but I do not think the writer knew very much about the society's real history. That short paragraph has three mistakes. Osborn did not deposit any-



MR. J. A. TROLLOPE.

thing in the British Museum either on leaving the society or at any other time; his statements of fact are amply corroborated by the Company's peal books; and his name is incorrectly spelt.

In a letter dated June 17th, 1761, addressed to Mr. Lukis, Samuel Austin, then secretary of the society, refers to the former gentleman's statement, and says: 'Now this is a mistake of which I trust I shall be able to satisfy you.' He proceeds to give long extracts from the society's name and peal books, and argues that, as they cover the whole of the years in question, there could have been no breach of continuity. Apparently this is what is meant when the society says that their documents 'prove the contrary and its continuity is a matter beyond doubt.'

There is in existence a considerable amount of material for writing an account of what took place, and I have been at some trouble to find it and sort it out. Having done so, I am not quite of the same opinion as Lukis and Ellacombe. It is certain that there was a technical

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH ATTENDS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Northamptonshire District of the Ladies' Guild, at Cranford, on Saturday, March 28th, proved a notable occasion, the members having the pleasure of welcoming the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Claude Blagden). A large number assembled at St. John's Church for the Guild service at four o'clock, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield. The address, given by the Bishop, was most thoroughly appreciated, as was his interest in the Guild.

Tea was afterwards served in the school, when there were present, in addition to the Bishop, the churchwardens of the parish, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, the Rev. E. J. Atkins (Rector of Isham), Miss Steel (president of the Ladies' Guild), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (general secretary), Miss Atkins (vice-president, Northamptonshire District), Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Wilford, Mr. E. G. Black (general secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. E. M. Atkins, and ringers from a wide area.

The Hon. Secretary of the Northamptonshire District (Miss S. Thursfield) expressed, on behalf of the members, their appreciation of the Bishop's kindness in coming to the meeting.—The Rev. R. C. Thursfield welcomed the Bishop to Cranford, and his lordship briefly replied.

At the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild the chair was taken by the president. The Hon. Secretary said how extremely pleased all the members were to be able to welcome Mrs. Fletcher once again to the district.

Two new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at East Haddon.

The bells were rung in various Minor methods during the afternoon and evening, including touches by a band of members of the Guild.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS—(Continued from previous page.)

breach of continuity, but I think that sufficient corporate continuity can be proved to justify the society's claim that they are essentially the same society, which was founded in 1637.

The facts, briefly stated, are as follows. After the death of Annable in 1756 a number of the members broke away from the society, and, joining with others from the Eastern Scholars, formed a new company. This company prospered exceedingly and rang some of the best peals credited to the College Youths. The old society also prospered and rang some notable performances. So that for thirty-two years, from 1756 to 1788, there were two societies of College Youths who did not ring together or meet each other at social or business gatherings.

In 1787 the old society was apparently strong and prosperous, and then suddenly and almost without warning it collapsed and expired. Some of its members joined the new society, some joined the Cumberlands, and some gave up ringing altogether. The peal book, etc., passed into the possession of the Cumberland Society. Thereupon the new company moved its quarters to the old society's meeting place and took the name of Ancient Society of College Youths, and has continued to the present day.

This is the story I am going to tell in detail. My authorities are—the records of the College Youths, Cumberlands, Eastern Scholars and London Youths; Osborn's MSS.; some peal boards; the 'Clavis'; and Shipway's book. Nearly all is contemporary evidence.

Perhaps it may be necessary to say that my account is written entirely without bias either way. I am concerned neither to prove the society's continuity, nor to disprove it. All I have tried to do is to set down the truth of what really occurred.

NOTE 1. 'The Wiltshire Magazine,' 1855.

NOTE 2. Ellacombe was elected a member of the College Youths in 1861. He was 'well acquainted with the late Mr. Osborn' (see 'Notes and Queries,' July 10th, 1869).

NOTE 3. This is from the College Youths' official handbook, 1894 ed. The 1928 also contains an account of the society. That must be regarded in many respects as idealised legend rather than sober history.

ERITH AND DARTFORD LITTLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the correspondence which has recently appeared in your paper regarding the above methods, may I be allowed to say a few words?

In 1924 or 1925 I passed to Mr. E. Barnett, sen., through Mr. James Bennett, two Little methods for Major, Royal or Maximus. Each of these methods had three pull dodging above fourth's place, and produced the same lead-ends. The only difference between these two methods was that one commenced with the bells above fourth's place dodging, whereas the other started with the bells hunting.

During my residence in Norwich I also gave these methods to some of my ringing friends in Norfolk and Suffolk, and maybe it was from one of these ringers that Mr. Golden obtained the figures.

These methods were first rung by the Kent County Association, conducted by Mr. E. Barnett, sen., under the titles of Dartford Little Bob and Erith Little Bob respectively. I therefore fail to see any reason why they should now be allowed to be rung under any other names. (Perhaps the Central Council Analysis Committee will be good enough to amend their table accordingly.)

Having now settled the correct titles of these methods, I come to the point raised by Messrs. Golden and Lewis, and that is 'Double.' How on earth they can be by any rule at present in existence make these 'double' methods I fail to see, as the tieble only hunts to fourth's place. If they are so keen on ringing a double method, why not ring the proper thing, which, in my opinion, for what it is worth, is 'Double Oxford'?—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing took place at intervals between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m.

At the service, which followed, the Vicar, the Rev. Claude Williams, M.A., gave an excellent address.

Through his kindness, the members sat down to a splendid tea at the Church House, South Street, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. C. M. Taylor, churchwarden, and Mr. A. Cain. The Master of the Association, Mr. J. T. Rickman, was present, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and Mr. W. D. Smith among others. The Vicar gave a warm welcome to the members, close on seventy attending, representing the following towers: Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Hastings (All Saints' and St. Clement's), St. Leonards (Christ Church), Hecne, Mayfield, Southover, Lindfield, Battle, Shoreham, Uckfield, Heathfield, Eastbourne (All Saints', St. Mary's and St. Saviour's).

Mr. Rickman thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his splendid address at the service, and also for the excellent tea. The Vicar, in responding, thanked the company present for their kind expressions, and wished the Sussex County Association every success.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair.

The following members were elected: Messrs. W. T. Bradfield, A. J. Clift, S. C. Driver, E. A. Easton, C. A. Levitt, F. H. J. Pilbeam, G. F. Piper, G. S. Piper, F. Tollett, J. D. White, J. R. Wise and Mrs. G. Levitt, all of All Saints', Hastings. The election of Mr. J. Bromley, Horsmonden, Kent, as a non-resident life member, and Mr. J. Powell as a yearly member, was also confirmed.

At the election of officers which followed, Mr. G. W. Stokes, of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, was re-elected as hon. secretary, and Messrs. W. Franks, A. R. Miles and W. Booth were re-elected to the committee. Mr. A. C. Pankhurst was elected to serve on the Committee of Advice.

Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding. The bells of St. Saviour's, All Saints', and of the Parish Church were rung until 8 p.m.

RINGERS TRY GAS FITTING.

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Highworth on Saturday, March 21st, with a small attendance. Swindon Branch, with a membership of fifty, and an average of twelve at meetings! It is not good enough. Even the gas in the belfry was, like the local ringers, missing, so after a few amateurs had tried their hand at gas fitting, a member of the party visited the gasworks to see what could be done. As this gentleman had lost his hat on the previous Saturday at a ringers' dinner, perhaps he thought a little light on the subject would be an advantage. After a visit of the gasman, who said the pipes would have to be cleaned out, Mr. Bond, of Burford, came to the rescue with a packet of candles, with the aid of which a touch of Stedman was managed. It is hoped, therefore, that the visit to Highworth has done a little good in 'belfry reform' if nothing else.

A meeting at Brinkworth was arranged for April 18th and Rodbourne Cheney for May 16th. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

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SECRETARIES' DERELICTION OF DUTY.**'CALLED OVER THE COALS.'**

The ten secretaries who took part in the peal at Beddington on March 21st learnt years ago that it is impossible to please everyone, so that they will not be surprised to hear that there is a critic even of their innocent proceedings. A correspondent signing himself 'W. S.' has two 'bones of contention.' 'It is not appreciated,' he writes, 'that C. T. Coles is general secretary of the Middlesex County Association. He is a joint secretary.'

A little while ago we heard something about 'tunnel vision' in regard to ringing. There would seem to be some people who have not got even that limited outlook. If Mr. Coles is not a 'general' secretary of the Middlesex Association, even though he may share the duties jointly with Mr. Hollier, then no ringer has ever qualified for such a title.

Then, says 'W. S.', 'the peal was rung on a meeting day. . . Have not the Guild officers asked and appealed for loyal support at meetings? If you must have peals to encourage the forward work of the Guild, why not put meeting attendances first and the peal ringing second? Before accusing others of non-support at meetings, peal ringers should put their own house in order first.'

Now, all you secretaries who came from Guilds and associations where meetings were being held that day, just sit up and take notice of this! It does not matter that you were general secretaries and the meetings were district meetings, for which district secretaries, and not you, were responsible; it does not matter that this event was unique; that you came from ten different areas as wide apart as Leeds and Portsmouth, Cardiff and Gravesend, and that the selection of a convenient date for all of you was no easy thing, or that the peal was arranged before the district meetings; in fact, nothing matters but that some of you failed to be present at district meetings in your own associations. Fie on you!

'W. S.' does not actually say so, but rather obviously the secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is the chief offender, as the Guildford District is mentioned by him in another connection. We have interviewed the secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and he says he must, of course, plead guilty. He was caught red-handed, so he cannot put up an alibi. He can only plead in extenuation that in the last twelve months he has attended nearly twenty district meetings of his own Guild, and 'umpteenth meetings of other people's guilds; that he had not previously rung a peal this year on anybody's meeting day, and that, if he is permitted to escape this time, under the 'First Offenders' Act, he won't do it again—when anyone is looking.

By the way, we understand that the secretary of the Midland Counties Association has applied for membership of the Secretaries' Association, and has forwarded a life subscription, which, there being no auditors to look after the accounts, the president proposes to spend next time he has a summer holiday.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**THE NOMINATION MEETING.**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the nomination meeting of the Leeds and District Society could not be held at Armley, and a continuous run for over twenty years came to an end. The meeting was held instead at Holbeck Parish Church, and was very well attended, members being present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Hunslet, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Lindley, Rothwell, Ripon, Pudsey, Leeds Parish Church, Sharow, and the local company.

Two new members were elected, and it was decided (after a vote) to hold the annual meeting at Burley on April 25th.

The nominations provided some surprises. All towers are requested to send representatives to the annual meeting at Burley to cast their votes on the many important questions which will be brought forward, one of which specially concerns the older members of the society, whose more frequent presence at the meetings would be welcome.

In an able speech Mr. Barton proposed: 'That the best thanks of our society be accorded the Vicar of Holbeck for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements,' and Mr. L. Morris replied on behalf of the ringers.

An invitation was given to all the members who would like to learn Surprise ringing to communicate with Mr. George Slack, of Burley, who was desirous of starting a class at Burley Parish Church.

The attention of members was drawn to the new book, written by Mr. Ernest Morris, on 'The history and art of change ringing.'

WHITNASH, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Thursday, March 26th, for practice by a visiting band, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor in 25 mins.: C. Wildsmith (first 720 of Minor) 1, H. C. Burt 2, A. W. Bond 3, W. Harrison 4, H. Huxley (first 720 of Minor 'inside') 5, W. A. Stote (conductor) 6. The above, with Mr. E. H. Adams, of Warwick, practise on Tuesday evenings at Lillington Parish Church, and in the course of twelve months have raised their standard of Minor ringing from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

EASTER DAY RINGING.

DEPTFORD.—For evening service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: J. R. Colby 1, J. J. Lamb 2, W. A. Martin 3, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 4, F. W. Thornton 5, C. Elliott 6, F. W. Richardson 7, A. Bennington 8. Composed by E. E. Richards, of St. Alfega, Greenwich.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: G. Chappel 1, W. Williams 2, W. J. Nurlon 3, F. E. Stone 4, C. Mathers 5, A. J. Pitman 6, E. Stith (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For early Communion service, 720 Oxford Delight; for 11 o'clock service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams, S. Carter (conductor), J. Williams, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams, J. Williams, S. Head, A. Phillips, S. Carter, W. H. Lawrence (conductor).

SEVENOAKS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. J. Ford 1, E. L. Taylor 2, P. G. Turley 3, W. G. Tarley 4, S. Comber 5, E. H. Lewis (of Brasted) 6, H. D. Ford (first as conductor) 7, F. Paige 8.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Missing 1, D. Homewood 2, L. Homewood 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, A. Missing 5, C. Rains 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by a resident band. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: T. Benney 1, H. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 4, E. Brett 5, T. Langdon 6, R. W. Green 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Joyce and R. W. Green.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 53 mins.: A. Bishop 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, R. O. Street 3, E. V. Hinton 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, K. Derham 6, G. Seragg 7, F. Sparshott 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, W. Fowler 10.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Hughes 1, R. Edwards 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the conductor and H. T. Hughes.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, on Wednesday, April 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Glad to see visitors.—G. Siddle, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Youghreave on Saturday, April 18th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due. Method for special attention: Double Norwich.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, April 18th. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, April 18th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Dando on Saturday, April 18th, and not 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Please let me know how many of your ringers want tea.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. Edmies, Hon. Sec.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, all at 7.30 p.m., and at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11th, at the Parish Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. The tea will be supplied by the generosity of the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 10 a.m.: St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Matthew's (5), Rushmere (6), Bramford (6). Service 4.30 (with sermon by Rev. C. S. Scott, Incumbent of All Hallows, and District Secretary). Tea at Co-operative Hall 1s. each, at 5. Meeting to follow.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—W. J. Davidson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chief Fire Station, Newcastle.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street, Reading, at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 11th (p.v.). Will branch secretaries notify me before that date the number of annual reports required for their respective branches? —Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. The reports for 1930 are now ready.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Clerkenwell on Saturday, April 11th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. each, at 5, followed by business. Ringing at Clerkenwell from 2.45 and after the meeting; at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, April 11th. Service at St. Andrew's Church 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Tichborne Arms 4.30. Bells of Cheriton and Tichborne available 2.30. Please let me know how many will come.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Farnworth (Widnes) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Lecture and short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5.30. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. —A meeting will be held at Middlewich on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. All ringers welcome.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, April 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Kintbury on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. Godson, The Dundas Arms, Kintbury, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, April 15th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Birling on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea (free) and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Bramley, April 18th. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Visitors welcomed. Numbers to me by April 15th, please.—D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, Rev. John Goodacre. Tea (1s.), in Institute, at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 14th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Great Holland.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the new ring of eight erected to the memory of Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Kirby-le-Soken Station ten minutes' walk by the fields. Frequent bus service from Clacton-on-Sea. Tea in the Village Hall, provided at a small charge, to all who give notice to Mr. W. J. Nevard, The Myrtles, Great Bentley, Colchester, by the first post Tuesday, April 14th. All ringing friends will be welcomed.—C. H. Howard, Master.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, EVESHAM. — The restored and augmented peal of 8 bells will be open to ringers on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided, 9d. per head, for all who let me know by Wednesday, April 15th. All ringers welcome. Good bus services from Evesham.—F. J. Johnson, 29, Hinton, Evesham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of the Cathedral from 2.30 p.m., and S. Nicolas' from 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30.; preacher, Bishop Golding-Bird. Tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me not later than Tuesday, April 14th. — J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 18th. The peal at the Parish Church (10) available from 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and at All Saints' (8) from 2.30 p.m. onward. Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church, with sermon by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, Vicar of All Saints'. Tea will be served in Wordsworth's Café, Beartfair, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Those requiring same are requested to notify Mr. W. Pearson, 53, Northgate, Pontefract, not later than Thursday, April 16th. Business meeting to follow. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—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 Woodchurch on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Six bell tower. — Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blagden on Saturday, April 18th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A combined practice by these guilds will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea inform Mr. G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 18th, when the bells will be ready during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting after. All will be heartily welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ruardean on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting, at 5 p.m., will be held at Bell Hotel. All ringers who intend having tea must let the secretary know by Wednesday, April 15th, to make arrangements. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Members and friends meet at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Business, following Evensong, 7.30. Social hour. Handbells. Postcards, stating intention, appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 18th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 15th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Aldbourne. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Visitors kindly notify the secretary, Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., Green Farm, East Grafton, Marlborough.

DEVON GUILD. — N.E. Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bickleigh on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m. Those who require tea should notify me not later than Tuesday, April 14th. — Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held in Birmingham on Saturday, April 18th. The bells of St. Chad's, Bath Street, will be available from 3 to 4.30 p.m., and Bishop Ryder's, Gem Street, from 3 to 5 p.m. and after tea until 7 p.m. A meat tea will be served in Bishop Ryder's School at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to those who notify me by Thursday, the 16th. Unless I receive this notice tea cannot be guaranteed. The business meeting will follow the tea and reports will be ready for distribution.—Miss D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at East Tytherley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) and Lockerley (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea, at Star Inn, at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by April 14th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, April 15th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — A meeting will be held at Exminster on April 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by April 10th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, April 18th. Will those requiring tea notify L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmlton Road, Cresswell, by Thursday, April 16th? Bells open early.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division. — The annual meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea. Good accommodation near by.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3. Tea, at 5.30, 1s. each. Please do let me know if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, the 22nd inst?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar at this service. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitstable, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will all those members intending to be present kindly notify Mr. G. C. Smith, Whittenham, Vale View Road, Whitstable, not later than Thursday, April 23rd?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, generously provided by the local ringers, will be reserved only for those members notifying me not later than Monday, April 20th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at East Budleigh. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Numbers for tea to be sent by Monday, April 20th, to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 25th. Further details next week.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know by first post on Thursday, April 23rd? Members are asked to turn up in large numbers and make this meeting a great success.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

BROADWOODKELLY, DEVON.—The re-dedication by the Bishop of Exeter of the recast and augmented ring of 6 bells in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Ringing before and after tea. Concert 7.30 p.m. Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. E. W. Perry, The Rectory, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon, beforehand.

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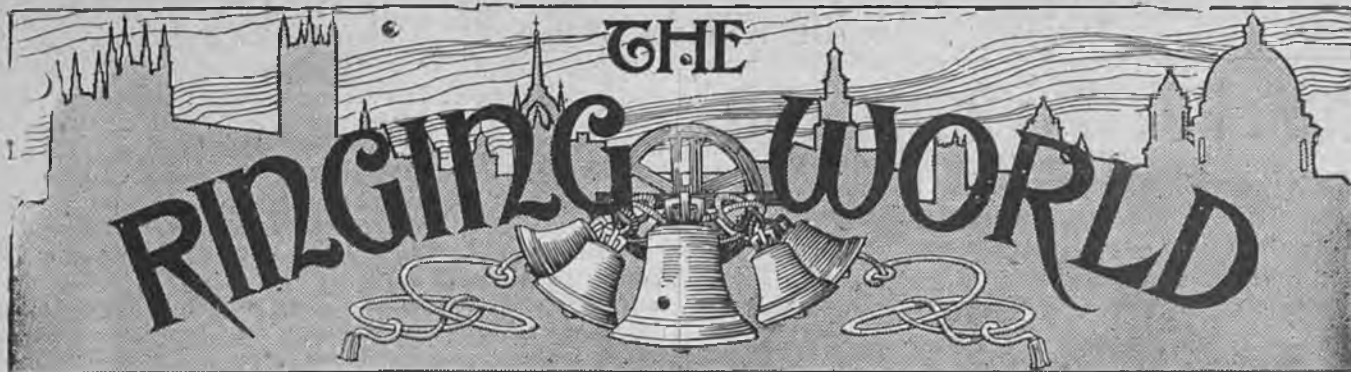
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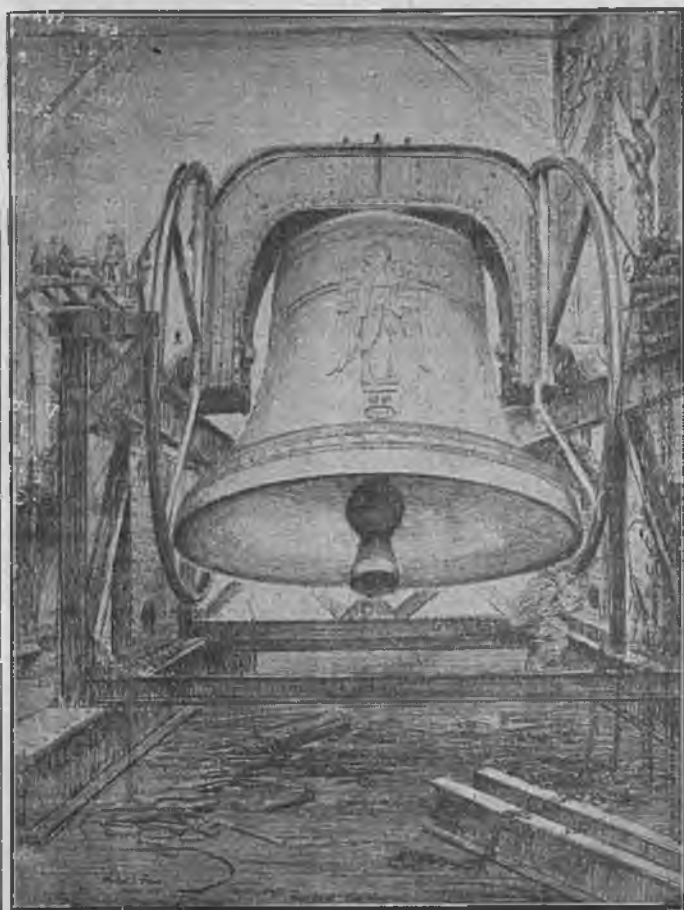
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It is quite certain that almost, if not quite all, the associations and guilds who send representatives to the Central Council will adopt the suggested rule 'loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.' As a matter of fact, this is the only logical course that a society which professes 'membership' of the Council can take. What is the use of supporting an organisation, the object of which is to further the cause of ringing, unless those who join it are prepared to accept its decisions? The Council may, for the most part, be able only to act in an advisory capacity; it may have no powers to enforce any of its decisions, but that does not alter the fact that any association which affiliates to it would place itself in an absurd position if it declined to accept the rulings of the Council and remained a member of it. And yet an effort made some years ago to get this same recognition of the position of the Council failed. The result which is now being achieved has come about by a changed view of the value of the Council. From being looked upon as merely a debating society, the Council now occupies a position of recognised importance in the organisation of ringing. It is a cohesive force, which aims at drawing together into one whole the many associations and guilds which cover the country; it can speak with a collective voice and it is composed of some of the best brains in the Exercise. The Council is what the associations like to make it; and they are making it an organisation of increasing use and greater guidance. Loyalty to its rulings is the first essential to its being, and we are glad to see that all over the country associations are coming into line and are not merely doing lip service to an ideal, but are definitely accepting the position by adopting, in cases where it had not already been done, a rule governing their relation with the Council.

But while the associations are now prepared to give an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, the Council, on its part, must be prepared to recognise the associations. Hitherto, only the individual representatives of the societies have had recognition—the societies have had none, beyond the right to elect the members and to pay the fees. A society, as a society, has no locus standi with the Council—it cannot even send up a motion in its own name. There has got to be a closer unity between the Council and the associations in future, and it is possible that the Standing Committee may find a way to establish this when they report on the suggested alterations in the constitution of the Council at the next meeting. Affiliation with the Council is often spoken of, but actually there has been no

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such thing, and it is not mentioned in the rules. The Council merely consists of a certain number of members, whom associations are entitled to elect; it is not the central organisation of the societies themselves. That, in our opinion, is a distinction with a real difference. The Council has now asked the societies to include in their rules a stipulation that they shall be 'affiliated' to the Council; that being so, the Council as a corporate body must provide for effective contact with them. If the societies are to give allegiance to the Council, the Council will owe them something in return.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	FRANK W. PERRINS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
JOHN H. CRAMPION 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the association.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGAR Treble	GEORGE HOLMES 7
SIDNEY F. PALMER 2	HAROLD NAYLOR 8
JOHN THORPE 3	MADRICK E. WILSON 9
*RONALD E. JOHNSON 4	*W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 10
*HEZEKIAH THORPE 5	HAYDN THORPE 11
*GEORGE H. HURST 6	*ROBERT HARRISON, JUN. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN THORPE

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Burgar.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*THOMAS E. SONE Treble	*WILLIAM SPICE 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	*KENNETH PATTENDEN 8
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	*ERNEST J. DOBBIE 9
*ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 4	*WILLIAM BUTTON 10
CHARLES W. PLAYER 5	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE 11
*WILLIAM BIDNELL 6	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on twelve. First peal of Grandsire Cinques for the association, the Guild, and all the band.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 57½ cwt.

JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor
	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 6
*FRANK DOWNES 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 7
†JOSEPH W. DOWNES 3	*WALTER TAYLOR 8
ALLEN GWYNNE 4	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE 9
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	†HENRY J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First on ten with a bob bell. † First peal on ten.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	J. WILLIAM CUNDALL 6
EDWARD JENKINS 2	WILLIAM BARTON 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	WILLIAM HORAN 8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY 9
JAMES COTTERELL 5	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all except ringers of treble and 2nd. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... Treble	*C. ALAN HEWITT 6
ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
PERCY L. HARRISON 3	SIDNEY PROCTER 8
C. FERGUSON HOWITT 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

* First of Stedman Caters. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Bartram. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bartram for their kind hospitality after the peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

THOMAS BENNEY Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
THOMAS LANGDON 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F. sharp.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	*ARTHUR HAWKINS 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	*GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Thanks are due to Messrs. E. W. Luff and E. H. Stradling, who stood out to allow the visitors to attempt Stedman. D. G. Clift has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BEARD Treble	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS 5
BRUCE P. CHEW 2	WALTER T. BENNETT 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
GEORGE WILKS 4	HOWARD MEER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. N. F. Searnke, a much respected member of the South Forest Branch.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Day, April 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
T. WILLIAM LAST 4	ALBERT E. WHITING Tenor

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES H. BIRD 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 6
*PERCY PEACOCK 3	FRANK LORD 7
JACK BRAY 4	CECIL PYE Tenor

Conducted by F. LORD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal in method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bray.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	*ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ALBERT NASH 6
MRS. C. RYDER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
*CHARLES POULTENEY 4	COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in the method.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*EDWARD T. HENDLEY ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
†MISS MARCIA WHITE ... 2	REGINALD BROWN ... 6
ANTHONY V. DENT ... 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7
ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
 * First peal of Major and first of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. ‡ Fiftieth peal.

ROCHE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GOMANDUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HAROLD BENNETT ... Treble	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 2	G. HARRY MYERS ... 6
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

The first peal on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, April 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*VICTOR EVANS ... Treble	PERCY NEWTON ... 5
JOHN EVANS ... 2	RALPH BIGGS ... 6
†FRANK WEST ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
FREDERICK BIGGS ... 4	ARTHUR G. JAMES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Grandsire away from tenor. † First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... Treble	W. CYRIL SMITH ... 5
ALFRED L. BROWN ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	HARRY ELLIOTT ... 7
†WILLIAM J. WHITING ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal in the method with a 'bob' bell. Mr. George Marriner's 200th peal.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 5
MISS MARCIA WHITE ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
WILFRED ANDREWS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
CYRIL F. TURNER ... 4	ERNEST J. WHITFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on the bells since their recent rehanging and retuning by Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART, No. 64.
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	ARTHUR ROWLEY ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2	CHARLES DRAPER ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in ten equal parts.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN PORDON ... Treble	JIM HURRELL ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	JOHN LYDDIARD ... 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... 7
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.
 The treble ringer's first peal of Major, and rung on his birthday, also to celebrate the silver wedding of W. Lyddiard, a sidesman at this church, and one of the first ringers.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 6
†MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS ... 5
*EDGAR W. LOFF ... 2	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... 3	GEORGE HAWKINS ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
 * First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Bob Major on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for Messrs. W. Short, R. G. Knowles and G. Popnell.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
WILLIAM G. TURLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
ROBERT COLLINS ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
 First peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd.

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ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church of All Saints,

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

FRANK WARRINGTON Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 5
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 6
MISS DORIS CLARKE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
MANSFIELD GINN 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON
First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, also first peal by 'Henry VIII.' in his native county.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LESLIE PRESTIDGE Treble	†ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 5
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER 6
WALTER FARLEY 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
SIDNEY THOMPSON 4	HENRY GOODMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Short, of Clent, and Geo. Poppell, of Newport.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	MISS N. CAWTHORNE 5
MRS. C. RYDER 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

REDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6
*H. STANLEY ROBINSON 3	FRANK E. DARBY 7
JOHN SPARROW 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDR. DENCH.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

(A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday evening, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Low 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, S. Worsfold 4, J. Peyman 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Cooper 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight 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 9 cwt. (approx.).			
ARTHUR C. NASON Treble	FORREST T. MASSEY 4		
JOHN J. PRICE 2	HUBERT JONES 5		
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor		

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Griffiths, Stokesay.

BRADFORD ABBAS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.			
ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY Treble	CLEMENT VOWLES 4		
PERCY N. G. RAINEY 2	FRANK PRICE 5		
WILFRID P. LAMBERT 3	WILFRID H. POPE Tenor		

Conducted by FRANK PRICE.

First peal on the bells. First peal for the Guild as conductor.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.			
CÆSAR DAVIS Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY 4		
JEFFREY TOSSELL 2	GEORGE GILLING 5		
CHARLES FIELD 3	HAROLD E. BLACKER Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE GILLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilling, parents of the conductor, in celebration of their diamond wedding, which occurred the Saturday previous.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being four six-scores of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, 16 different callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.			
ERNEST TOSSELL Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY 4		
CHARLES FIELD 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5		
JEFFREY TOSSELL 3	SIDNEY ROWE Tenor		

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

First peal in three methods by all the band.

HORBLING, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double and Single Court. Tenor 9 cwt.			
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	HERBERT LOUTH 4		
JOHN ALLEN 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5		
HORACE M. DAY 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor		

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of this parish, the Rev. T. L. Ivens.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;			
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.			
SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 4		
ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD 2	*P.C. HENRY J. VINCE 5		
KEITH W. WHITTLE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor		

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CONTRIBUTION TO THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION SCHEME.

Nearly 100 members of the Hertford County Association attended the 46th annual meeting of the association, which was held at St. Albans on Monday, under the chairmanship of the president (Mr. W. Nash).

Prior to the meeting, a service was held in the St. Albans Cathedral, when an address was given by the Vicar of Hitchin (Rev. R. F. E. Routh). Tea was provided at Ver House, where the business meeting also took place.

After a welcome had been extended to the visitors by the president, the financial statement for the year ended Easter, 1931, was presented and adopted. In presenting the report and moving its adoption, Mr. H. G. Lowe stated that the treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) was unable to be present owing to indisposition, but he was making satisfactory progress towards recovery. The report showed that the income, which totalled £59 16s. 8d., included £18 17s. derived from ringing members, £9 18s. from hon. members, and 15s. from life members. The expenditure amounted to £41 14s. 11d., leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £18 1s. 9d.

RINGING ON A HIGH LEVEL.

In presenting his annual report, Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary) stated: Another year has passed, and from our towers, on every Sunday, the bells have called the people to worship in the House of God. It is a point of honour we cherish. Many people would forget it was Sunday, but for the bells. They have a message at all times, whether of cheer or sorrow. The standard of ringing of our association to-day is on a very high level, probably the highest of any period of its existence. Many of us can remember when Squire Proctor's band was the only one in the county which could ring Surprise methods. To-day, we have many bands, scattered throughout the county, who successfully practise such methods, and ere long we can confidently expect records. We congratulate the Luton band upon their peal of London (all service ringers), and specially mentioning Mr. Lewis Goodenough, the conductor. Several new towers have been added to our strength. Thirty-six meetings have been held, at most of which a service with address has been arranged. The ringers have entered heartily into these services, and they appreciate the readiness of the various incumbents in making the arrangements. Joint association meetings have been continued, and have proved pleasurable and profitable functions in every way. Mr. W. H. Lawrence has been inspired to arrange mid-week district meetings, which have been very successful. By catering for those who only get a mid-week holiday, he has supplied a real want, which the ringers of his district have appreciated. It does not necessarily follow that the mid-week meeting would be successful in every district. Thirty-three peals have been rung on tower bells and three on handbells, making a total of thirty-six, the same as last year. The methods rung range from Surprise to Grandsire Doubles. The peals have been rung in twenty-three different towers, distributed throughout the county, and there have been twenty-one different conductors.

BENEVOLENT FUND STARTED.

The Benevolent Fund was brought into existence by resolution at the last Easter meeting, and in accordance with powers delegated to the treasurer and secretary, rules were drafted and circulated to the district secretaries, asking for an opinion upon them. This consideration called forth a wide divergence of thought, and it was found useful for the committee's consideration. With the exception of the Western District, the districts were favourable, and, support having since been forthcoming, an account has been opened at the Westminster Bank, at St. Albans. At the annual committee meeting in February last, the rules were discussed and finally agreed. Rule 2 was drastically altered, the meeting being unanimous in their opinion that only those members who contributed to the fund should be eligible for benefit. Another important addition was that towers outside the county, who were affiliated to the association, were brought within the scope of benefit. The committee do not suggest that the scheme is perfect, experience will decide that, but they do say that the effort is an honest attempt to help an unfortunate brother or sister in distress, and to put to practical test the reality of the brotherhood of ringers. I appeal personally to every member to give the scheme a chance, and by so doing to realise that you have a share in the Divine promise, 'Inasmuch as ye did unto the least of one of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me.' This, and this alone, is the ideal basis of the benevolent scheme.

INSURANCE AND PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

Reference was made to the death during the year of Canon Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association, the Rev. G. Edmonds, of St. Albans, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a member of the Herts County Association from its earliest days, Mr. W. J. Hazell, of Edmonton, and Mr. J. Floyd, of Hemel Hempstead, who was for forty years a ringer at St. Mary's Church. The report then proceeded: The disastrous fire at Eaton Socon Church draws attention to the insurance of church bells. Whilst there may not be any obligation resting upon Church authorities to insure their bells, it would be wise

procedure to do so. At a trifling cost, a policy could be procured which would indemnify against a great loss, in case of destruction, and ensure restoration. We all know that the bells are nearer Heaven than the fittings below, yet it is common knowledge they are the last to receive consideration as regards insurance. Of course, all ringers are on the electoral roll, if not on the P.C.C., and I would suggest that they raise the question of insurance at the first opportunity. Akin to the insurance of bells, is their preservation. It is doubtful whether church authorities have any systematic or competent inspection of belfries, the job is usually left to the ringers. A body called the St. Albans Advisory Committee function for this Diocese, and information is sought from the assessors, who, whilst possessing accurate knowledge of the fabric, probably know very little about bells and fittings. If this committee would be willing to co-opt a ringer or ringers to assist them, I know we could find the men to render valuable service.

After referring to the work done in the various districts, and expressing thanks to the district secretaries, the auditor, the treasurer and the librarian, the hon. secretary thanked the Dean of St. Albans for his kindly sympathy and interest in the association's work, and concluded by asking the members to take an inspiration from that meeting. 'Would it not be fitting,' he said, 'to regard this meeting as an association dedication day, a day on which we dedicate our services as bellringers in the House of God for another year. Let us see to it that our recognition as churchworkers is never forfeited by any indifference, and by our Christian standard of living, and efficiency in our bellringing, prove to the world "that old things have passed away, and all things have become new." Lastly, I would add my personal tribute to all those who have helped to uphold the traditions of change ringing in our county.'

RAVAGES OF DEATH WATCH BEETLE.

The Dean of St. Albans, in moving the adoption of the report, said he had noticed that bellringers seemed to live to a great age, and added that he thought that bellringing must have something to do with it. He referred to the ravages which the death watch beetle had done in St. Albans Cathedral, and added that they were fortunate to have come so lightly out of such an expensive and anxious trial as the last six months had been. He impressed upon his listeners the importance of having their towers inspected without delay to see whether old timbers were what they seemed to be, or decayed pieces of wood, eaten away by the beetle. He added that they had been fortunate to save in the Cathedral timbers that were erected when the tower was built in 1066. Continuing, he said ringing had a tremendous educational value. Ringers had to possess accuracy, concentration and perseverance, and what three finer qualities could they want, he asked.

The election of officers followed, when Mr. F. J. Reeve, of Tring, was appointed president. The hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were both re-elected as also was Mr. G. Debenham as hon. librarian. The district secretaries for the Northern, Eastern, St. Albans, Watford and Western Divisions were all re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the editor of 'The Ringing World,' stating that an effort was being made to restore the bells on which Fabian Stedman rang at Cambridge, and that an appeal was being made to all the associations in the country for contributions. The meeting unanimously decided to contribute a sum of three guineas to the scheme.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Easter Monday at Ripley, Derbyshire, and was favoured with fine weather and a good attendance. Ringing commenced shortly before three o'clock, and continued until five, when the company adjourned for tea.

The business meeting was afterwards held with the president (Mr. W. Dobb) in the chair. The members evinced a keen interest in the affairs of the association and showed their confidence in the officials by re-electing the president (Mr. W. Dobb), treasurer (Mr. T. Stimpson) and secretary (Mr. J. W. England). Mr. Melville Slater was elected vice-president, Messrs. Jos. Machin and G. H. Jolland, auditors, and Messrs. C. Rogers, C. J. Partridge, F. Knowles and E. Ashman on the executive committee.

The balance sheet and auditors' report were accepted as satisfactory. A proposal to increase the annual subscription to one shilling was carried by a large majority.

Correspondence was read from the editor of 'The Ringing World' and the secretary of the Central Council, and a resolution was passed that the association loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council.

The venue of the next annual meeting is Tibshelf, and quarterlies were arranged at Pleasley, Old Bampton and Morton, the dates to be arranged by the executive committee.

Five new members were elected.

Members were present from Alfreton, Blackwell, Crich, Denby, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Pleasley, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Hencor.

RESTORATION WORK AT SADDLEWORTH. BELLS IN A 'NO-MAN'S-LAND' GIVEN NEW LIFE.

Saddleworth, a place famous in the days that are no more and an arena for former six-bell contests, was the scene of renewed activity on Saturday, April 4th, when the restoration of the bells was celebrated in traditional style. The special service was very well attended, and the Rural Dean of Oldham, Canon A. R. Mackintosh, duly dedicated the bells at a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Hudson.

Despite the uncertain weather and the position of the church, many visitors, including Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, joined with the Saddleworth men in the pleasures of the day and enjoyed themselves to the 'full.'

The bells are a peal of eight, tenor weighing approximately 11 cwt. The back six were cast by Rudhall in 1781, and these were augmented by two trebles by Mears in 1884. A wonderful transformation has taken place in their tonal effect and carrying power, the falseness in tune having been corrected by the 'Taylor' system of tuning. The old timber frame was built in two levels, and for many years made strenuous efforts to make its escape from the tower when the bells were rung. At last its wishes have been realised, but it made a most ignominious descent from the tower; whether by design or accident, it remained in the churchyard to witness the triumphant entry of its successor, a monster of iron and steel, which now sits snugly in the tower, fitting it like a glove and all on one level. At the call of the bells the new frame acts as the true gentleman it is, so that the former, resplendent in their new rig out, can show off at their best without any unnecessary coaxing. To ring in the tower is now a treat, the handling of the bells is 'it,' and their sound in the ringing chamber is ideal—two combinations which make for nice 'tapping'—and some of the six-bell 'stuff' demonstrated this in no mean manner.

The Church authorities deserve every praise for the manner in which they have tackled this restoration, for, despite heavy financial burdens in other directions, they bravely set their shoulders to the wheel and made a job of it. We believe that Mr. Burridge, one of the wardens, greatly interested himself in the bell scheme, and has been a tower of strength towards its fulfilment. Great thanks are due to him and all those who assisted in attaining such a splendid result. The proof of the pudding is in the eating of it, and there is no doubt that Taylors have done this job 'to a turn,' and those who ring at Saddleworth can do so to their hearts' content.

The original Church of Saddleworth was founded in 1200 by William de Stapleton, who made it subordinate to the mother church

of St. Chad, Rochdale, but of this nothing now remains, the present building being a comparatively modern structure, while the tower was rebuilt some time during the middle of last century.

To reach the church, one must first get to Uppermill, which can be reached either by train or bus, then a nice long climb awaits the pilgrim. Like many churches in this locality, that of Saddleworth stands on an eminence on the western slopes of the Pennines, placed well away from the village, which, although it is in the county of Yorkshire, is very close to the borders of Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, thus making it a sort of no-man's-land. Yet it retains the grand virtue of hospitality. A large portion of the surrounding country is in a barren state and mountainous, which makes it a favourite spot with 'hikers.' The industrial part of the district is well away from the church, and thus, in its immediate vicinity, the population is very sparse, and on this further comment is unnecessary.

Despite this out-of-the-way situation, the visitor is well catered for, as there is a very good 'rest house' quite handy. Here the visiting ringers were entertained in a most excellent manner, and between thirty and forty did ample justice to a 'gradely' meat tea. 'Hey by gum, it were champion and cost nowt!' The very best thanks of all the ringers who attended are due to the good people of Saddleworth for the excellent fare provided, and for the manner in which they received the visitors.

To Mr. Jonathan Pilling and his merry men we extend our very best wishes, and trust they will have very many years' enjoyment with the bells of Saddleworth.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION. COCKERMOUTH WIN RINGING CONTEST.

The annual ringing contest and general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held on Easter Monday at Bridekirk Parish Church, when five teams competed representing Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Egremont, Keswick and Workington. The judge was Mr. J. H. Banks, of Helmshore, who placed Cockermouth as winners. They rang 720 Cambridge Minor in 28 minutes with 23 faults. Keswick rang 720 Kent Minor in 30 minutes with 21 faults. The other teams failed to complete the peal.

At a subsequent meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sutton, the 'Rawnsley' shield was presented to the conductor of the winning team (Mr. W. T. Holmes).

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of bells, etc., also to Mr. Banks for judging, brought the meeting to a close.

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THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

COMMEMORATION FUND OPENED.
FIRST GRANTS FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Although the actual details of the scheme for the restoration of the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in commemoration of the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, have not yet been settled and consequently the cost is not yet known, it was felt that, with so many of the annual meetings of associations being held at Easter, the opportunity ought not to be missed of bringing the general idea of the commemoration to the notice of these gatherings. A tentative appeal was therefore addressed by the editor of 'The Ringing World' to those associations who were holding their annual meeting, and, wherever it was discussed, it met with widespread approval.

The circular, in asking for a provisional grant, pointed out that the cost might be in the region of £350, so that it would need the fullest support of the Exercise to carry it to a successful issue. It was added that the general outlines of the restoration proposals had the support of the Rector of St. Benet's and his churchwardens, and also of the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and further that the Rector had given his promise that, should the bells be restored, reasonable facilities will be given for their use in the future.

The result of this first tentative appeal has been most gratifying and encouraging, the following sums having been actually or provisionally voted:—

	£	s.	d.
Ely Diocesan Association	10	0	0
Kent County Association	5	5	0
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Hertford County Association	3	3	0
Middlesex County Association	5	0	0

in addition to which the committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild proposes to recommend to the Guild that a grant of £10 be made to the fund.

Here is a splendid start, and we believe the whole Exercise will follow this lead in a similarly generous spirit. The appeal is to be a national one, and individuals as well as organisations will have the opportunity of subscribing.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two treble bells which are to augment the ring of eight at Isleworth, Middlesex, are to be cast to-day at the Whitechapel Foundry. The dedication will probably take place next month.

The bells at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, a ring of eight, are to be rehanging in new framework by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have returned the four bells at Kingstone, Somerset, and augmented them to six.

It is now said that the peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington on March 21st was rung by only nine and a half secretaries! Sooner or later, we suppose, we shall get to the truth of this affair.

Twenty years ago to-day the Treble Bob Maximus record was set up at Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 being rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins. The tenor was rung by Mr. James George.

To-morrow is the anniversary of three long peals, 12,006 Grandsire Caters at Painswick on April 18th, 1737, 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford in 1894, and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Hoptonstall, rung in 10 hrs. 51 mins., in 1927.

April 22nd is the anniversary of two other memorable peals, 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham in 1889, and, the longest length ever rung by one set of men, 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, which occupied 12 hrs. 25 mins. in 1922.

Who holds the record for being first out of the belfry after a peal? A West Country ringer was twice beaten in one day on Easter Monday, and admitted that on only six occasions had he ever failed to be out of the belfry first. As on three of these occasions it was by the same ringer, we would suggest that the latter is the record holder. If you want to know who he is, ask the ringer of the treble in the peal at Buckfast Abbey last October.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

II. BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

The story begins about the year 1750. For more than a hundred years the Society had been the foremost in London, perhaps in England. Founded in 1637, at a time when ringing was a fashionable sport, its members comprised the social and intellectual aristocracy of the Exercise. This is not just the exaggerated rumour of later ages. Among the two hundred and forty-three members between 1637 and 1700 there are one lord, nine sirs, six esquires, two Doctors of Divinity, two captains, and one colonel.

During the closing years of the seventeenth century, method ringing, as we know it now, became common and in the early years of the eighteenth century people began to ring peals. Which band it was that first rang five thousand changes we do not know, but the first true peal was accomplished at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715, and it was quickly followed by others in different parts of the country. In London the first peal was rung by the London Scholars in 1717—one of Grandsire Caters at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

The College Youths did not ring their first peal till January 19th, 1724, but it was one of Grandsire Cinques (Note 4), and they quickly took the lead in peal ringing and held it for several years. This predominance was largely due to one man.

Benjamin Annable was born in 1703 and joined the Society in 1721 in his nineteenth year. He soon made his influence felt. He neither composed nor called the first peal, but in the next month he called a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Magnus', and from that time he was the recognised conductor of the Society. He called the next seventeen peals, and out of a total of sixty-four rung before his death he took part in all but ten, and called all he took part in except four. His ascendancy was due to his great ability as a ringer and composer and to his masterful personality.

Jasper Snowden prints a letter which throws light on his position and reputation among the College Youths and ringers generally. Dr. Mason, of Cambridge, had written to Norwich asking for subscribers for John Holt's broadsheet, and in reply John Webster says that the Norwich Scholars will not do so because 'that Ingenious Ringer Mr. Annable's not Encouraging of it, had he Approved of it, his influence on the Colledge Youths would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without any Further Subscription.'

And the following is another rather similar incident. On January 12th, 1752, the Eastern Scholars rang at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a peal of a method they called Eastern Bob Double. It was the composition of Joseph Prior and is the same method which Shipway printed as Double Court Bob Major, but with second's and seventh's added. Henry Hubbard gives it in his book as Double Yorkshire Court Bob and as his own composition. The Eastern Scholars were very proud of their peal and their method, and claimed (with reason) that it was very musical.

But underneath the entry in their peal book they added this couplet—

'Unparalleled for Musick tho' derided
By B——n, who tells us—'Tis lopsided.'

This is very interesting. Prior anticipated Shipway by sixty years; both in his method and his rule for double methods; and Annable is insisting on the need for symmetry which has only of late years been accepted by the Exercise as a whole.

Annable was not elected a Steward of the Society till he had been a member for sixteen years, and was not made Master till he had been a Member for twenty-one years; which shows there were many older men who claimed precedence at the social meetings and the annual dinner. But in the tower he was the recognised if unofficial leader.

It is hardly likely, however, that his position was not sometimes challenged. In 1730-1 we find some signs of dissension. John Cundell called three peals and Loughton one, in none of which Annable took part. Annable, however, was soon back again as leader, but from that time there were occasional peals in which either he did not ring, or let someone else call. Probably his masterful manner did not agree with the younger ringers, and Cundell, likely enough, was his rival both as composer and conductor. Evidently, however, he was not big enough a man.

There was only one ringer at that time in London who could be said to be in any way Annable's equal. That was John Holt. Holt was leader of the Union Scholars, a man inferior to Annable socially and in education, but probably superior intellectually; and between the two there was keen rivalry and no great amount of love lost. For some reason or other, coolness arose between Holt and the Union Scholars. Osborn suggests it was because they did not book his peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Westminster in 1751. Anyhow, he was invited to join the College Youths, probably by the Cundell party, and as a rival to Annable. He joined them in 1752, and in that year called two peals of Grandsire Caters for them. Annable rang in neither.

(To be continued.)

LATE NOTICES.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 21st.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Church Hall. Notifications for tea to E. F. Brooks, Hon. Sec., Beaminster, Dorset.

OXFORD GUILD AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

At Reading, on Saturday, April 11th, the general committee of the Guild, amongst other business, unanimously recommended to the annual meeting that Rule 1 shall read: 'This society shall be called "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers," and shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

The committee also recommended that £10 be granted from the Guild's Restoration Fund to the restoration of the six bells of St. Benet's, Cambridge, the tower in which Fabian Stedman actually rang.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 6th, when the bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Andrew's (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Luke's (8) were open at intervals during the day, and made good use of by members and friends from a large area. Some of the committee visited Littleover Parish Church, and were met by the Vicar and Mrs. Chambers to view and discuss final arrangements for the memorial to the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. This is to take the form of a silver chalice and brass tablet, the former of which is already completed. It is a replica of the ancient silver chalice, and inscribed to match the old inscription, which reads:—

'The gift of John Harpur, Esqr.
For the use of the Chappell of Littleover.
Anno Dom. 1687.'

The new memorial chalice, which is beautifully executed, is inscribed:—

'For the Church of Saint Peter, Littleover.

In memory of Robert Baker Chambers, A.D. 1929.

A tribute to their President from the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers.'

Two estimates were considered and one finally decided upon for the brass tablet, and the place for its erection chosen exactly opposite a window which Mrs. Chambers is having replaced in stained glass to her late husband's memory, and is therefore a most suitable spot.

The Vicar of Littleover is now proceeding with the arrangements, and when completed a meeting will be arranged and service of dedication.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m. and carried out a heavy (too heavy) programme of routine work, making a number of suggestions for ratification by the members at the subsequent meeting. Tea was partaken of in King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street, and well over 100 members and friends sat down, and these represented every branch of the association's area, viz., Burton-on-Trent, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham, and the Peak. Visitors also came from as far apart as Nuneaton and Leeds, Stoke-on-Trent and places too numerous to mention. The meeting followed immediately after tea, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who was supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Wallace, the hon. sec., Mr. Ernest Morris, and Mrs. Chambers.

The president gave a resume of the year's work and a number of reminiscences, and congratulated Mr. Maurice Swinfield on his splendid peal performances, with the many new compositions of Stedman Triples he has conducted. He also congratulated the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris, on the successful issue of his fine book, 'History and art of change ringing,' which he described as a veritable encyclopædia of ringing history and knowledge. He also referred to the same author's ringing feats, he having passed the 500-peal mark for the M.C.A., which no other member yet had reached.

Mr. W. Wallace then explained to the members what had been done regarding the Chambers memorial, and Mrs. Chambers very feelingly thanked the members and all concerned for their kindness and sympathy. She thought the memorials chosen to her late husband were most beautiful, and would ever be a source of help and comfort to her and an inspiring memory to the members of their late president, who had always had the association's welfare at heart. The members then stood in silence for one moment to the respected memory of their late president.

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

New members elected since the last meeting, viz., 24 ringing and 2 honorary, were duly confirmed.

The meeting also confirmed the election of the president (Mr. E. Denison Taylor) and hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris) as before, but as the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin) had left the district and had asked to be relieved, Mr. Wm. Willson was duly elected to the office. Mr. W. Wallace wished to retire from the position of hon. treasurer owing to domestic ties and removal of residence, and Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, was duly elected in his place. The retiring officers were thanked for their services.

The committee's selected places for next quarterly meetings were confirmed, viz.: June, Syston; September, Staveley; January, 1932, Beeston; and the proposal to hold the next annual meeting—which will celebrate the jubilee of the association, which was formed in 1882—at Derby—its birthplace—was approved.

The report and balance sheet were passed on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White (one of the auditors), who remarked that everything was well kept, and the books all correct, the hon. treasurer and secretary having done their work well.

The question of the annual subscription and reports received a lengthy discussion, and each district sent in a report. Although the majority were in favour of a subscription of 1s. 6d. per annum and a free report, some districts were against it. A difficulty also arose of members paying 1s. as hitherto against the retrospective proposition, and it was finally proposed and carried that for 1931 subscriptions be as before, 1s., and 6d. charged for reports, but altered in (Continued in next column.)

HALSALL BELLS RECAST.

IMPROVEMENTS AT A LANCASHIRE TOWER.

The ring of six bells at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Halsall, Lancs., have been recast, with the addition of some 4 cwt. of metal, into a most musical ring perfectly tuned on the five-tone harmonic principle, and were rededicated on the day before Easter. The cost of the bells has been borne by the Rector, the Rev. E. L. Mather, in memory of his brother, who was killed at Ypres in 1917. In addition to the bell restoration, the old clock has been repaired and augmented to strike the Westminster quarters, a new tune playing machine installed, and the dial restored, this being the gift of Sir Wroth and Lady Lethbridge, the latter being the daughter of the late Canon Blundell, for many years the loved and respected Rector of the parish. The old clock is almost unique of its kind, having a pendulum 15 feet long, suspended at a distance from the clock itself and connected by a thin iron bar to the escapement.

The rededication of the bells and clock was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Hawson, of Warrington, assisted by the Rector, Rev. E. L. Mather, Rev. Dr. Hayes, of Melling, the curate of Halsall (Rev. Leslie Hart), Mr. A. B. Service (licensed lay reader), etc. The service commenced at 2.45 p.m., and just before 3 p.m. the Archdeacon, clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the wardens requested the Archdeacon to dedicate the gifts. The actual ceremony was just completed when the beautiful Westminster chimes were heard, followed by the striking of the hour and the playing of the carillon. After a short address by the Archdeacon, the service closed with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul.'

The local ringers then ascended the tower and rang a few touches, and visitors from Aughton, Southport, Sefton, Liverpool, Standish, Middleton, Penwortham and Blackburn also joined in. Tea had been provided at the Scarisbrick Arms by the kind generosity of Sir Wroth and Lady Lethbridge and the Rector. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, who have carried out the whole of the work in connection with the bells and clock) entered the room just as tea was concluded, and gave an interesting account of the new carillon which the firm are installing at River Side Church, New York, U.S.A.

Mr. Johnston's health was drunk with musical honours, and a hearty vote of thanks to the donors of the tea was, needless to say, carried with acclamation.

Afterwards ringing was carried on by different bands till 9.30, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the tone and 'go' of the bells were excellent, and reflected great credit on the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and their employees. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The weight and inscription on the bells are as follows:—

	cwt. qr. lb.
Treble.—Excito Lentus (I hurry up the slow)	4 1 9
2.—Laudo Deum Verum (I praise the true God).	4 3 23
3.—Festa, Decoro (I honour the Feast).	6 1 9
4.—Dissipo Ventos (I scatter the Winds).	7 0 3
5.—In Memoriam, Alfred Lushington Mather, Ypres, 1917.	8 0 9
6.—Defunctos Ploro (I mourn for the departed).	10 3 19

41 2 16

These inscriptions are taken from a poem by Coleridge, 'The Bells,' A.D. 1772.

On the clock dial a new inscription which mystified the parish has been written in gold letters: 'Prætereunt Imputantur.' This motto is taken from an old sundial at All Souls' College, Oxford. It means, 'They pass by and will be summed up.'

On April 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: J. Hadcock 1, T. Prescott 2, E. Blundell 3, A. J. Trappitt 4, H. Serjeant 5, A. Mawdesley (conductor) 6. The ringers of the treble and 4th are employees of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The bell founders were confronted with many difficulties in their task because the ringing chamber not only housed the ringers and the ancient clock, but is now called upon to accommodate a new Westminster quarter chime mechanism and also a tune playing machine. These difficulties were surmounted by lowering the ringing room floor by 4 feet, hoisting the clock and chime mechanism on to brackets as near the ceiling as possible, and fitting winding platforms, which are hinged and can be pulled up and out of the way when not in use. The original disposition of the rope circle could not be altered as the existing bell frame is used again, and its space in the heltry is quite restricted. The ringers, however, have an excellent circle of ropes, and are not in any way hampered by the mechanical additions in the tower.

J. G.

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1932 to 1s. 6d. with a free report. This will come into force in January, 1932.

Mr. Wm. E. White then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding and for the interest he displays in the association; also to the local committee for arrangements made that day; and to Mrs. Chambers for so kindly coming to their meeting.

Further ringing and a pleasant convivial with handbells terminated a successful and pleasant meeting.

E. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**HITCH IN REAFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham, on April 6th, nearly 100 members attending. Proceedings commenced with some ringing, and afterwards tea was served at the Malvern Inn.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham gave the address at the service, taking for his text one which he had heard taken by the Rev. H. A. Cockey many years ago. He also read extracts from the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies' retrospect in the jubilee number of the Report.

After the service the meeting was held in the church schoolroom, the Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby) being in the chair.

The annual report of the association was in circulation on March 13th, and it is believed that this constitutes a record for its appearance so soon after the end of the financial year.

The Master's report and the secretary's report were unanimously adopted, as was the hon. treasurer's statement of accounts. The latter was very satisfactory, showing an increase throughout all sections.

The committee appointed to deal with future affiliation to the Central Council gave their report, which was referred back. This arose through the agenda of the Central Council not having appeared in 'The Ringing World' in accordance with the rules of that body, viz., approximately eight weeks before the meeting. A member of the Central Council present stated that the Council must not be 'dictated to.'

The Master said he would not permit the word 'dictated,' as there was every indication that good was being done by the association in discussing and ventilating the question of the rules of the Central Council; after all, they were suggestions.

It was decided that a peal rung at Thornbury in February, 1930, and not yet published in 'The Ringing World,' was not in accordance with the rules and could not be recorded. It was decided to form a committee to deal with the question of a national ringers' memorial to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

All the officials were re-elected for the ensuing year, except the hon. secretary, whose duties are temporary until reaffiliation to the Central Council has been carried out.

The Hon. Secretary, in asking that he should not be re-elected, stated that he had done all in reason to make it possible for reaffiliation, and there was no reason why any attempt was made that day to discuss the question, as it had already been decided, and probably but for the fact that the Council's agenda had not appeared in accordance with the Council's rules, affiliation would have been established before that meeting.

All the other business was quickly disposed of, and a donation of £5 3s. was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

This concluded the business, and the association then entertained the members to tea at the Malvern Inn, which is situated in a delightful part of Gloucestershire, and, although the weather was not of the best, to the writer and, doubtless, to all those at the meeting, it was a wonderful sight. Never before had the hills behind Leckhampton been seen by the majority of the party.

The Bristol contingent had a very happy day in spite of the inclement weather. Leaving Bristol (and a couple of their party behind), they travelled by motor coach through the gorgeous valley of Stroud, stopping for a 'pull' at Horsley, a delightfully pretty church, and then for a 'feed' and some fun at the Golden Hart, Painswick, proceeding in good time to Leckhampton.

The return journey was made through Gloucester, and home reached in good time. E. G.

KIDSGROVE BELLS RECAST.**ROOM FOR TWO TREBLES.**

After recasting and rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the six bells of St. Thomas' Church, Kidsgrove, near Stoke-on-Trent, have been rededicated. The bells were originally installed soon after the accession of Queen Victoria. They have now passed once more through the furnace, and have been rehung in a cast-iron frame of steel girders, with space left for two trebles. The whole of the money required for the work was raised before the dedication service.

There was a large attendance at the ceremony, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Llewellyn, and the rededication performed by the Rural Dean of Newcastle (Rev. J. H. L. Edwards). Immediately afterwards, the bells were rung by the local ringers, and the Doxology followed. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. W. Hadmen (Vicar of Cobridge), who spoke of the important part bells had played in English Church life from the sixth century. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders at the service. After the service, touches were rung by visiting ringers from Crewe, Chester, Farrdon, Wistaston, Pulford, Stoke, Kingsley, Bidulph, Loughborough, Lawton, Norton-in-Hales and Norton-in-the-Moors.

A public tea and meeting was afterwards held, attended by over 200 parishioners and friends, when congratulatory speeches were made and votes of thanks passed.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**REARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS DEFERRED.**

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 in the morning, when the general secretary laid before the committee suggestions that he had received for a rearrangement in the areas of the branches. The committee were of the opinion, in view of the present scheme having been in force for such a short time, that it should be given a further trial, and in the meantime the matter be referred back to the area committee to report upon.

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. Canon Charles Compton Lanchester, M.A., Vicar of St. Barnabas', Heigham, who gave an interesting discourse based on Psalm xix. 3-4, 'There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them, their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.'

The luncheon was served at the Bell Hotel, the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich) being in the chair. Among those present were the Rev. R. H. O. Bankes, Mr. P. E. Sowell, Mr. Charles E. Borrett (a vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. P. Burton (hon. auditor), Messrs. William J. Lee, F. Nolan Golden (branch secretaries), Miss Helen W. Bill, Messrs. J. F. W. C. and W. L. Duffield (members of the executive committee), and also Messrs. R. W. Cooke, Eric G. Bennett and C. E. Lovett (members of branch committees), besides representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk, making a total of 53 members.

Immediately after luncheon, there followed the business meeting. The president, in his introductory remarks before the commencement of business, quoted the following quaint eulogy of bellringing by the writers of the 'Clavis' (1788): 'Of all the athletic exercises or amusements now in practice, there are none so ranked in the circle of sciences of so noble a nature, so conducive to health, and employing so many faculties, both mental and corporeal, as that of the art of ringing. . . . And, moreover, at this time, to our knowledge there are several learned and eminent persons, both clergy and laymen of good estates, that are members of several societies of ringers, and think themselves very highly favoured that they can arrive at so great an happiness and honour.'

The Archdeacon, in moving the adoption of the annual report and balance sheet, said the association had 830 members. There were something like 40,000 bellringers in the country, so they belonged to a very noble army. There was a very privileged position, and he wanted them to be proud of it.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved the re-election of the Archdeacon of Norwich as president, and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried with enthusiasm.

The vice-presidents were all re-elected, as were Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (as general secretary and treasurer), and Mr. G. P. Burton (as hon. auditor). Messrs. George Bailey, William E. Bason and Chas. E. Lovett were elected to fill the vacancies on the executive committee, the remaining members being re-elected.

The General Secretary moved the election of six new members, the re-election of three old members, and the ratification of one belfry election.

On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft and to the incumbents of St. John de Sepulchre, St. Michael at Coslany, and All Saints for allowing the use of their bells, and also to the Rev. Canon C. E. Lanchester for his address at the service.

This concluded the business meeting. The members afterwards dispersed to the various belfries for further ringing until the evening. The day being gloriously fine added much to the enjoyment of those attending, a total of between 70 and 80 members being present during the day.

OLD HALESWORTH RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on March 26th of Mr. James Howard, of Halesworth, Suffolk, who passed away at the age of 71 years. He had spent all his life in the town, and had been a member of the Church Council and a sidesman at the Parish Church for many years past. He had belonged to the Halesworth Ringers Society since 1878, and been its treasurer for 35 years. He had assisted on over fifty occasions in the ringing for the birthdays of the sovereigns of England and had taken part in 38 peals. Mr. Howard was also for a long period a member of the Halesworth Company of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Suffolk Regt., in which he was for many years an N.C.O., attaining the rank of colour-sergeant, and for some time being its secretary.

There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral, which took place amid many marks of respect. The Halesworth ringers, who also sent a wreath, were represented by Messrs. F. C. Lambert (secretary), W. Pierce, L. Hammond, A. H. Took, J. O'Neill and K. Kemp. In the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled.

A WRINGTON BELL RECAST.**IMPROVEMENTS IN A FAMOUS SOMERSET TOWER**

The fifth bell in the peal (the treble in the old six) at Wrington, Somerset, had for some time been cracked in the crown, and was very dull in tone compared with the others. The bell has now been recast, making a big improvement in the peal. The new bell is a perfect splice with the others. Visitors to this glorious tower will recall the excessive volume of sound in the ringing chamber, which is immediately below the bells. This has now been cured by fitting a deadening ceiling and sound absorbent material, while movable hatches have been fitted in the weight shaft. The sound in the ringing chamber is now all that can be wished.

The cost of the work has been borne by Mrs. R. E. Marshall, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, and her brother, Major J. H. B. Hesse. The local ringers also made a substantial contribution towards the cost of the sound deadening.

A bronze inscription plate at the foot of the tower records the recasting as follows:—

'The 5th bell in the peal of ten was recast A.D. 1931 as the gift of Rose Ethilend Marshall and John Harley Bridges Hesse to the loved and honoured memory of Lieut.-Col John Valentine Hesse, J.P., late 58th Regt. Foot, and his wife, Ellen McGhie (Bridges), also Edward Dowell Marshall, M.A., I.E.S., late Principal, Rangoon College, Burma, of Pierce Hay, Wrington, and son-in-law of the above. 1890-1927.'

On Easter Monday afternoon the bells were reopened by the local band, assisted by Major Hesse and Mr. A. A. Hughes, and the ringers were afterwards very kindly entertained to tea at the Golden Lion (of happy memory) by Mrs. Marshall. The local ringers are very enthusiastic, and are to be congratulated on the good progress they have made in change ringing.

The work of recasting and the fitting of the new deadening floor has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION.**

The attendance at the annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday was very good, in fact, larger than for some years, and the number of young members was very noticeable and encouraging. The various rings in the city were set going early in the morning to the tune of methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, but the opportunity of ringing at St. Helen's Church was much missed, the bells there being unringable with a badly cracked tenor.

The business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House was presided over, as for many years past, by the Dean, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., who always extends a cordial welcome to the association.

It was decided to make a new form of membership, to be called honorary life, and to consist of those who, in the opinion of the committee, had done good service, either in office or in long and hard-working membership, and who would then be free of any further subscription.

An addition to the rules on the lines of the Central Council resolution was unanimously agreed to.

A satisfactory report was received from the librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, and Mr. H. Mason, having kindly offered to present copies of 'The Bell News' covering 36 years, was sincerely thanked.

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the best way to celebrate the jubilee of this association next year, the first meeting having been held at Bromsgrove on April 10th, 1882. It was eventually decided to arrange a jubilee festival on Saturday, April 9th, at Bromsgrove, the annual meeting to be held as usual at Worcester on Easter Monday.

A proposal by Mr. T. J. Salter to increase the bells at Bromsgrove to a peal of twelve was not carried.

The officers were all re-elected, although the secretary, having completed 25 years in that office, tendered his resignation. Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, was elected a vice-president.

Owing to the meeting not starting on time, it had to be adjourned until after the service (which was held in the Cathedral, and an excellent address given by the Rev. G. W. Webb) and the tea, when a sub-committee was appointed to arrange a competition for a set of ten handbells, which was most generously offered for that purpose by a member.

A grant of £5 was made towards the cost of re-hanging the bells at Grimley Parish Church, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean and the various incumbents who, by kindly allowing the use of their bells, had materially assisted in making the occasion both successful and enjoyable.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Thursday, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43½ mins.: W. Missing 1, F. Good (Charing) 2, L. Homewood 3, A. Waddington 4, A. Missing 5, C. Rains 6. Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. F. B. Norie, on his first evening in the parish.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 23rd, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, both at 7.30 p.m., and at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Kintbury on Saturday, April 18th. 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Birling on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea (free) and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Bramley, April 18th. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Visitors welcomed.—D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, Rev. John Goodacre. Tea (1s.), in Institute, at 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Great Holland.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the new ring of eight erected to the memory of Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, on Saturday, April 18th, at 3. Kirby Cross Station ten minutes' walk by the fields. Frequent bus service from Clacton-on-Sea. Tea in the Village Hall provided free. — C. H. Howard, Master.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells of the Cathedral from 2.30 p.m., and S. Nicolas' from 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30.; preacher, Bishop Golding-Bird. Tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., South-over, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 18th. The peal at the Parish Church (10) available from 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and at All Saints' (8) from 2.30 p.m. onward. Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church, with sermon by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, Vicar of All Saints'. Tea will be served in Wordsworth's Café, Beartfair, at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers will be cordially welcomed. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in Birmingham on Saturday, April 18th. The bells of St. Chad's, Bath Street, will be available from 3 to 4.30 p.m., and Bishop Ryder's, Gem Street, from 3 to 5 p.m. and after tea until 7 p.m. A meat tea will be served in Bishop Ryder's School at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. The business meeting will follow the tea and reports will be ready for distribution. — Miss D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blagden on Saturday, April 18th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A combined practice by these guilds will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea inform Mr. G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 18th, when the bells will be ready during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting after. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Youlgreave on Saturday, April 18th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 27 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due. Method for special attention: Double Norwich.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, April 18th. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, April 18th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Dando on Saturday, April 18th, and not 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Please let me know how many of your ringers want tea.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ruardean on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting, at 5 p.m., will be held at Bell Hotel.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Aldbourne. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Visitors kindly notify the secretary, Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., Green Farm, East Grafton, Marlborough.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bickleigh on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m.—Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at East Tytherley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) and Lockerley (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea, at Star Inn, at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Exminster on April 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5, 1s. each.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, April 18th. Bells open early.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

ST. ALPHEGE CHURCH, CANTERBURY.—The re-hung peal of six by Alfred Bowell will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Canterbury on Thursday, April 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. All subscribers and ringers will be most heartily welcomed at this service.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea. Good accommodation near by.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3. Tea, at 5.30, 1s. each. Please do let me know if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, the 22nd inst?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar at this service. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitstable, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will all those members intending to be present kindly notify Mr. G. C. Smith, Whittenham, Vale View Road, Whitstable, not later than Thursday, April 23rd?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, generously provided by the local ringers, will be reserved only for those members notifying me not later than Monday, April 20th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. Edmies, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at East Budleigh. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Numbers for tea to be sent by Monday, April 20th, to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 25th. Half rail fares allowed. Tea supplied for a small charge. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 21st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know by first post on Thursday, April 23rd? Members are asked to turn up in large numbers and make this meeting a great success. — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Burley Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to Mr. G. Slack, 12, Wolsley Mount, Burley, Leeds, by April 22nd. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—T. Grant, Hon. Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — On Saturday, April 25th, a meeting will be held at Barley. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. No business meeting. All ringers and friends are cordially invited to attend, but a card if you require tea will be much appreciated.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672). — The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 5.30. Meeting 7 p.m. Election of officers and other business. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 25th. Special service in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral from 1.45 p.m., and at St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All who require tea please send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 22nd.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch. — Next meeting will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Half-hourly bus service from tram centre. A card by the 21st for those requiring tea will be appreciated. — Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Tarvin on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3. Service 4.30. Kindly notify me if you intend being present. — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting, and an eight bell contest, at Elland, near Halifax, on April 25th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please send not later than April 20th to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Sydling on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (also Bradford Peverell, Frampton and Maiden Newton) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting to follow. — C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, April 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., Martock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The branch annual meeting has been arranged at St. John the Baptist, Windsor, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., at 1s. per head, to all those who notify me not later than April 20th. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — A district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, April 22nd.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — The next meeting of the branch will be held at Withington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, at the Mill Inn, 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending being present please notify me by the 21st inst.? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Barnby Dun on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) ready early. Will all ringers please make own arrangements for tea? Don't forget this meeting. — Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m. Turn up in good numbers. — Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good attendance is specially hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Gamlingay on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at the Cock Inn, 5. — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Worthen on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at 5 o'clock. A bus leaves Shrewsbury at 2.20 p.m. for Worthen, returning at 7.15 p.m. Please send numbers for tea before the 20th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton Branch. — A meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's, Froyle, at 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller. All ringers welcome, but will those who intend to come kindly notify me by Thursday, April 23rd?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

MUCH WENLOCK.—The Bishop of Hereford will dedicate, on Friday, May 1st, at 3 p.m., the restored and augmented peal of eight bells which has been hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough.

BROADWOODKELLY, DEVON.—The re-dedication by the Bishop of Exeter of the recast and augmented ring of 6 bells in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Ringing before and after tea. Concert 7.30 p.m. Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. E. W. Perry, The Rectory, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon, beforehand.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton (6) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me early? Bells available from 2 p.m. — F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SURFLEET. — A combined meeting of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) will be open all day. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and business meetings following. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me before Thursday, April 30th. — Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Buses from Hounslow (Central Station) pass church. Tea arranged. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chrishall. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, most probably at Ewell, Christ Church, Epsom, not being available. Full particulars next week.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

RICKMANSWORTH. — Saturday, May 2nd. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, at Red Spider Tea Rooms, 6 p.m. Cheap tickets from all parts by train or motor bus.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, 28th inst.? Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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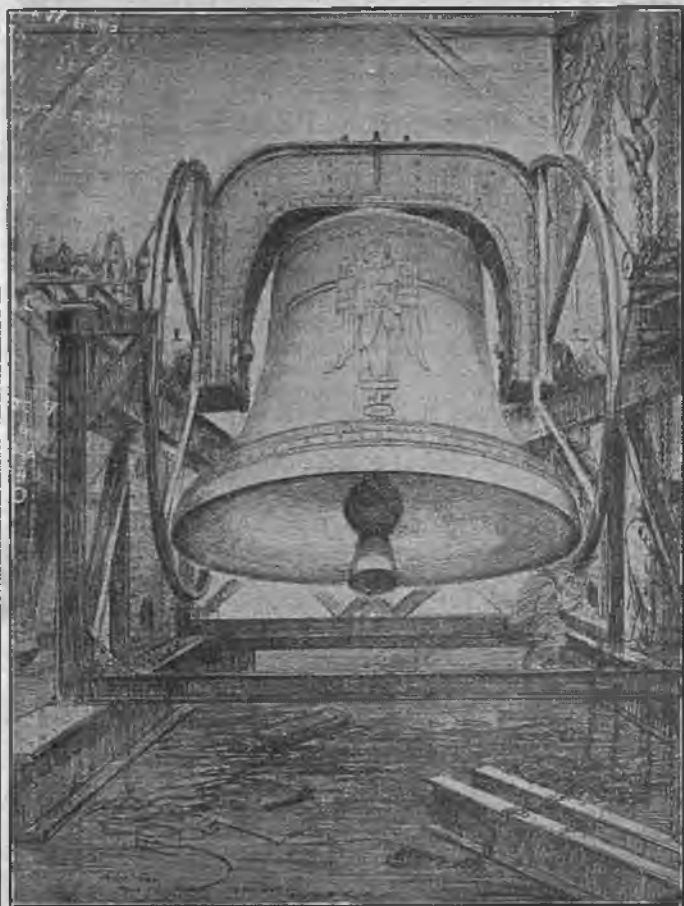
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A DELAYED AGENDA.

It is a little unfortunate that the agenda of the next meeting of the Central Council, which should have been published in the week before Easter, has not yet made its appearance. The rules provide that it shall be advertised at least eight weeks before the meeting, the object being that the many associations which hold their annual meetings between that time and Whitsun Tuesday may have the opportunity of considering and expressing an opinion upon any of the matters which are likely to come before the Council. No reason has been made public why the course prescribed by the rules has not been followed this year, and associations and members of the Council await with interest an explanation of the delay. Consideration of the Central Council's agenda has appeared as an item in the business of more than one association since Easter, but it has had to be passed over for lack of information.

The rule providing for the early publication of the agenda is a good one, if the Council really desires the associations to take an interest in its work. The majority of the more important associations hold their annual meetings between Easter and Whitsun Tuesday, and unless they can know what the Council propose to do, so that they can discuss it beforehand, the greater part of their interest is lost, because it is nearly twelve months before they can consider any of the subjects, however important these may be. Moreover, though the representatives are free agents to vote as they please in the Council, there are many of them who like to know beforehand what their members think on leading questions.

There is one other matter to which in this connection we should like to refer. In view of the importance of the question, it would have been a good plan if the Standing Committee had been able to publish before the meeting the exact amendments to the Council's rules which it is proposed to recommend, under the resolution passed last year. The minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee have been published in our columns, from which it appears that the revision of rules has been discussed, but the conclusions arrived at were expressed in such general terms that the extent of the committee's recommendations is hardly clear, and unless the Council has before it specific amendments it is not likely to carry the matter much further at its next meeting. There are some associations, at any rate, who want to see the relationship between the Council and those who have been asked to pass resolutions of 'affiliation' put on to a proper footing, and any suggested changes in constitution cannot be adequately discussed without definite recommendations which the members ought to have the opportunity of considering before the meeting.

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On Tuesday, April 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SIX-PART, NO. 10.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... ..Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
JAMES A. TEALE 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 4	*THOMAS McHALE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the recast bells. Specially arranged and rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. Rowland J. Wood, which took place at Sleaford, Lincs, on this date, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lindsay, of Burley, on the forty-ninth anniversary of their wedding day.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ..Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5
FRANK WILSON 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
JAMES WILLIAMS 3	JIM TEBAY 7
WILLIAM PICTHALL 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOHN T. COPPINS ... ..Treble	†WILFRED KITCHEN 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	†R. THOMAS CLARK 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
FREDERICK CASTLE 4	†TIM ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells. Messrs. J. T. Coppins and T. Anderson were elected members of the association previous to starting for the peal.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	J. EDWARD CAWSER 6
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 3	ALBERT NASH 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 102). Conducted by J. E. CAWSER.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, April 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE ... ..Treble	*ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 5
CYRIL W. A. BROWN 2	WILLIAM P. TICKNER 6
FREDERICK G. BORDEN 3	WILLIAM BUTTON 7
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. BRANEY Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL W. A. BROWN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Neve and Miss D. Talboys. Also on the 31st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown, parents of the conductor.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
HARRY THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
ARTHUR W. WARD 4	JOHN T. SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Mr. J. T. Scott has now completed 50 years as a ringer. The ringer of the treble hails from Polkington, 2, 3 and 6 from Grantham, 4 from Bottesford, 5 from Stamford, 7 from Melton Mowbray, tenor from Oakham.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 16, 1931, 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.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 6
ALFRED PYE ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

The conductor rang the 2nd in the 13,440 Double Norwich rung at Romford on April 18th, 1894. A birthday compliment to Mr. Benjamin Keeble.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BANKS ... Treble	† SYDNEY ASHWORTH ... 5
* JOSEPH PORTER ... 2	† ERNEST PARKINSON ... 6
JAMES H. BANKS ... 3	THOMAS ROLLERSON ... 7
GEORGE BROWN ... 4	JOHN W. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung in honour of and as a compliment to Mr. Richard Wilson, who has been a ringer at the above church for fifty years. The band wish to thank him for kindly entertaining them after the peal.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER ... Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR ... 5
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 2	* TOM SMITH ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 7
ALBERT PICKLES ... 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the octave in this tower.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells. Rung on the 4th anniversary of the record peal of 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	* LEONARD HOLDEN ... 5
HARRY GOODMAN ... 2	† GEORGE HUGHES ... 6
* DENNIS HOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 7
* FREDERICK HOLDEN ... 4	FRANK WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal and, with the conductor and the ringer of the treble, belongs to Coseley Parish Church. † First peal in the method with a bob bell and, with the tenor ringer, belongs to the local band. The 2nd ringer belongs to Parish Church, Dudley.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
PERCY E. JONES ... 2	* WILLIAM HONER ... 6
JAMES H. LUCAS ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
EDGAR HANCOX ... 4	† RICHARD CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4th and 5th and the conductor.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 5
HAYDN THORPE ... 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 7
JOHN THORPE ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, in 14 courses, and is the greatest length rung on this plan.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE LAW ... Treble	P.-I. G. HASTINGS ... 5
* JESSE PRYMAN ... 2	JOHN HOPE ... 6
HERBERT ACOCK ... 3	JOE SMITH ... 7
† STANLEY J. WORSFOLD ... 4	EDMUND T. GARDENER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt, and aged 15.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 6
* ALBERT DISNEY ... 3	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 7
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' First peal of Superlative on the bells.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	HARRY L. SMITH ... 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 2	FRED STANFORTH ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Ringers hail from eight towers, viz., Wellingborough, Billesdon, Leicester (St. Margaret's), Lutterworth, Leicester (St. John's), Kibworth, Leicester (St. Saviour's), Leicester (Cathedral). They desire to thank the Rector, Rev. Canon Fletcher, for permission to ring this peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED FORD Treble	NORMAN INSKIP 4
PEARL INSKIP 2	SYDNEY FOSKETT 5
LEONARD HARLOW 3	HAROLD G. BEARD Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

* First peal.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HORACE STEVENS Treble	WALTER LARGE 4
HORACE TERRY 2	GEORGE HIATT 5
WILLIAM COLEMAN 3	FRANK EDGINGTON Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK BAILLESS Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
ERNEST MARSH 2	JOHN G. GEARY 5
JOHN H. BAILLESS 3	HARRY LOOMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. GEARY.

* First peal.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	†JACK D. BELL 3
*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 2	*CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by B. P. MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor in more than one method, and first attempt.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 extents of St. Simon's, 24 of Grandsire and 10 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM H. POOLE Treble	JACK C. BELCHAM 3
ALBERT RAINBIRD 2	GEORGE MILES 4

HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hills, of Hutton, who on April 9th celebrated their golden wedding.

KIRKEY MALLORY, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*NORMAN STATHAM Treble	THOMAS H. WRIGHT 3
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 2	LEONARD G. JORDAN 4

FRANCIS R. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. WRIGHT.

* First peal away from tenor.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN J. TREASURE Treble	*CLIFFORD S. BENNETT ... 4
*O. JOHN PULLEN 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
JEFFREY TOSSELL 3	C. HENRY PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. BLACKER.

* First peal. Mr. C. S. Bennett was re-elected a member of the association before commencing the peal. Rung as a farewell to Mr. O. J. Pullen, one of the local band, before his return to Dumfries, Scotland. An attempt for a peal had to be abandoned owing to illness before his departure in the new year.

DATCHWORTH.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*T. CANNON Treble	F. TURNER 4
MISS NORA WELCH 2	T. NEWMAN 5
S. CARTER 3	J. WELCH Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Sunday, April 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten callings.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ERNEST HOLDER Treble	FRANK TUFFLEY 4
HORACE TERRY 2	FREDERICK KINCHIN 5
DENNIS KINCHIN 3	HOBERT BOWLES } Tenor
	OWEN KINCHIN }

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER T. HOOPER Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 4
JIM RALPH 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*WILLIAM J. MARSHALL ... 3	EDWARD J. ROWE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.

* First peal of Minor, and hail from Stourton, Wilts.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 4
*GEORGE POPNELL 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in seven methods. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. Popnell, R. G. Knowles and W. Short.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by: G. Clayfield 1, F. Boulstridge 2, L. Freeman 3, P. Grice 4, W. Brooker 5, W. Cursen 6, J. W. Cotton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Woodward 8. First quarter-peal by the local band, and rung at the first attempt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO MR. F. A. MILNE—CHANGE OF PLAN.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week, at St. James', Clerkenwell, London. In the afternoon, ringing took place at St. Giles', Cripplegate, as well as at St. James' Church, and a hearty service was conducted by the Rector of Clerkenwell, who gave an excellent address which he based generally upon the special lesson from the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel, comparing the warning of the bells in these days with the warning of the trumpets of old, and the ringers with the watchmen. He paid a tribute to the work done by members of the Middlesex County Association in instructing the young ringers at St. James' Church. The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Tea was served in the Crypt, and was followed by the business meeting, at which, in the absence of the president (Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane), who is abroad, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), who was supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (joint hon. secretaries), the Master (Mr. W. Pye), the district officers and members of the committee, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon).

The committee's report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed receipts amounting to £25 5s., and expenditure to £24 15s. 5d., leaving a balance at the end of the year of £30 10s. 8d., compared with £30 1s. 1d. on January 1st.

In their annual report the committee said that in electing a successor to the late Mr. F. A. Milne, the members, in unanimously choosing the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane as their president, had done well for the association. Since his ringers at Twickenham became affiliated he had taken a great interest in the art, and in this he set an excellent example to the clergy generally. 'As Rural Dean of Hampton,' says the report, 'we may confidently rely on him to look after the bells in his deanery, and as our president we may rest assured that the interests of the association will be his first consideration. The revival of interest shown in the meetings in recent years continued during 1930, which is most encouraging to those responsible for arranging them.'

HIGHEST YET.

'We are glad to record,' continued the report, 'a satisfactory increase in our membership, which now stands at 875, the highest number yet attained by the association. During the year we elected 3 honorary and 73 ringing members in the N. and E. District, and 1 honorary and 32 ringing members in the S. and W. District. An entirely new band has been formed at St. Andrew's, Enfield, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher are acting as instructors with satisfactory results. This tower has become affiliated to the association, as also has the tower of St. Lawrence, Brentford. The band at St. Mark's, Dalston, after an anxious time, has now become firmly established under the leadership of Mr. C. Randall. The efforts of Mr. G. Kilby are bearing fruit at Ruislip, where progress is being made. The ringers at All Saints', Poplar, have, however, signified their desire to withdraw from membership, and that tower has consequently been withdrawn from the list of affiliated towers. The total number of peals rung was 69, six of which were rung on hand-bells. The peals on church bells were rung in 33 different towers. In all, some 187 members took part in the peals, ten of whom rang their first peals, whilst there were 84 other members who accomplished something new. The number of conductors was 25, a rather higher figure than usual, and Mr. G. R. Goodship appeared in this list for the first time. The usual record of bell restoration work is a small one. The ten bells at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also returned and rehung the peal of eight bells at St. Lawrence Jewry. The contract for the augmentation of the Isclworth bells has been placed with the Whitechapel firm, and we have every reason to hope that the long looked for peal of ten in that part of the county will soon be in existence. A movement is also on foot to add two trebles to the Harrow Weald peal of six bells. Grateful thanks are given to all whose work as instructors is doing so much to keep the association going. This sort of work goes on apparently unnoticed, but it is none the less appreciated in spite of that. The self-imposed task brings its own reward, the goodwill of one's friends. We once more thank our hon. secretaries for their untiring work on behalf of the association. To repay them, let us not forget that they, who arrange the many meetings, also appreciate a good attendance, and then let us do our best to attend.'

The officers were re-elected, and Master Ernest W. Pye, son of Mr. William Pye, was elected a member of the association.

The Central Council's resolution inviting all associations to embody in their rules a rule to the effect that they should be affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, was considered, and its acceptance was proposed by Mr. Trollope. The association, he said, was already affiliated, and the question of abiding by its rules and decisions really meant very little. There was little that the Council could do that was in any way mandatory. It did not tell the associations that they should or should not do this, that or the other, but what the Council really did was to set standards, and there was evidence that its recommendations were accepted, in the long run, by the Exercise, and they were en-

tirely for the good of the Exercise.—Mr. J. Parker seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) reminded the members that at the last annual meeting it was decided to erect a memorial to the late president, Mr. F. A. Milne. The matter was referred to the committee, who in turn appointed a sub-committee to deal with it. They approached the Rector of Barnet with the idea of placing a mural tablet in that church, somewhat similar to the one placed there in memory of Mr. A. T. King a few years ago. The Rector fell in with their wishes, and drafted the inscription. A design and estimate were obtained from a sculptor, but when the faculty was applied for the Diocesan Art Advisory Committee withheld their consent to it unless the whole thing was recast, in wording, design, and lettering by 'a competent craftsman.' As it was impossible to get a faculty without the consent of the Advisory Committee, and as they did not feel inclined to pay fees for 'a competent craftsman' as well as the cost of the tablet and faculty, they felt compelled to find some other way out of the difficulty. The Rector had now agreed to a proposal to place in the tower a peal tablet recording the last peal rung by Mr. Milne, almost exactly eight years before his death, with a footnote to say that the tablet was placed there to his memory. Such a tablet would not require the sanction of the Advisory Committee.

The suggestion was agreed to, and the sub-committee empowered to get on with the work.

The hon. secretary appealed to those members who had not already subscribed to the fund to do so, and it was resolved that any balance needed should come out of the central fund of the association.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Twickenham, where the president of the association is Vicar.

The next business was to have been a discussion on the Central Council's agenda for the Liverpool meeting, but, as this has not yet been published, although according to rule it was due in the week before Easter, nothing could be done in the matter.

One or two points were, however, raised. Mr. Mayno suggested that the Council should distinguish between record peals of Maximus and Cinques, but it was pointed out that this was already done in the Council's Analysis of Peals. Mr. Roberts urged that some rule should be introduced to ensure that before record peals were attempted steps should be taken to check the composition to avoid another fiasco like that at Painewick.

Mr. J. Parker pointed out that no one could force a composer or conductor to reveal his figures, but it was up to the conductor to make sure the peal was true. If he was silly enough to ring twelve hours and then find out it was false, that was his fault.

Mr. Roberts said in the interests of the rest of the band he thought the figures should be submitted to a competent authority.

Mr. Parker: If I composed a twenty thousand of Cambridge Maximus I should not let Mr. Pye see it (laughter).

Mr. Coles: It may be news to Mr. Parker to know that we have already got a 24,000 (renewed laughter). Mr. Coles added that if a band liked to chance a composition and run the risk of finding out afterwards that it was false, that was their 'funeral'—the humiliation and disappointment were theirs.

No action was taken on the suggestion.

The hon. secretary read a letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' with regard to the Stedman Tercentenary, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke upon the subject. The meeting, on the motion of Mr. J. Parker, seconded by Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, voted a sum of £5 towards the fund for the restoration of St. Benet's bells, the central fund to be reimbursed from the district funds.

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers, proposed by Mr. J. Parker, and, on the motion of the chairman, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Clerkenwell, the Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, the Rector of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, the organist, the ringers and steeplekeeper at Clerkenwell, and the caterers.

Many of those present then enjoyed further ringing at St. James' Church, while others visited St. Sepulchre's. The ringing at the various churches during the afternoon and evening included London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Barnsley and District Association held their monthly meeting at Darfield on Saturday, April 11th. Considering the lovely weather and the good 'go' of these beautiful bells, the attendance was very poor. Only Cawthorne, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Wath and Darfield were represented, but those present were able to put in some good practice in various methods.

After tea, served in schoolroom, the business meeting was presided over by the curate (Rev. H. Y. Nacker). Three new members were elected, and Felkirk chosen for next place of meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for the excellent tea served concluded the business. Ringing was then continued.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL APPROVED.**

The annual meeting held in Birmingham on Saturday was sparsely attended by members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Nuncaton and Warwick. The bells of St. Chad's Cathedral and Bishop Ryder's Church were available during the afternoon, and ringing in various methods was accomplished before tea. This was partaken of in the school attached to Bishop Ryder's Church. The Guild was pleased to welcome Mr. T. H. Reeves and Mr. W. C. Dowding, of St. Martin's Guild, to tea.

The business meeting followed the tea, and Mr. H. Argyle was voted to the chair. The reports for the years 1929-30 were distributed, and the balance sheet shown therein was passed. The hon. secretary's report, giving the Guild's total membership as 287, was taken as read.

The question as to the Guild's affiliation to the Central Council was brought up, and Mr. F. W. Perrens proposed that a new rule be added, viz.: 'That this Guild be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'—This was seconded by Mr. W. Stote and carried unanimously.

With regard to Stedman's tercentenary, all the members were in favour of making a grant towards the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, but in order to adhere to Rule 16 ('That all members moving resolutions having a call upon the funds of the Guild for outside objects shall give at least three months' notice'), Mr. F. W. Perrens gave notice of motion that he would bring the question up at the July quarterly meeting, when it is hoped that a definite sum will be allocated.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, except the president, Rev. J. L. White, who desired to be relieved of the position, as he could not devote as much time as he would like to the Guild.—Rev. J. A. B. Davies, Vicar of Chilvers Coton, was elected to the office.

The July quarterly meeting was fixed for Stratford-on-Avon, and the May and June monthly meetings for Bickenhill and Wolvey respectively.

Four new members were elected, and the election of one prior to a peal was ratified.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the ladies who prepared the tea, and to Mr. James George, who had made all the arrangements for the use of the bells and for tea.

Ringling was resumed at Bishop Ryder's Church for a short time during the evening. D. E. L.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH BEGIN SERIES OF LECTURES.**

The Devizes Branch quarterly meeting was held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, on Saturday, April 11th. This tower contains a very fine peal of eight bells, which were recast and rehung in 1925. The tenor weighs about 18 cwt. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall. The chair was taken by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who gave a hearty welcome to all and especially the visitors. Three new members from Melksham were elected to the Guild.

It was provisionally decided to hold the next three meetings as follows: At West Lavington in May, Steeple Ashton in June, and the half-yearly at Trowbridge first Saturday in July, but Steeple Ashton is now being substituted for West Lavington.

Mr. E. F. White, of Warminster, was unanimously elected as vice-chairman of the branch, the vacancy being caused by the death of Mr. B. L. Cook, of Bratton, in January last.

The chairman reminded those present that the annual festival of the Guild would be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the meeting to a close, and the tea followed, the following towers being represented at the tables: Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), Southbroom, Warminster, Rowde, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Trowbridge and Melksham. Ringing visitors were also present from Swindon, Bathford, Weston and Bath.

After the tea, the first of the branch lectures on 'Ringing' was given by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge. Mr. Andrews suggested these lectures to the branch at the beginning of the year, and this one, being the first of a series, was of special interest to the young ringers. It was very evident, however, that all were deeply interested, everyone being of the opinion that this departure is decidedly a step in the right direction. Mr. Andrews was heartily thanked for his very interesting lecture, and arrangements will be made for the next of the series to be given as early as possible.

It was the wish of the Vicar, the Rev. B. Aston, that the Guild service should be held with the usual evening service at 6 p.m. This was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address to the ringers. The singing was hearty; in fact, the whole service was one that made ringers feel proud that they were privileged to take part in it.

After the service, ringing was continued till about 8 p.m. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. MORE SUPPORT FROM GUILDS.

The proposal to celebrate the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth by restoring the bells on which he rang at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, is meeting with widespread approval. Wherever the subject is mentioned ringers hail with pleasure the opportunity of doing something to commemorate the interesting event, on the lines suggested in 'The Ringing World.'

In addition to the grants and provisional votes by associations announced last week towards the fund for the restoration of St. Benet's bells, the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting on Saturday, voted £5 5s., and the Warwickshire Guild, which also met on Saturday, accepted notice of a motion to make a grant at the next quarterly meeting. In addition, the Suffolk Guild has requested the hon. secretary to take steps to assist the fund among Suffolk towers when the time arrives to take action.

In the meantime, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn has kindly undertaken to act as hon. treasurer of the fund until the meeting of the Central Council.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The report of the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will appear in our next issue.

Two additional bells are to be placed in the tower of Dunstable, Beds, as a memorial to the late Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association.

The third instalment of Mr. J. A. Trollope's history of the College Youths will be published next week.

Next Monday is the anniversary of three noteworthy events in the history of the College Youths. Seventy years ago on that day, they rang the celebrated 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, in 1868 they rang the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, and in 1901 St. Stephen's, Westminster, band scored, for the first time, three Surprise peals in one day.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in April, 1800 (we have not got the exact date), the Cumberland Youths attempted to ring 15,136 Oxford Treble Bob at Edmonton. In the ninth hour, 'an unlucky accident befel Mr. George Gross, the composer of the peal. When making an attempt to slacken his knee-buckle his leg entangled in the coil of the rope, by which he was elevated to a considerable height and, thence falling down on his head, he broke his collar bone. Had it not been for this accident, no doubt the feat would have been accomplished, and the performers crowned with perpetual honour.'

The peal of Minor at Macclesfield, Cheshire, on April 18th, was the outcome of a quick change of venue. The peal was started at St. James' Church, Sutton, but owing to illness nearby ringing had to be stopped. The Vicar of Christ Church, Macclesfield, was approached and readily granted permission, with the result that another and successful attempt was made. The band are indebted to the Rev. S. J. F. Sharples for allowing the use of the bells at a moment's notice.

Mr. J. A. Trollope has been appointed one of the churchwardens of Christ Church, Ealing.

Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, who has been spending the winter in South Africa, is expected to arrive in England about May 1st. He is returning via Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Two young people have scored their first peal at Handsworth, Sheffield, where they took part in a peal of Bob Major. They were Miss Mildred Higgins, aged 15, who rang the treble, and John Gilbert, who is only 12, and rang the 2nd. They both performed well.

We understand that as a result of the dedication and ringers' opening of Hinton bells last Saturday, a new menu is suggested for future Johnson dinners. It runs something like this: Syson turkey, Loughborough salmon, banana sandwich, and—it's a secret, but it's a beverage, and the two Johns (of the aforesaid turkey and Spiced Minor fame respectively) will probably tell you if you apply to them.

Is it a fact that Hinton 2nd (the ringer's bell) is in danger of a fate similar to that which befel a former Worcester Cathedral treble? Someone fell in love with it as being a perfect little bell, but was informed he was only entitled to his particular share of it. (Apologies to Mr. F. E. Dawe.)

And what about those coats? In spite of last Saturday's large gathering, Hinton is too small a place in which to lose things—in fact, it is without precedent. But if any gentleman who arrived home with the wrong coat will communicate with any other in a like predicament, perhaps a satisfactory exchange can be effected.

FOUNDER OF THE BARRON BELL TRUST.

MEMORIAL BELLS AT GREAT HOLLAND.

Last Saturday will be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of Great Holland, Essex. It was the occasion of the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of a new ring of eight bells placed in the tower of the Parish Church in memory of Miss Emma Barron, who by a bequest founded a trust for the provision and restoration of church bells. Long before the time fixed for service, 3 p.m., the church was filled to its full capacity. Many were unable to gain admittance, and remained standing in the porch. The service commenced with 'The Old Hundredth' as a processional. The service was taken by the Rev. J. B. Barton, M.A., Rector. Canon R. B. Tollington, D.D., Rural Dean, read the lesson from Numbers x. 1-10. Immediately after the dedication by the Bishop, a few rounds were rung by eight officers of the Essex Association as the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel. The hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple, all our bells a-set on high,' was then sung.

The Bishop, in his sermon, referred to the use of bells, and expressed a hope that their message would have an inspiring effect upon all who heard them. He thanked from the pulpit the trustees of the Barron Bell Trust for their splendid gift to the church and parish.

'Hark on high the joyful music! Hark the concert of the bells!' was sung as the collection was taken.

As the large congregation were leaving, a touch of 448 Superlative Surprise Major was rung by: R. W. Stannard 1, C. H. Howard 2, W. J. Nevard 3, E. J. Butler 4, F. Ridgwell 5, G. Green 6, W. Keeble (conductor) 7, A. A. Saunders 8. For the first time in its history, from the massive and lofty Tudor tower a peal of bells rung in changes was pouring out its music to the village and fields around and the wide expanse of surging sea.

The ninety visiting ringers, representing thirty-nine parishes, were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall. The Bishop and Rector were present and expressed their pleasure and thanks to all who had come, some from very long distances, to make the day a success.

Mr. A. W. Eldred, a trustee of the Barron Bell Trust, was also present, and expressed his appreciation of the Essex Association and its work in the diocese.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) thanked the Bishop for his encouraging references to the ringers in his sermon, and to the Rector for his invitation and warm welcome to the ringers, and for the gentlemen who so kindly provided the tea.

The new bells are a very musical ring, with a tenor of 15 cwt. hung in an iron frame, with ball bearings and the latest improved fittings. The tone and 'go' were considered by all to be perfect, and reflect great credit on the firm of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Mr. Denison Taylor, the head of the firm, was present, and not a few took the opportunity of congratulating him on his success in producing such an excellent peal.

The name of the founders appears on each bell, with the following lettering on the tenor:—

Glory to God in the Highest. The peal of eight bells is placed in the Tower of Great Holland Church by the Barron Bell Trust in memory of the Founder of this Trust, Miss Emma Barron, of Great Holland, who died March 1st, 1930, aged 93 years.

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The two mediæval bells which hung in the old frame are being retained. One is still used as the five-minute bell. It is hoped that a band of ringers will shortly be formed in the parish, several ringers in the adjoining parishes having expressed their willingness to help.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Kintbury on Saturday, April 18th, when, despite the weather, about twenty members attended during the afternoon and evening from Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Highclere, Newbury, Oxford, Thatcham and Kintbury. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. G. Hughes), who gave a very interesting address, Mrs. Hughes presiding at the organ.

Tea was served at the Dundas Arms by Mr. Godson, and the business meeting followed, over which the Rev. C. R. G. Hughes presided in the absence of the chairman of the branch (the Rev. H. Bonsey). The summer meeting was fixed for East Isley on Saturday, June 20th, a combined practice to be held at Thatcham on Saturday, May 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Hughes for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Mrs. Hughes for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Godson for providing the tea, on the motion of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis), seconded by Mr. W. Mathews. The tower was again visited, and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE RESTORATION OF STEDMAN'S BELLS.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association took place at Cambridge on Easter Monday, when the bells of Great St. Mary's (12), the Church of Our Lady (8), Great St. Andrew's (8) and the Church of St. Benedict (Stedman's tower) (6), were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. Divine service, which was well attended, was held in Great St. Mary's Church, and conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. C. Essex, who gave an excellent address.

The annual meeting was held prior to the service in the vestry of Great St. Mary's, and presided over by the Vicar. Although poorly attended, a good deal of useful business was transacted in the limited time allowed for the meeting. A letter of apology was read from Rev. A. H. F. Boughey regretting his inability to attend, and expressing his best wishes for a successful meeting.

The secretary's annual report and balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £22 10s. 7d., was adopted. Among the items mentioned in the report were the recasting and rehanging of the old peal at All Saints', St. Ives, Hunts, and the rehanging and augmentation of the peal at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey. There were 29 peals rung during the year, 4 in Major methods and 25 in Minor methods.

Special reference was also made to the proposed scheme to restore St. Benet's bells in connection with Fabian Stedman's tercentenary.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: General secretary and treasurer, Rev. B. H. T. Drake; district secretaries, Archdeaconry of Wisbech and Marshland Branch E. Barker, Archdeaconry of Ely Miss K. Willers, Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Miss D. Clarke; and auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Certain rules were amended, and in future the district branches will elect their officers prior to the annual meeting.

A proposal to erect a memorial to the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, for many years district secretary of the Hunts Archdeaconry, in Longstanton Church, was discussed, and it was agreed to act jointly with the Cambridge University Guild. A small sub-committee was appointed to report at a later date, when the fund was complete. Mr. C. W. Woolley expressed his thanks to the association, and generously offered on behalf of his family to defray the cost of the necessary faculty.

Rev. E. C. Essex was elected as an hon. member of the association.

A letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' was read concerning the proposed restoration of the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, and the sum of £10 was voted from the association funds for this purpose when the scheme is launched.

Special reference was made to the serious illness of Mr. John Taylor, who has served on the Diocesan Committee for over thirty years, and has seen service in Great St. Mary's choir for over forty years, and the chairman promised to convey the meeting's good wishes for his recovery when he next visited him in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbents for the use of the bells, the chairman, steeplekeeper, and officers of the association. During the morning, afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to Stedman Triples and Caters and Major methods at the 8 and 12 bell towers, and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor at St. Benet's.

The next annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, 1932.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BELL RESTORATIONS IN GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A summer-like day brought together a very good gathering of the Grimsby District at Winterton on Saturday, April 11th. Towers represented were Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Thornton-Curtis, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Uleby, and St. Andrew's, Grimsby, the Rev. J. H. Park, of Thornton-Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell, of Grimsby, and the local ringers being also present. Rev. H. Malkinson, the Vicar, conducted the service, and gave a hearty welcome to the members.

The peal of six bells in Winterton tower badly needs restoration, and an effort is to be made during the year to carry this into effect.

Twenty-six members and friends sat down to tea at a local hotel. Owing to the unfortunate illness of the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), the Vicar of Winterton presided over the business meeting. A collection for the Grimsby District bell fund amounted to 9s.

If the next meeting, which should be held at Caistor on Saturday, May 16th, cannot be arranged, it was decided to hold it at Burton-on-Stather on that date.

A proposal was carried that the district meetings should be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

The Rev. J. H. Park, of Thornton-Curtis, spoke of the great help the members had given him in starting the fund for the restoration of Thornton-Curtis bells, which work is to be put in hand at once.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his very welcome and instructive address; to Mr. H. Hall for presiding at the organ; to Mr. H. Rushby, of Grimsby, for reading the lesson; to the caterers and to those who had made arrangements, concluded the meeting, after which members returned to the belfry, when members from Lincoln Cathedral joined them.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. GRATIFYING FINANCIAL POSITION.

There was a large gathering of ringers at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. The service, held at noon, was conducted by the Vicar of Tonbridge (Rev. Canon Stuart H. Clark), and the lesson was read by the Rev. J. Cropper (Penshurst). The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Rochester, whose address was based on the words, 'Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together' (Hebrews x. 25).

After the service a company numbering about 200 sat down to luncheon at the Carlton Cafe, the Bishop presiding, supported by Canon Clark, the Rev. J. Cropper and the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne).

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) proposed 'The health of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops and clergy of the county.' They were, Mr. White said, very glad to have the Bishop of Rochester present with them, and hoped that the hearty reception he had received would encourage his Lordship to visit them again. They also welcomed the Vicar of Tonbridge, Mr. Cropper and Mr. Schreiber. The clergy, continued Mr. White, took a keen interest in the association. They never neglected bellfries. The relationships between the clergy and the bellringers were invariably happy.

The Bishop of Rochester, replying, said he could not speak to them as a bellringer, for he had never had the opportunity of learning that art. He was, however, keenly interested in campanology. The Archbishop of Canterbury had expressed his gratification at being able to be present with them at their last annual gathering, which showed he was interested in the association. Mr. White had referred to the excellent relationship which existed between the clergy and the bellringers. He (the speaker) was sure that this was so. The clergy knew what great work the bellringers were performing. The Church owed a very great debt of gratitude to her bellringers. Whenever it was possible, he made a point of visiting the belfry to speak to the ringers (applause). He wanted the people of the Church to realise what good the bellringers were doing. They wanted to do all they could to further the cause of bellringing. He thanked them for the fine reception they had given him, and wished the association every success (loud applause).

The Rev. J. Cropper, responding for the clergy, said he had one advantage over the Bishop, for he (the speaker) had been a bellringer. He was quite certain that he was expressing the wish of all the clergy when he said the bellringers were welcome to visit all the towers in the county (hear, hear).

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Following the luncheon, the business meeting was held, the Rev. J. Cropper presiding. The Bishop of Rochester was compelled to leave early, and made his exit amid musical honours.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, honorary secretary, read a list of apologies for absence, which included one from the late hon. secretary, the Rev. Canon Helmore.

In submitting the annual report, Mr. Mitchell said the jubilee gathering, held at Canterbury last year, was a red-letter day in the history of the association. They had lost several prominent members through death. Their membership was being well maintained, there being two life members, fourteen honorary members and twenty honorary life members added during the year. The number of peals rung in 1930 on six, eight and ten bells was 134—a big increase on last year's total. The association was in a satisfactory financial position. The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £47 6s. The belfry repairs account showed a balance of £117 17s. 8d., and £25 had been paid to five churches during the year. Out of the Benevolent Fund £16 was paid for distressed cases during the year, and there was a credit balance of £158 2s. 6d. The invested funds amounted to £547 3s. 8d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber said that the Bishop was very much interested in the Twelve Churches Fund. As the association was in such a flourishing financial condition, he thought they could make a grant towards the Twelve Churches Fund.

It was decided to refer the matter to a future meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Steed (Tonbridge) all the officers were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. J. Steddy (Edenbridge) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mitchell, who, he said, had put in a great amount of work for the association during the past year. The large gathering they had present was proof of some of his activities. Their thanks were also due to the other officials (applause).

The motion was carried with enthusiasm, the secretary briefly replying. It was resolved that the secretary should write to Canon Helmore expressing regret at his absence.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, spoke of the proposed memorial to Fabian Stedman. The committee earlier in the day had voted £5 5s. provisionally to the Memorial Fund.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the clergy who had placed their towers at the disposal of members for ringing that day. These churches were SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, St. Mary's, Chiddingstone, St. John-the-Baptist's, Penshurst, St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, St. Mary's, Speldhurst, and St. Giles', Shipbourne.

A FRIENDLY INVASION.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT TADCASTER.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held their Easter Monday meeting at Tadcaster, and a very successful gathering it proved to be. Tadcaster is rather a long way from the Cleveland area, but the excursion from the usual haunts proved to be a very fortunate innovation. The Middlesbrough ringers attended in force, the occasion being their annual outing. Members and friends also attended from Sharrow, Ripon, Thirsk, Headingley (Leeds), Armley (Leeds), Bradford, Pontefract, York Minster and Huntingdon. The local band were, of course, in full attendance.

The Middlesbrough band had the pleasure of a tour through John Smith's breweries (and, incidentally, of sampling the brews) before lunch.

The bells were raised in peal at 2.30, and were kept going to touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandfire Triples.

A short meeting was held in the belfry with the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard) in the chair, supported by the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). The president welcomed Mr. Percy Johnson (secretary), Mr. Cotterill (treasurer), Mrs. Cotterill, and the numerous other friends from the Yorkshire Association who attended. A letter was read from the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, welcoming the meeting to Tadcaster, and it was resolved that the president write thanking Mr. Marshall for his letter. The President explained that one reason for the Cleveland Association holding their meeting at Tadcaster was that the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland Association officials and members could meet each other with a view to a better understanding being reached as to the aims of the two associations, and it is felt that this object has been achieved.

The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells, and the local band were accorded the applause of the meeting for their success in making the day such a happy one.

Several ringers (including Mr. Johnson) were elected members of the Cleveland Association.

The weather was fine, the meals excellent, the company good, the ringing and striking grand, and the bells went 'a treat.' The Cleveland Association tradition that every ringer present be asked and urged to ring, and any ringer who desired to practise another method be encouraged, was kept up.

It is certain that this departure from the usual haunts of the Cleveland Association was such a huge success that it will not be the last of its kind.

J. C. P.

BRAUGHING'S INTERESTING TOWER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Herts County Association was held at Braughing on Saturday last, when thirty members and friends paid a visit to this interesting and historical tower, made noteworthy not only by the long peal of Bob Major rung there, but also by its long connection with change ringing and by the fact that the Benington band, famous at that time for their Surprise ringing, visited Braughing on May 10th for forty years without a break. Very little change has taken place in the village, for the old cottages nestle round the church in their simple rustic style, as they have for centuries past.

A service was held in the church, the Vicar giving the address and offering a very hearty welcome to those present. The singing of the hymns was remarkably hearty, and was accompanied by the organ, at which the schoolmaster, Mr. Ruckland, kindly presided. Old Braughing is well worth a visit by anyone at any time.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULES.

The attendance at the quarterly meeting held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday last was not up to the customary strength, partly due to the fact that Burton is situated at the extreme north of the archdeaconry, away from the more thickly studded towers of the Black Country, and partly on account of the inclement weather, but those who did attend had the pleasure of listening to and having a pull on the fine ring of ten during the afternoon and evening.

At the service, the Rev. John Goodacre (Vicar) gave an inspiring address, and prefaced his remarks by giving the members a hearty welcome. An adjournment was then made to the Institute, where a capital tea was laid, arranged by Miss Irwell and lady friends, to whom, later, a vote of thanks was accorded. In her reply, Miss Irwell said it was a pleasure to do anything for ringers.

A summary of the business transacted at the committee meeting was given, including that a resolution will be moved at the annual meeting to alter Rule 6, also one to the effect of abiding by the rules and decisions of the Central Council. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the local band was carried with applause.

The next meeting (annual) is arranged to take place at Lichfield on June 20th.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.**BELL RESTORATIONS DESIRED IN THE DIOCESE.**

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on Saturday, April 11th. This was a departure from the usual date of the meeting on Easter Monday, and was evidently appreciated by the numbers present, as over 60 sat down to tea in the Co-operative Hall, and there were a number of other ringers in the towers for the day. There had been a service in St. Mary-le-Tower, with a sermon by the Rev. C. S. Scott, incumbent of the new Church of All Hallows, Ipswich. This was of a very practical character, for, being a ringer himself, he could tell his hearers of the work that ringers are doing for the Church, and that which they could do.

At the meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Rev. R. Sinker, Rector of St. Matthew's, Ipswich. There was a balance in the accounts of £23, which, the report stated, was not enough to carry on with, as the income remained £5 less than the expenses. Mr. Mee and several others promised to raise some funds in the autumn.

Canon Goldsmith was elected president, the Rev. Robert Sinker was added to the vice-presidents; all the other officers and committee were re-elected. The secretary referred to the 'History of Change Ringing' by Mr. E. Morris, which had just been published, saying it would be called the 'Ringers' Bible.' The secretary also read a letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' outlining a scheme for restoring the bells in the Saxon tower of St. Benet's, Cambridge, on which Stedman rang, as a memorial of the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman.

Mr. George Symonds said that he was convinced that every ringer would wish to be connected with such a memorial, and the secretary was empowered to take the necessary steps to collect for this memorial from each member when the time came.

There was much discussion on the repairs necessary to bells, and the additions to rings which were desired in the diocese. The bells at St. Matthew's, St. Peter's and St. Mary at Quay in Ipswich were especially referred to, and the Chairman made an especial appeal for a sixth bell for St. Matthew's, which would cost £55. Great sympathy was expressed with this, and a collection amounting to £22 was made among those present.

At the request of the Central Council, it was unanimously decided to add to the rules words which showed that they would loyally abide by the rules and decisions of that Council.

The meeting also unanimously supported the proposal that associations should be allowed to send in notices of motion after their Easter meetings.

Halesworth, Coddanham and Hissett were chosen as places for future meetings, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks. The members then returned to the towers for the ringing of many and difficult methods.

DEWSBURY RINGER MARRIED.

The wedding took place on April 4th of a well-known West Riding ringer, Mr. Walter Idle, who was married to Mrs. Margaret Birch at Dewsbury Parish Church. Many of Mr. Idle's old ringing friends turned up to witness the ceremony and to ring the bridal couple out of church. Owing to the bells at Dewsbury being in bad order, only a short touch was rung. In the afternoon a peal was attempted at Earlsheaton, but unfortunately came to grief.

Afterwards ringers and friends assembled at the Park Hotel for tea. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Idle visited the function and were the recipients of many good wishes. Mr. Idle was presented with a ringer's gold badge, the presentation being made by Mr. J. Broadley, Mr. G. H. Hardy being in the chair. Mr. Idle suitably replied, and at his request a good touch of Grandsire was rung on the handbells by the 'old uns': G. H. Hardy 1-2, J. Ruddleaden 3-4, W. Idle 5-6, J. Broadley 7-8. The party broke up later after having spent a very pleasant evening.

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NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, Saturday, April 25th. Special service in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral from 1.45 p.m., and at St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division. — The annual meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, in the Church Hall, 1s. 3d. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea. Good accommodation near by.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. and E. District.—Next meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 25th. Bells from 3. Tea, at 5.30, 1s. each. Please do let me know if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar at this service. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitstable, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. Edmies, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at East Budleigh. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30.—Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on Saturday, April 25th. Half rail fares allowed. Tea supplied for a small charge.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Members are asked to turn up in large numbers and make this meeting a great success.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, April 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—T. Grant, Hon. Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Saturday, April 25th, a meeting will be held at Barley. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. No business meeting. All ringers and friends are cordially invited to attend, but a card if you require tea will be much appreciated.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open 5.30. Meeting 7 p.m. Election of officers and other business. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting has been arranged at St. John the Baptist, Windsor, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., at 1s. per head. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Withington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, at the Mill Inn, 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) from 2.45. Tea at 5 p.m. Turn up in good numbers.—Perce C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good attendance is specially hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The bells of South Anston will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening of Saturday, April 25th. A church bazaar is being held in the village in aid of the Bell Fund. It will be opened by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall. Teas can be obtained. Good attendance requested.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Gamlingay on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at the Cock Inn, 5.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting, and an eight bell contest, at Elland, near Halifax, on April 25th. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Worthen on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) and meeting at 5 o'clock. A bus leaves Shrewsbury at 2.20 p.m. for Worthen, returning at 7.15 p.m.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Church Hall. Notifications for tea to E. F. Brooks, Hon. Sec., Beaminster, Dorset.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's, Froyle, at 4.30. Tea at the Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir Hubert Miller. All ringers welcome.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MUCH WENLOCK.—The Bishop of Hereford will dedicate, on Friday, May 1st, at 3 p.m., the restored and augmented peal of eight bells which has been hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough.

BROADWOODKELLY, DEVON.—The re-dedication by the Bishop of Exeter of the recast and augmented ring of 6 bells in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Ringing before and after tea. Concert 7.30 p.m. Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. E. W. Perry, The Rectory, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon, beforehand.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton (6) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me early? Bells available from 2 p.m.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SURFLEET.—A combined meeting of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) will be open all day. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and business meetings following. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me before Thursday, April 30th.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chrishall. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Buses from Hounslow (Central Station) pass church. Tea arranged. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, 28th inst.? Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be open from 2 p.m. Service at East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharfedale Street, Retford, by April 29th. Will all members make a special effort to attend. Visitors heartily welcomed. Good train and bus services from all directions. — H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Monkton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schoolroom. Those wanting tea please notify by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) and Steep (5) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please inform me by April 28th. All ringers welcome. — A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.30. Address by the Rev. C. V. de L. Surtees, Rector of Thurning. Tea and meeting to follow. Rectory gardens open to members.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street, St. Cuthbert's, on May 2nd, to commence at 2.30. Hoping to have a good gathering. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Leek (10 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, before April 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Preacher, the Rev. Lindsay James Coursey, Vicar of Christ Church, Southport. Tea, at 6 p.m., at a small charge to all who notify Mr. James Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk, not later than Wednesday, April 29th. Ormskirk bells will be available in the evening. All ringers and friends welcome, especially the members of the two branches, to make the meeting a success. — James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 28th.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5.30. Those requiring tea please inform me by Thursday, April 30th.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. It is most important that those requiring tea (9d. each) should notify me by 30th inst. at very latest. Will members also note that there is no train service available, but there are frequent buses from Ashby. Subscriptions can be paid and reports obtained at this meeting. Please see that it is well attended.—John Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, May 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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, May 2nd. All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6), Exning (5) will be available from 2.30. Service 4.15, All Saints'. Tea 5, at Lake-man's, 1s. each. Meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guild-borough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me?—R. Adams, East Hadden, Northants.

RICKMANSWORTH (8 bells), Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 6. Cheap tickets by motor or train from all parts. Number for tea by 27th to Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards in the Church Room. Will those requiring tea please let me know by April 29th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in room near to church at 4.30 p.m., when a presentation will be made to the members of the district. Visitors welcome. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid. Method for special attention: Cambridge Surprise Minor. Tea arranged for those who will let me know by April 30th.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, May 2nd. Six bells, ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for. Company's bus leaves the Black Boy Yard, Nottingham, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. —The annual general meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Will those requiring tea please notify the secretary, G. A. Webley, Faringdon?

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, May 6th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, and the address will be given by the Rev. Canon A. I. Greaves, Venerable Archdeacon of Oakham. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 5th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddington on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th. 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 Woodford on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. In order that adequate arrangements can be made, will all those intending to be present and requiring tea, please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th, certain? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th. — W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15. Preacher, Rev. Canon Coleridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15, price 1s. 6d. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec.

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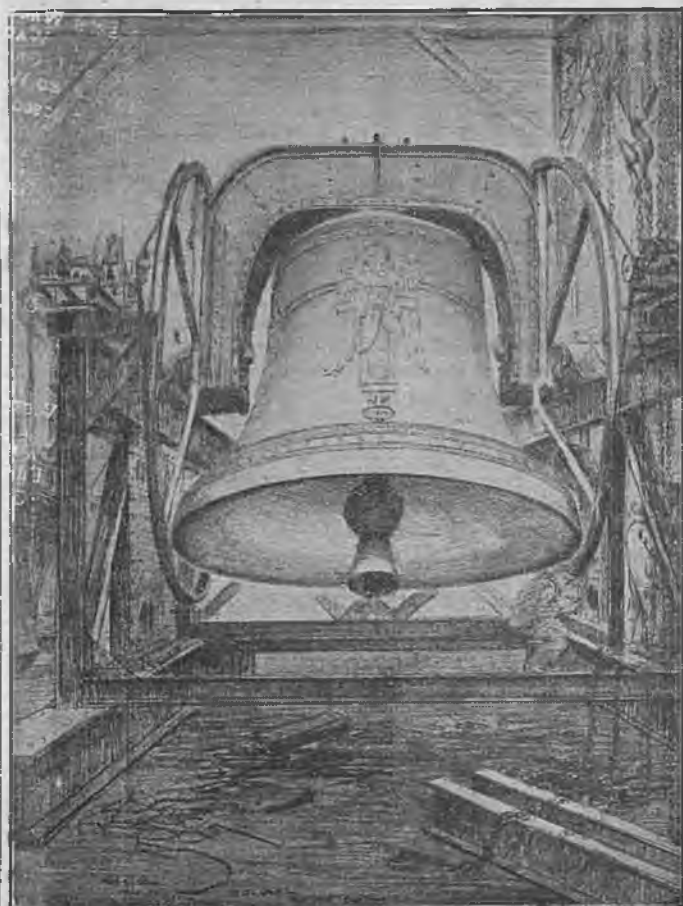
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THE LIVERPOOL MEETING.

The agenda of the Liverpool meeting of the Central Council is published in this issue. Its belated appearance is, we learn, due to the absence of Mr. Young, the hon. secretary, from this country, which resulted in a certain amount of dual responsibility in regard to it. On the face of it, the agenda is much like that of many previous provincial meetings, except that it contains an item which, for more than a quarter of a century at any rate, has been found only in the business of the London meetings—the election of an honorary secretary and treasurer. This indicates that Mr. Young, who has served the Council so zealously for ten years, is seeking relief from office. He wanted to retire last year, but gave way to the pressure put upon him to remain so that a double change of president and secretary might be avoided. Now, apparently, Mr. Young thinks that the time has come when he might conveniently lay down the burden of office, and he can do so in the knowledge that his work has been well done and his services highly appreciated by the Council.

The rest of the agenda looks, to some extent, commonplace; but it is possible that the meeting may prove of more than ordinary interest. The Standing Committee will have to report on the suggested amendment of rules, which in effect means an amendment of the constitution of the Council; the Methods Committee will have something to say on the delayed publication of the Minor Collection; and on the report of the Analysis Committee there is likely to be a challenge to the admission of peals of a certain type. Here are three subjects, at least, which may lift the discussions out of a humdrum atmosphere and perhaps give rise to a certain amount of liveliness in the debates. In addition, the Council are to be asked to give their official support to the scheme for commemorating the Stedman Tercentenary on the lines suggested by 'The Ringing World'; and there may be divided opinion among the members upon some of the other motions of which notice has been given.

The Council's business proceedings have the promise, therefore, of providing a full day's work, but this will be pleasantly sandwiched between a reception by the Lord Mayor; a lunch given by the Lancashire Association, and a tea at which the members will be the guests of Liverpool's chief magistrate. Many other social arrangements have been made by the local committee, extending from Saturday until Wednesday. There is, however, one detail in the arrangements which it has not yet been possible to settle satisfactorily, and that is the question of railway fares. The best conditions which

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Mr. Cave, the acting secretary, has so far been able to obtain, are tickets at a fare and a third for parties of not less than the equivalent of four adults, travelling together. As, with few exceptions, there are no centres from which even four members are likely to travel together this concession is unlikely to be of much real benefit. If the Railway Clearing House could make their conditions a little more elastic, they would gather most of the traffic that this meeting provides, but unless the acting secretary is successful in this direction, many ringers will doubtless avail themselves of the cheaper motor coach facilities which, while taking more time, afford a more pleasant and often a less crowded mode of transport.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	Treble	*ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	2	*JOHN T. KENTISH	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	9
THOMAS T. GOFTON	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ALBERT W. COLES	11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

*JOHN THORPE	Treble	†J. EDWARD CAWSE	7
†HEZEKIAH THORPE	2	SIDNEY F. PALMER	8
THOMAS B. KENDALL	3	ALBERT H. WARD	9
†HARRY MORGAN	4	†LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	10
†WILLIAM BARTON	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
ALBERT J. HUGHES	6	†WILLIAM E. H. ASH	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* 200th peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Also the 100th peal rung together by Messrs. J. Thorpe and S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield. First peal of Maximus on the bells. The conductor has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus inclusive.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6104 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	GEORGE A. CARD	8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	10
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	5	FRANCIS E. DAWE	11
THOMAS NEWMAN	6	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE COLLIER Treble	*THOMAS H. THEOBALD ... 6
ALBERT HARMAN 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
SYDNEY ELTON 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 8
†ARTHUR COLLIER 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN 9
ALAN R. PINK 5	GEORGE E. CLODE Tenor

Composed by BERNARD JEALOUS. Conducted by C. HAZELDEN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells, and first with a bob bell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5089 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	FRED READ 5
JAMES PARR 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
FRED BENTLEY 3	*FRED COCKSHOTT 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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

Rung as a compliment to the conductor, also as a birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey, of Nottingham. The conductor's 100th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 6
ROLAND BIGGS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	RALPH H. BIGGS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
CHARLES WEBB 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ERIC J. COLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ethel Langdon and Mr. John F. Atkins, who were married at this church earlier in the day. They have the best wishes of the band.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS M. HIGGINS (age 15) Treble	MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 5
*JOHN GILBERT (age 12) ... 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	ALBERT NASH 7
T. COLIN RYDER 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 in consecutive order in the last 36 courses, with 2-3 never in 6th's place.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5
THOMAS W. BOND 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6
GEORGE CLARK 3	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7
JOHN MONK 4	*FRED. W. FARMER, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal.

CROSTHWAITHE, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Kentigern,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEORGE BOWE Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	*WILLIAM HOGG 6
JIM TEBAY 3	FRANK WILSON 7
*HUBERT RICHARDSON ... 4	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	BRUCE P. CHEW 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN CLARK 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	WILLIAM BISHOP 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	HOWARD MEEK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Clayton, wife of the late Admiral Clayton, of the Wylands, Ruardean. The ringer of the 4th was elected a life member before starting.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Willesden,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWARD H. TODD Treble	DAVID WHITING 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	WILLIAM C. BUNN 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. The band represent three counties and eight parishes: Eye, Stoko Ash, Diss (Norfolk), Great Bentley (Essex), Yoxley, Wrentham, Stowupland and Debenham (Suffolk) respectively.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
*FRANK AINSLEY 2	*THOMAS H. REEVES 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Calling arranged by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. Reeves is from Birmingham. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
MRS. COLIN RYDER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
WILLIAM GREEN 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
*ARTHUR FRITH 4	COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells since they were rung in 1925. Rung on St. George's Day.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	*LESLIE R. GEORGE 5
JOHN CRAWFORD 2	*THOMAS NORMAN 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	†ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
*JOSEPH A. HOBSON 4	*EDWARD F. WOOLOFF ... Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Thursday, April 16th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 52 mins.: H. Crabbe 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Wines 3, H. Davies 4, J. Lovett 5, F. Lasbury 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	*FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Rector, the Rev. W. M. Browne.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Vigor and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS VIOLET E. SHORTER Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
BASIL D. BUTTERS 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
FRANK HARPER 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

GEORGE A. COOK Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
ALBERT NASH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Mr. Nash is from Rotherham, and Messrs. Green, Panther and Gill from Wath-on-Dearn. This peal was specially arranged for them, and was a birthday compliment to Mr. Gill.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	FRED BENTLEY 5
*JAMES FARR 2	FRED READ 6
WILLIE AARON 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. The composition is now rung for the first time. Rung on Gallipoli Day as a tribute to all who fell there.

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WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JONES Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
HARRY BOSWELL 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ERIC SANT 4	HERBERT E. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect, and in memory of the late Mr. Alfred Fallon, an esteemed member of St. Luke's band and of the above society.

KING'S NORTON (BY GAULBY), LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. 5
C. ARTHUR MANNING 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
HARRY L. SMITH 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 7
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Quickest peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Clarke. This is the 4th peal of Grandsire Triples here (1st 1776, 2nd 1816, 3rd 1929).

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
JOHN A. WAUGH 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER LONGMAN Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
*WILFRED STEVENSON 2	*GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 6
*THOMAS HURD 3	†HARRY PARKER 7
JOHN WORTH 4	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

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

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM A. MARTIN Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM EDWARD KILBEY 6
JOHN JAMES LAMB 3	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7
P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT 4	HENRY T. WILLSON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Rung as a respectful compliment to the Rector, Rev. Tom Wellard, B.A., B.D., upon his appointment as a Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral. Also as a birthday compliment to W. E. Kilbey upon attaining his 22nd year. It was his first attempt for a peal 'inside.'

GROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles by the local band: S. Baileys (first 720) 1, W. A. Wood 2, J. H. Baileys 3, J. W. Lomas 4, F. Baileys (conductor) 5, A. E. Warwick 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5640 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob, 15 six-scores of London Singles, and 14 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER FERN Treble	ALFRED J. ELLIOTT 4
ALBERT LACK 2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	SIDNEY CORBY Tenor

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

Rung for the first birthday of the conductor's son.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	FRANK DEWEY 4
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 2	JOHN YOUNG 5
WILLIAM WILKINSON 3	FRANK P. HARWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal in three methods.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	NOEL WILES 4
*REGINALD WEST 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

* First peal away from the treble.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN W. L. SLACK Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
WILLIAM GAYES 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
JACK TIPPER 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE A. COOKE Treble	*GORDON L. DYE 4
EDWARD C. COOKE 2	*FRANK V. GANT 5
†MISS JESSIE R. COOKE 3	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. COOKE.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and 720 of Plain Bob.

*REGINALD BROCKET Treble	EDWARD FROSELL 4
*CHARLES BRAMSON 2	REGINALD WEST 5
NOEL WILES 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

RIEBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.
JOHN SANDERSON Treble ISAAC WHALLEY 4
THOMAS HOWARTH 2 FRED HINDLE 5
THOMAS TATTERSALL 3 ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for Mr. T. Tattersall, of Ribchester, who has been a ringer for fifty years, and this was his first peal. Afterwards he kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

MAKER, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JULYM, MARY AND MACRA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
*ALLEN WEATHERLY Treble SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY 4
WILLIAM HAMBLYN 2 GEORGE HARRY MYERS 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3 THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. S. Herbert, for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT ALPHA COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Catherine's) 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Catherine's) 7-8
Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT ALPHA COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 8-1 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 4-5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catherine's) 2-3 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Catherine's) 6-7
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | *BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4 | JACK BRAY 7-8
Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by MRS. J. BRAY.

* First peal in hand away from 7-8. First peal as conductor.

ENFIELD.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

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

*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
*EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8
Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

* First peal in the method on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Fourteenth Council (39th Annual Meeting) will be held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 26th, 1931, 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 hon. secretary and treasurer.
- 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) Broadcasting.

MOTIONS.

- 8.—When any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens through unforeseen circumstances to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of the bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing. (Proposed by Rev. F. L. Edwards and seconded by Mr. W. A. Gave.)
- 9.—That in the interests of the Exercise this Council takes such steps as they deem necessary for the registration of compositions. (Proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton and seconded by Mr. A. E. Sharman.)
- 10.—That this Council deprecates the ringing of peals of Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and recommends guilds and associations to discourage this practice. (Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling.)
- 11.—(a) That the words Reverse, Double, Little or Bob be not used as names of methods, and (b) that the terms 'shunt' or 'hunting backwards' are not approved. (Proposed by Rev. H. Drake and seconded by Mr. Chas. Mee.)
- 12.—To fix the place of next year's meeting.
- 13.—Other business, if any.

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Honorary Secretary.

165, Rushey Green,
Catford, S.E.6.

THE LIVERPOOL PROGRAMME.

Saturday, May 23rd.—Gathering at headquarters, the Stork Hotel, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 24th.—Service ringing (towers and times notified at headquarters).

Gathering at headquarters, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 25th.—Afternoon trip to Oxton (Oxton bells available).

Gathering at headquarters, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26th.—The Council will meet in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, by kind permission of the Lord Mayor.

Standing Committee at 9.45 a.m.

Council meeting, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch at headquarters, 1.15 p.m. prompt. (By invitation of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.)

Council meeting, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tea at the Town Hall. (By invitation of the Lord Mayor.)

Ringling at St. Nicholas', 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Social evening at headquarters, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27th.—Masonic peal attempt at Tue Brook, 2 p.m.

Visiting brethren are invited to attend Lancastrian Lodge, 3631,

6.30 p.m. Please notify Bro. C. I. Davies.

From the above programme it will be seen that the local committee, of which Mr. C. I. Davies, of Caeleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, is hon. secretary, have left no stone unturned to give the members of the Council a good time. They will be able to make their efforts more successful, however, if intending visitors will communicate with them, indicating the day and time of their arrival and

any special point of interest they would like to see. For instance, if they would like to join a party to go over the Cathedral, or any other public building, or even a liner, it might be arranged, but the committee would like to know beforehand. All the ringing arrangements are in the hands of Mr. G. R. Newton, 3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool, S., to whom communications on that point should be addressed.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. B. WOOLLEY

At the annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association it was agreed that a memorial to the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, district secretary for many years in the Hunts Archdeaconry, should be erected in Loughstanton Church, where he, as Vicar, had the three bells augmented to the present musical ring of eight, which were always available to ringers.

A small joint committee of members of the Cambridge University Guild and Ely Diocesan Association has been set up to carry out the scheme and obtain estimates for a stone tablet.

It is felt that, besides members of the Ely Diocesan Association, many members of the Exercise in general would wish to give a small donation to this memorial, and any ringers desiring to do so should send their donations to Mr. T. R. Dennis, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge, who will gratefully acknowledge same. The other members of the Memorial Committee are Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. C. W. Woolley, W. H. J. Hooton, A. G. Rivers and C. W. Cooke.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at East Tytherley on Saturday, April 18th, when the fine peal of eight by Taylor and Co. were kept going during the afternoon. Tea and the business meeting were held at the Star Inn. Rev. G. T. Tritton, Rector of Dibden, presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams, vice-president, Mr. F. W. Rogers, general secretary, and Rev. Thomas (Romsey Abbey). Messrs. G. Cooper and A. Cerriman, Bishopstoke, were elected members of the Guild, and it was decided to hold a combined practice at St. Michael's, Southampton, on May 19th, at 6.30 p.m.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of East Tytherley and Lockerley for the use of the bells.

Towers represented at the meeting were Bishopstoke, Dibden, Romsey, Stockbridge, Titchfield, Portsea, North Stoneham, Winchester and Tytherley.

The next meeting will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 18th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 25th, and despite the wretched conditions of the weather was fairly well attended, twelve towers being represented. Good use was made of the bells, and service was conducted by the Rev. G. Coulson, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, and gave a most interesting address, in the course of which he reviewed the history of bells and referred to the reform which had taken place in the belfries during the last 25 years. Tea was nicely served in the schoolroom, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. G. Coulson presided.

A discussion took place on the leading articles appearing in the two preceding weeks' issues of 'The Ringing World,' which were read to the members present by the branch chairman (Mr. F. Skidmore). A resolution was unanimously passed, to be sent to the Master of the association, to the effect that the members of the Bristol Branch unanimously uphold the action of the association in regard to re-affiliation with the Central Council, and asking, in view of the fact that the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Council had not been issued in accordance with the rules, how could the association agree to pledge its allegiance to a body which failed to carry out its own rules?

The Chairman remarked that, as an outsider and unbiassed observer, brought into touch with the matter for the first time, it seemed to him there was room for improvement in the method of contact between the associations and the Council. The obvious remedy, and one which he thought would allay feeling in the associations, was to alter matters so that associations, as such, could send up their resolutions to the Central Council. In order to give them an opportunity of discussing resolutions, it was highly important that the agenda of the Council should be published unflinchingly some time beforehand. It was difficult for associations to be loyal to a body to which, as an association, they could send no resolution. It was an unhappy position for a representative to have to bring forward, in his own name, a matter with which, possibly, he might be out of sympathy as an individual, just because his association desired it. He would be an unwilling and, therefore, half-hearted advocate. Again, acting individually, he might support a proposal which did not commend itself to the association he represented.

The Bristol United Ringing Guilds' chairman, Mr. H. Burt, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells, and to the ladies for waiting at tea, and this concluded the meeting.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Llandaff and Mounmouth Diocesan Association are reminded that a meeting will be held at Whitechurch, near Cardiff, to-morrow.

To score his first peal after having been a ringer for fifty years is the unusual record of Mr. Thomas Tattersall, of Ribchester.

Peals at Wakefield Cathedral are a very rare occurrence. The first peal of Maximus on the bells was rung last Saturday, and it is interesting to note that the only previous peal on the twelve bells was Steidman Cinques on December 26th, 1908.

The lost coats at Hinton, referred to in this column last week, have been duly restored to their rightful owners. The parties concerned offer apologies to Hinton for creating precedent, and thus rudely shocking the peaceful bliss of the village. Says our correspondent: 'Roland found his Oliver (or was it Fred?), and the exchange duly made. As no Coppers were present, no Notes were taken, fares paid, and the return journey was enlivened by music and song.'

'THE ENGLISH PARISH CHURCH.'

AN INTERESTING VOLUME.

Ringers, as a whole, have an intense interest in their parish churches, and many of them have a fair knowledge of the history of their own particular church. How many, however, really know the origin of the parish or how the parish church, as such, has developed? 'Lost in the mists of antiquity,' is the way in which the layman generally sums up the position in explanation of his ignorance. Actually, of course, the mists, if they existed, have long since melted under the sun of historical research and antiquarian investigation, and there are numerous books on the subject. The latest, and one within the reach of all, has been written by Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, under the title of 'The English Parish Church,' and published by Longmans, Green and Co. at 3s. 6d. in the English Heritage Series. The volume covers the subject in a very readable form; it is an admirable survey of the growth of the parish church from the earliest days, viewed from the spiritual, ecclesiastical, secular and architectural aspects, which are treated in a manner that recaptures something of the varying 'atmosphere' of the ages and enables the reader to appreciate the changing setting of parochial life, centring round the church through the passing centuries, and its influence upon the development of the church.

'The material manifestation of the activity of the village people,' says the author in his 'foreword,' 'are the buildings which housed them, sheltered their beasts and gave storeroom to their goods. . . . The beauty given to farm lands and woods and the gracious quality of the buildings that served these find their truest expression in the parish churches that are among them. The country parish church rests against such a background, draws life from it, and returns to those who live beside it a gentle pervading incentive to remember that the fulness of life cannot be enjoyed unless the simple acts necessary to existence are ennobled by the poetry of skilful achievement—that is, of Art.'

'The study of the older churches,' he says, 'is of great interest. From them we may learn, without turning to other buildings, the development of mediæval and later architecture, the changing emphasis laid on different parts of the church services, something of the education of the common people, and much of the state of the arts.' And Mr. Powys proceeds to his task with the skill of one who is master of his subject.

The field which Mr. Powys covers includes the origin of the parish and the provision made for the cure of souls in it; the plans of parish churches and their architecture; the furniture and fitting of a parish church. He devotes an interesting chapter to secular and unusual uses of churches, and another to chantries and chantry priests. The author devotes a few pages to bells as part of the essential equipment of churches. 'Bell cages built at the end of the fifteenth century, and in the first years of the sixteenth,' he reminds us, 'still here and there have escaped the ardour of some modern bellringers, who associate with the word "mediæval" things out of date, clumsy and inefficient.' As an antiquarian, Mr. Powys may be forgiven if he does not agree with these modern bellringers, but we would remind him that it is not only modern bellringers who have considered it necessary to replace 'out-of-date, clumsy and inefficient' equipment in the belfry. This has been going on all through the ages. There is a greater desire in these days to preserve what is worth preserving than ever there was, but when, for instance, a bell frame becomes inefficient and beyond effective repair, ringers cannot be blamed for advocating that the old timbers should come right out of the tower. This, however, is not the place where we need discuss the matter. Mr. Powys has written a delightful book, both interesting and instructive, which should be in the possession of every ringer who loves his parish church and all that it stands and has stood for.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING AT LINCOLN.

Considerably over 100 ringers assembled at Lincoln on Saturday last for the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild. They were able to take part in ringing at the Cathedral, where, in St. Hugh's tower, hang a very fine ring of twelve, the product of the Loughborough Foundry. Not only are the bells themselves an example of modern excellence, but both inside and out of the tower the sound has been modulated so that the ringers can hear every bell perfectly, and the public suffer not the slightest annoyance. In fact, the acoustical arrangements are a perfect example of what every bell tower ought to be. Many of the visiting ringers rang on twelve bells for the first time, and went away highly gratified with a new experience, but naturally under such conditions the twelve-bell ringing was not always characterised by good striking. At the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's touches in many Minor methods were rung.

Service, brief but inspiring, was conducted by the Bishop of Grantham in one of the Cathedral chapels, and the address on the witness of the ringers through the bells was eloquent and uplifting, and its lessons likely to be long remembered by all who heard it.

Tea was served in the Co-operative Hall, after which the annual business meeting was held, over which the president (Sub-Dean Jeddwine) presided, supported by the Master (the Rev. H. Law James), who is only just recovering from a rather prolonged illness, Mr. F. W. Stokes (hon. secretary), Mr. E. F. Linley (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. S. W. Butler (Northern Branch secretary), Rev. H. T. Parry and Messrs. G. Chester, J. A. Freeman, F. Dewey and J. T. Brown (members of the committee). An apology for absence was received from the Recorder of Lincoln (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), who said that at his suggestion a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' had been placed in Lincoln Public Library.

The President said that the Dean of Lincoln had been president of the Guild for a great many years, and he had approached the present Dean, suggesting that he was the right and proper person to be nominated for the office. He had pointed out that the ringers would greatly appreciate his acceptance of the office, but the Dean, on each occasion that the matter had been mentioned, had given the same answer, that he would rather not be nominated at present.

The Master said he thought he could guess the reason why the Dean did not desire to be nominated at present. The Sub-Dean had been, as Dean Fry was, a great friend to the ringers, and he proposed his re-election as president for the ensuing year.

The motion was carried with applause, and the Sub-Dean said in reply that he would do anything he could to promote the objects of the Guild.

MORE CAREFUL INSTRUCTION NEEDED.

The Rev. H. Law James was unanimously re-elected Master, and the Sub-Dean expressed the hope that he would soon be entirely restored to health.

Mr. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Linley hon. treasurer.

The Master presented a report, in which he congratulated the Cathedral band on the peal of Stedman Cinques. The eighty-seven peals rung in the year were the largest number that the Guild had reached so far. Sixteen Surprise methods in a peal of Minor was a great credit to the Southern Branch. 'These three items,' added the report, 'are very encouraging, and the various meetings which I have attended during the year all show signs of progress, and the appearance of young ringers at these meetings is very satisfactory; but I wish that those who initiate young ringers into the art would be much more careful in instructing them in the proper way to handle a bell rope. It is far easier to teach a beginner to handle his rope properly at once, than it is to eradicate faults afterwards, and a slack rope invariably produces bad striking.'

The report was received and the balance sheet of the Diocesan Guild was adopted. The receipts had been £28 2s. 4d., and the expenditure £27 3s.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee having intimated, in reply to a resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the Guild, that they would welcome a representative of the Guild to give them advice on matters connected with bells, the Master was unanimously appointed.

A letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' drawing attention to the proposed commemoration of the Stedman Tercentenary, having been received, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who was present, was invited to speak on the subject. He explained the scheme, and outlined the proposals for the restoration of the bells. The probable cost, he said, was £350, and this would mean a big effort, but he believed, if the Exercise would enter wholeheartedly into the project, it could be carried through. The opportunity was unique, and he hoped that the associations and ringers of this country would do something worthy of the opportunity.

The proposal was favourably received, and the Master suggested that it should be brought before the branch meetings for the branches to deal with.

Thanks to the chairman and to the authorities who had placed their bells at the disposal of the ringers concluded the business, and ringing then occupied attention at the three towers.

THE BELLS OF A WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGE. HOW RINGERS HELPED TO PROVIDE A RING OF EIGHT.

The little parish of Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham, is now in proud possession of a handy and musical octave of bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. in G. For over 200 years five bells had done duty, these having been cast by Messrs. Clarke and Bushell at Evesham, and in spite of the fact that the frame was constructed for six, and space left in the tower for two extra trebles on the same level, a move could not be made until the old ones became unsafe to ring just over a year ago. The old oak frame, which is in good condition, has been considerably strengthened by massive angle plates and tie bolts, and secured to a supporting beam underneath. The extension to the frame is also of oak. The old five were removed to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s Loughborough Foundry, where a complete clearance of the old fittings was made and the bells tuned, sandblasted and quarter-turned. They were fitted with canon-retaining headstocks, ball bearings and new fittings throughout. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. E. P. Thomas and his mother, of Claines, and to the efforts and subscriptions of ringers, three new trebles were cast (the casting being the occasion for an outing to the foundry). The result is a first-class job, the tone and blending of the new bells being all that can be desired, and the 'go' excellent. In the ringing chamber, which is also the vestry, the church, and on all sides of the tower outside, every bell is clearly heard and balanced to perfection.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—This bell was given by Mrs. E. Thomas and her son, E. P. Thomas, of Claines, Worcester, 1931.

2nd.—Ringers and Friends of the Diocese gave me, 1931.

3rd.—Serve God and be cheerful. V. C. Blyth, Rector; J. Newman, F. Sheaf, Wardens.

These three also 'Taylor, Loughborough, 1931.'

5th.—Magdelene Campana.

6th.—Iohannis Campana.

Each of the five old bells also have an inscription on the waist, and chiefly of interest is the method adopted in dating the bells. The Roman numerals are inscribed in large capitals, and the sum of each line added together gives the year 1705.

ME	=	1000
RENO VAVIT	=	11
GVCLARK	=	155
IVSS VB VS	=	16
DAVI WARREN I	=	517
ET PRO VOIIS	=	6
		1705

The W in Warren is used as a double V.

The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., had kindly consented to dedicate the bells, and to enable them to be rung for Easter Sunday the ceremony took place on Wednesday, April 1st. In his address, the Dean said it gave him very great pleasure to come to Hinton, and although he was not himself a ringer he was closely connected with them, as each year he presided over the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association. Last year at the meeting reference was made to the efforts being made; on the following Easter Monday he would be able to tell his friends, the ringers, that the Hinton peal was complete. The bells just dedicated would serve to call them, their children and grandchildren to prayer, for just as in Mohammedan countries the faithful were called to worship from the minarets of the mosque, so in Christian countries the bells said, 'Come to church, come to pray.'

During the service a few rounds were rung by the local band, all of whom with one exception had been taught by Mr. F. J. Johnson on the old five, but, being Holy Week, general ringing was curtailed to two short touches of Stedman Triples, Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler, who were present to represent the founders, taking part.

On Saturday, April 14th, the bells were open to visitors, and a large gathering of between 80 and 90 assembled from a wide area. A short service was held, at which the Rector, the Rev. V. C. Blyth, gave the ringers a hearty welcome. He briefly reviewed the steps leading to the completion of the peal, how the Church Council had, with faith and hope, set about the (to their tiny parish) stupendous task of raising over £200 to thoroughly restore their five bells and augment them to six. Then the generous offer of Mr. Thomas of a treble bell towards the completion of the octave. That seemed too good to be true, and too much to hope for, but ringers had stepped into the breach and subscribed or collected the cost of the 2nd bell. On behalf of the parish, which was now delighted and proud of its bells, he thanks most sincerely both Mr. Thomas and the ringers, and trusted they would take away with them pleasant memories of their visit.

Tea was served in the School, and, immediately after, Mr. J. J. Johnson said they had one pleasant piece of business to transact. The Rector had thanked them on behalf of the parish; he wished to do so on behalf of the local band. Mr. Thomas had unfortunately to leave early that afternoon, but he had assured him of their deep sense of gratitude for first bringing the peal of eight within the bounds of possibility. Referring to the ringers' bell, he had already sent a personal letter of thanks to each subscriber, but he wished to

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

II. BENJAMIN ANNABLE (continued).

About this time Holt was preparing the broadsheet of his peals for publication. Among the subscribers there are seventeen London College Youths, but not Annable. The names of these subscribers, so far as I can trace them, are interesting. Samuel Killican had joined the Society at the same time as Holt and rang in both the peals he called. John Hardham had ceased to take an active part in ringing and was busy with other things, theatres and snuff-making. His last peal was thirteen years before. William Underwood had belonged to the London Scholars, the old rivals of the College Youths, and had rung in two of the three peals by the former of which the record has come down to us, Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, in 1727, and 6,204 in the same method at Cornhill in 1729. In 1750 he joined the Union Scholars and rang in two or three peals with Holt, including Grandsire Cinques and Court Bob Major. Samuel Thompson (or Tomson) had belonged to the City Scholars and rang in their 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate in 1732, the only peal by that society we have any record of, except one of Bob Major at Bermondsey in the same year, reported without particulars by 'The Norwich Gazette.' Thomas Bennett was a keen ringer, who started with the Eastern Scholars, and changed from society to society as suited his purpose or fancy. Most of the others were well-to-do members who did no peal ringing, like Thomas Lester, the Whitechapel bell founder, William Oram, and William Skelton. Skelton was Registrar to the Bishop of London and a proctor in the Court of Arches.

The man who managed the whole affair was John Cundell. It was he who got the subscriptions and it was at his address, 'Ye Golden Eagle,' in Duke's Court, Covent Garden, that the broadsheet might be bought. Cundell was Master of the Society in 1753.

Whether there would have been a struggle between Annable and Holt within the Company for the leadership we cannot say, for Holt died before his broadsheet appeared.

These things very much weakened the Society for peal ringing, and probably diminished Annable's authority. He rang only one more College Youth peal, which was on May 3rd, 1753, 6,080 Union Bob at St. George's-in-the-East. Union Bob is an old name for Oxford Treble Bob. Bennett and Thompson rang in this peal. There is a record of another peal which, if genuine, throws a lot of light on the situation. Somewhere about 1840, John Cooper, then beadle of the College Youths, came across an account of a peal, and as the books were being rebound, he suggested that it should be included. But it was objected that it could not have been rung or it would have been booked at the time. There is a much better reason for its not being booked, and that is because more than half the band were not College Youths.

'St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 1754. The Company rang a peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours 28 minutes. John Underwood 1, Thomas Bennett 2, Benjamin Annable 3, Robert Holmes 4, William Underwood 5, Emanuel Crouch 6, Robert Bly 7, Joseph Monk Tenor. William Underwood call'd Bobs.'

The two Underwoods, Bly, and Monk were at that time ringing peals with the Eastern Scholars. Bennett had belonged to that society before 1750 and was now a member of the Cumberlands Society. Holmes was one of the Twickenham Scholars, churchwarden, and a country member of the College Youths. William Underwood was not the man who had subscribed to Holt's broadsheet, but his son, and probably the brother of John Underwood.

The peal was not booked by any society, and the first notice of it is eighty years later; but it looks to me like genuine. If so, it shows the College Youths as a divided house and Annable looking for support outside. He would not leave the society he had led for so long, but he would ring with other people. They were waiting and watching for an opportunity to profit by the old Company's troubles, and were ready to welcome the great man, although he had derided their cherished method a few years before.

Annable did not ring another peal. He died early in 1756, and was buried inside the tower where he had rung his first peal and which was the scene of so many of his ringing triumphs. He left behind him one of the biggest reputations in change ringing. As an all-round man—ringer, composer, conductor and leader—he has had few equals and no superior. His is the greatest name on the College Youths' roll and the Society has a right to be proud of him, for he stuck to them from first to last. In this he differed from all the leading ringers of the eighteenth century. They passed from one Society to another as ambition or pique moved them. All of them changed once, some many times, and it is almost bewildering to try and follow them through their changes. Jasper Snowden, in his list of composers, gives John Reeves as a College Youth. He was a College Youth at one time, but the name of almost any other London society would have done as well. He started as a Cumberland, then he joined the London Youths, then the 'ancient' society of College Youths, then the Cumberlands, and finally the second society of London Youths. His fellow authors of the 'Clavis,' William Jones and Thomas Blakemore, had as many changes.

NOTE 4. When I said that the first College Youths peal was the Grandsire Cinques in 1724 I did not forget the entry in the peal book which professes to record a peal of Bob Triples rung at St. Sepulchre's in 1689. That record is manifestly spurious. Annable, who was born in 1703, can hardly have called a peal fourteen years earlier; and there is sufficient evidence that he and his contemporaries knew nothing of any such performance. The entry is a late insertion.

THE BELLS OF A WORCESTERSHIRE VILLAGE.

(continued).

thank them all once again, not only for their generous assistance but for the many kind letters of encouragement he had received. He also wished to publicly thank the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who had presented their case and backed up their needs so strongly. It not only gave him very great pleasure, but to him it was a proud moment to be able to hand over a cheque for £84 4s. 9d.

In acknowledging this, the Rector said it was an equally proud moment to him to receive it. He had already thanked them, but one thing he must add. It seemed to him that to achieve such a splendid result, not only the ringers of the diocese and their friends, but a wide circle of ringers throughout the country must have stood solidly together, aptly illustrating the motto, 'Unity is strength.'

Mr. J. Hall, in moving a vote of thanks to the Rector for his hearty welcome, said he took that opportunity of congratulating him and his Church Council on the courage with which they undertook a thorough restoration, and also on the successful completion of the scheme. He also congratulated Messrs. Taylor and Co. on the excellent job, everyone being well satisfied with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to cater for all tastes from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILD LIBRARY TO BE ESTABLISHED**

A very satisfactory financial position was revealed at the annual general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on Saturday week and attended by nearly a hundred members. After having first attended a special service in the Cathedral, tea was served in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, where subsequently Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) presided over the business meeting. He was supported by the Provost (Canon E. C. Kirwan), Mr. W. H. Ryde, K.C., the Master (Major J. R. B. Hesse), the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith).

At the commencement of the meeting a short silence was observed in memory of Archdeacon Irwin.

The committee, in their annual report, said they looked back on 1930 with mixed feelings. The Guild's activities were fully maintained, and in some directions extended, but they had experienced increasing difficulty of obtaining the support of some of the ringers which they felt they ought to receive. The ringing membership of the Guild remained almost the same as at the end of last year. The influx of 57 new members was more than discounted by lapses and deaths, so that there was actually a loss of four ringing members. It was gratifying to record a growing interest in the Guild by church-people, with the result that the honorary members increased from 38 to 65 during the year. Two new life hon. members were elected, but three were lost by death. Eight compounding members brought the total membership of the Guild to 587, as compared with 559 in 1929. The committee did not think the position was entirely satisfactory. There were in the Guild 375 resident ringing members, but, according to the Church Year Book, there were in the Diocese of Guildford in 1929 619 ringers, 467 being voluntary and 152 paid. Allowing for the fact that some of these were 'ringers' at churches which had no ringable peals of bells, there would seem to be a considerable margin of ringers in the diocese who ought to be in the Guild, but were not. The Guild was constantly endeavouring to bring the advantages of membership before the ringers of the diocese by frequent meetings and combined practices, but there was need for greater effort by all officers and members of the Guild. The committee felt that incumbents and church authorities in parishes where the ringers were not members of the Guild should do their utmost to induce them to join to assist in promoting the objects of the Guild and to increase their efficiency as churchworkers through the facilities which the Guild was ready to provide by way of practice and instruction.

The Guild was gaining a sound financial position. The balance in the general fund at the end of 1929 was increased at the end of 1930 by £15 9s. 9d. to a total of £52 2s., and the balances in the district funds had risen by £12 9s. 6d. to £31 2s. 5d.

The summer festival at Egham was attended by eighty ringers, and the programme of district meetings had provided a series of enjoyable gatherings. At most of them the numbers attending were very satisfactory, but they regretted that more ringers did not take advantage of the meetings. Thanks were due to a certain number of members who loyally supported the work of the Guild in that direction, and they hoped that in the coming year more members would support the meetings. The combined practices, organised in different areas, had met with varying success, a valuable addition to the membership having resulted from work done in the Cranleigh area.

In peal ringing the Guild had had a successful year, ringing 47 peals, an advance of twelve on the preceding year. The success was largely due to the energies of Mr. A. H. Pulling, who conducted 26 peals for the Guild during the year, including the first peals of Surrey Surprise, Double Dublin Surprise and Reverse Dublin Surprise Major ever rung, the first peals of Guildford Surprise and Norfolk Surprise, and the first peal on handbells by the Guild. Mr. A. Harman conducted six peals during the year, and did valuable work in the Leatherhead district.

The committee emphasised that the primary duty of the ringers' office was the efficient ringing of the bells for Sunday services, and every effort should be made, where hands were below full strength, to seek out suitable recruits. There were a number of bands in the diocese without sufficient numbers to ring all the bells for the church services, and they appealed for renewed energy in remedying that serious defect.

The report and the treasurer's statement of accounts were adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. G. L. Grover it was agreed that a sum not exceeding £5 should be expended upon the purchase of Central Council publications for resale to members of the Guild, and a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover, J. S. Goldsmith and Major Hesse, was appointed with power to purchase the publications.

A GUILD LIBRARY

Mr. Hazelden, in proposing that a Guild Library be established, remarked that many old books were lost to the ringers when their members died, and he thought that if a guild library could be set up it would serve a very useful purpose. Major Hesse spoke in favour of the proposal to form a library, and offered to give Morris' 'History and Art and Change Ringing'. Mr. Goldsmith offered the bound volumes of 'The Ringing World' for the years since the Guild

was founded, and a copy of Sir Arthur Heywood's 'Towers and Belfries' was also offered by Mr. C. Hazelden. After some discussion it was agreed to approach the authorities of S. Nicolas' Church to obtain permission to accommodate the library in that belfry, there being no room for it in the Cathedral Church belfry. A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hazelden, Major Hesse, Admiral Walker and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was appointed to deal with the matter, and Mr. Hazelden was appointed librarian. Canon Kirwan offered to provide a cupboard for the books, and it was agreed that the sub-committee should be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £5 on the purchase of books, and to draw up by-laws to be confirmed at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Pulling proposed that a record be kept of peal compositions rung by the Guild, and this was agreed to. Mr. G. L. Grover undertook the duties of recorder, and the record will be kept in the library.

It was agreed to hold the summer festival at Farnham on July 4th, when it was hoped the Bishop of Guildford would be present. Guildford was appointed as the venue for the next annual meeting, and it was agreed to hold a second annual dinner.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gave an outline of the proposed Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration, and asked the Guild to give a donation to the funds. On the proposition of Mr. R. Whittington, it was agreed to vote £5 5s. to the fund.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Bishop Golding-Bird (who was elected a life member), Mr. W. Harrison, Canon E. C. Kirwan, the Rev. E. de G. Lucas and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

During the afternoon, touches were rung on the bells of the Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas' Church, and a service was held at the Cathedral Church, at which the preacher was Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird, Archdeacon of Dorking, who was assisted by the Provost (Canon E. C. Kirwan), the Rev. S. H. Courtney-Smith and the Rev. H. D. Pilcher.

MISSIONARIES OF CHRIST.

In his address the Archdeacon said he was going to call them a name which he did not think many of them would claim, but nevertheless it was true. He was going to call them 'fellow missionaries.' They were hopelessly compromised as missionaries of Christ's Church because the whole excuse or explanation of the ringing of the bells was calling men and women to church to worship Jesus Christ. That was exactly what he and every other clergyman did. He knew that bellringing had been elaborated and had become a musical art, but primarily the bells were rung to remind people of Christ and His Church. There were a great many of them who were worthy of the name of missionaries of Christ, but he was equally sure that there were some of them who did not practise what they practised. The one thing that mattered in the world to-day was whether they believed that Christ was the one cure for the evils of to-day.

There were three kinds of worship. They worshipped God with their body, brain and soul. Did they realise that every time they rang a bell in God's name and to His glory they were worshipping Him just as when they bent their knee in prayer? Everything offered to God and done in His service was service to Him, and even the humblest work they did could thus become sacramental. If they realised that when they rang their bell, it would add romance to the work.

DEVON GUILD.

The Aylesbeare Deanery Branch held a well-attended meeting at East Budleigh on Saturday, April 25th. Good use was made of the handy peal of six at this church during the afternoon and evening, and also of the bells in the neighbouring towers of Otterton and Colaton Raleigh. In the course of his address during the service, the Vicar of East Budleigh, the Rev. H. W. Gardiner, offered a warm welcome to the Guild, and spoke of his association with its president many years ago at Bradfield College.

Tea was partaken of in the Institute, and at the subsequent meeting, presided over by Rev. E. A. Jullian (chairman of the branch), it was decided to hold a by-meeting on June 20th in addition to the usual autumn meeting, the place being left to the discretion of the secretary.

Two new members were elected, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to whom the branch was indebted for a particularly delightful service, and to the organist, blower, and those ringers and their wives who provided the tea.

NORTHAMPTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place suddenly on April 18th of Mr. Arthur O. Stewart, of Northampton, who was particularly active as a ringer in the district some years ago. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, was one of a band of young men who learned to ring when the peal of bells was first installed at St. Edmund's Church by the late Mr. Wm. Tomes. When the bells of St. Giles' Church were augmented into a peal of ten in 1896, Mr. Stewart was appointed leader of the belfry, and did valuable work, teaching young aspirants and helping others to advance in the art. He rang altogether about 20 peals.

The funeral took place on April 22nd, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. H. N. Hill, and the lesson read by Mr. F. Wilford (lay reader and Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild). Muffled touches were rung in the evening at St. Giles' Church.

A TRIP TO SOMERSET.

OR HOW A REPUTATION WAS LOST.

That ringers do read their 'Ringing World' is proved by the great reputation that Joe, the 'Chilcompton busman,' has as a speed merchant. His exploits in the wilds of Surrey recently have caused heated discussion (P) in ringing circles in all parts of the country. So that when a party of ringers gathered together on Easter Sunday at Wells, the conversation at supper turned to the aforesaid reputation, so much so, indeed, that we did not hear all that was being said about the latest peals of Double Norwich with some bell or other the extent in sixth's, or some other place.

The upshot was that the man from Coventry expressed his doubts about the speed. It should be explained that Coventry is the place where cars that really do go are built, and where men to make them go are born. So Joe said, 'Let's go to Wrington and see who can get there first.'

'What's at Wrington at nine o'clock at night?' said the doubtful one.

'Some good cider and some good company,' said Joe, although we really believe he put the company before the cider. That settled it, and off we went. Joe's party got well away, and as the Coventry man didn't know the road to Wrington from the road to Mars, his little lot nearly missed the trip (and the cider). A small red light in the darkness, far ahead, saved the situation, and we all got to Wrington together. So far Joe had done very well, and we found that he was quite correct about the company and the cider being of the best. Reminiscences of a previous visit to Wrington 18 years before, and other matters, might have kept us going all night, but the speed test was still on. Joe kept just in front all the way back to Wells, but the Coventry man complained that his brakes had to be kept hard down to prevent him bumping Joe's rear light. A sudden stop, too, by a chap who ought to know his way about his own native county (even without the stars to steer by) is a bit thick—but that was put down to the cider.

The question of speed superiority, even after these happenings, was still unsettled, and came up for discussion at breakfast the next morning (after the bar had been definitely put up against Double Norwich). So it came about that after the first peal of the day, rung at Wells Cathedral—quite a detail, of course—and some dinner, the real tussle began. Twenty-eight miles to Taunton, and Joe with a good start. Bang went the reputation! As we caught him up, somebody said, 'This is Joe, that was,' and the race was over. Although the Coventry man took the wrong turning, and got held up at a toll bridge whilst he searched his pockets for threepence (which sum Joe had ready in his hand), we did not see Joe again until we had got the bells up at Taunton. Even some of the party in a hired car arrived before him—but Joe said that this was due to one member of his party being thirsty.

Perhaps Joe was right when he said that the Coventry man ought to have gone into the ditch as he rounded certain corners, and we must admit that we had to hold on to the sides of the car. But as we got to Taunton first, we do not admit the need of any further discussion; the reputation had 'gone west.'

The second peal of the day, another mere detail, having been disposed of, it must be said of Joe that he is a great organiser. The difficult task of fitting in two peals in towers 28 miles apart, with little more than ten hours to do it in, might have beaten most people—but he did it. Later in the day (or next morning) he and the Coventry man went off to Chilcompton for the night, but we do not yet know if they tried any more racing. Perhaps they talked about ringing for a change! Oh, yes, the towerkeepers, of course, and everybody else who helped us to carry out this trip. Our very sincere thanks to them all. Without them these things could never have happened.

LAMBERHURST RINGER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday, April 8th, Mr. G. Fuller, of Lamberhurst, Kent, passed away at the age of 47 years. Mr. Fuller had been a member of the band of ringers for nearly thirty years. He had also been a member of the Church Council since it started, and was on the committee of the local branch of the British Legion. He was badly gassed in the Great War, and had suffered from the effects ever since.

On Sunday, April 12th, for a memorial service, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung half-muffled by: T. Fuller 1, W. Marshall 2, J. J. Bassett 3, A. Marshall (conductor) 4, W. Durham 5, J. Bassett 6.—On Monday, April 13th, after the funeral, at which members of the British Legion acted as bearers, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Marshall 1, T. Fuller 2, A. Rolfe (conductor) 3, W. Marshall 4, W. Durham 5, J. Bassett 6.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday, April 15th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Lilian Peggy Sidebolham, of Farnham, and Capt. Herbert Alexander McPherson, East Yorks Regt., at Farnham Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Unshell (conductor) 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted 7, A. N. King 8. Also 672 in the same method conducted by R. Hasted.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM R. NASH.

A VALUED INSTRUCTOR OF RINGING.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. William R. Nash, of Ludlow, Shropshire. He had been in failing health for some time, and passed peacefully away on Saturday morning, April 18th, at the early age of 58 years.

By trade a master cabinet maker and antique dealer, he was an expert in the restoration of old furniture. As an enthusiastic ringer and lover of bells, his passing leaves a gap which will be hard to fill. He had been a ringer at St. Lawrence's Church for over forty years, and carried on the duties of sexton at the same church for twenty years, following in the footsteps of his father before him, who held the same office for thirty-nine years. It was only natural that his sons should follow him in ringing, and of his son John's progress in campanology he was justly proud. A younger son, Percy, is carrying on the good work at Ludlow. With beginners Mr. Nash was a patient instructor, and spent many hours after his usual work was over in teaching 'the young idea.' He had often remarked it was a heart-breaking job, and teachers of the art of ringing no doubt agree. A presentation walking stick, which he prized highly, was given him as a token of appreciation by the Stokesay ringers for his having taught them the art.

After his death his body was taken to St. Lawrence's Church, and remained in the Lady Chapel until Tuesday, the day of the funeral, when it was placed between the choir stalls under the tower for the service. Before the service, the organist played 'O rest in the Lord.' The opening prayers were read by the Rev. F. G. Shepherd (Rector) and the lesson by the Rev. G. R. Channer (reader). The hymn, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' was sung, and, as the cortege left the church, the organist (Mr. R. Bastick) played the Funeral March. In the church were Mr. R. Poyner (Mayor of Ludlow), Messrs. P. J. W. Wynn and A. C. Telfer (churchwardens), and many others. Following to the cemetery were members of 'Court Whitelife,' A.O.F., of which deceased held the offices of Past Chief Ranger and Trustee, the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (of which he was a member for over thirty-five years), the local band of bellringers (of which he was conductor for many years), and many old friends. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, representing the Hereford Diocesan Guild, was unfortunately delayed, and arrived just after the committal service (which was conducted by the Rev. C. E. M. Butler). A course of Grandire Triples was rung round the open grave on deceased's beautiful handbells by: P. R. Nash 1-2, J. G. Nash 3-4, W. J. Beniams 5-6, A. C. Nason 7-8—a last farewell to one to whom ringing was a great joy. Among the beautiful floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell, and wreaths from the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the local ringers, Bromfield ringers, A.O.F., A.S.W., etc. The deceased's peals numbered over a hundred, but as no record was kept it is difficult to estimate exactly how many he had rung. In the evening, at the Parish Church, on half-muffled bells, 720 Grandire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering, was rung by the following: P. R. Nash 1, W. J. Beniams (conductor) 2, J. G. Nash 3, E. R. Baldwin 4, F. T. Massey 5, A. Jones 6, H. Jones 7, A. C. Nason 8. An attempt for a muffled peal of Grandire Triples on Saturday, April 25th, unfortunately came to grief after 1 hour 57 minutes' ringing.

A CANTERBURY RESTORATION.

The bells of St. Alphege's Church, Canterbury, have been restored, and on April 23rd were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (Canon E. H. Hardcastle). The frame has been strengthened and crossbraced, and the bells rebung with new fittings. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich, and Mr. G. E. Dashwood, of Canterbury, with admirable results. The bell repair fund was opened in January, 1927, and, thanks to the untiring efforts of Miss E. M. Chambers and the many friends of bellringers who have assisted in raising the £100 required, the work has now been completed.

The service of rededication was conducted by Canon T. G. Crosse, in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. N. Westmore, who is indisposed. A unique feature of the rededication service was the fact that Canon Cross was Rector of St. Alphege when the bells were originally hung forty years ago.

The following towers were represented at the dedication service: Wickhambreaux, Birchington, Littlebourne, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sturry, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, Canterbury. Touches in various methods were rung on the bells at the close of the service.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins.: R. J. Negus 1, J. H. Negus 2, S. Bard 3, E. Hayes 4, F. Fox (conductor) 5, G. Hoy 6. Also for evening 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Fox 1, F. Hammond 2, S. Bard 3, E. Hayes 4, J. H. Negus (conductor) 5, G. Hoy 6.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 45 minutes: J. A. Tomlinson 1, T. Chambers 2, F. Chambers 3, N. Kenyon 4, F. Bradley 5, W. Miller 6, N. Brown (Poolstock) 7, A. Tomlinson 8.

NOTICES.

MUCH WENLOCK.—The Bishop of Hereford will dedicate, on Friday, May 1st, at 3 p.m., the restored and augmented peal of eight bells which has been hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough.

BROADWOODKELLY, DEVON.—The re-dedication by the Bishop of Exeter of the recast and augmented ring of 6 bells in a new frame and with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Ringing before and after tea. Concert 7.30 p.m. Notifications for tea should be sent to the Rev. E. W. Perry, The Rectory, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon, beforehand.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitchurch, near Cardiff, to-morrow (Saturday), May 2nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Launton (6) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me early? Bells available from 2.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

SURFLEET.—A combined meeting of the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (10) will be open all day. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and business meetings following.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Chrishall. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Buses from Hounslow (Central Station) pass church. Tea arranged. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) and Steep (5) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be open from 2 p.m. Service at East Retford Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. Will all members make a special effort to attend? Visitors heartily welcomed. Good train and bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Monkton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea and business after in the Schoolroom.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street, St. Cuthbert's, on May 2nd, to commence at 2.30. Hoping to have a good gathering. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Aughton on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Preacher, the Rev. Lindsay James Coursey, Vicar of Christ Church, Southport. Tea, at 6 p.m., at a small charge. Ormskirk bells will be available in the evening. All ringers and friends welcome, especially the members of the two branches, to make the meeting a success.—James Wm. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5.30.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Will members also note that there is no train service available, but there are frequent buses from Ashby. Subscriptions can be paid and reports obtained at this meeting. Please see that it is well attended.—John Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, May 2nd. All Saints' (8), St. Mary's (6), Exning (5) will be available from 2.30. Service 4.15, All Saints'. Tea 5, at Lake-man's, 1s. each. Meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Sharpe, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, May 2nd. Six bells, ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for. Coy's bus leaves the Black Boy Yard, Nottingham, every hour.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 3. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards in the Church Room.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in room near to church at 4.30 p.m., when a presentation will be made to the members of the district. Visitors welcome. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid. Method for special attention: Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

IF IT'S A CHANGE you require try Rickmansworth, Saturday, May 2nd. Excellent place for change(s). Ringing 3.30. Tea at Red Spider Tea Room 6.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society) **AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—May meetings: Sunday, 3rd May, at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes', Strand; Mondays, 4th and 18th, also at above, at 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 12th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *the Coffee Pot on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes', Strand.—Practice will be resumed on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7 p.m. Ringing, Sunday mornings.—F. W. H. Serguson, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. In order that adequate arrangements can be made, will all those intending to be present and requiring tea, please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th, certain?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, and the address will be given by the Rev. Canon A. I. Greaves, Venerable Archdeacon of Oakham. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 5th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, May 6th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea, please. Business meeting at 5.15.—N. Golden, Diss.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OPEN CHANGE RINGING CONTEST, six bells, at Shelley, on Whit Monday, May 25th, for a cup and prizes if sufficient entries. Entrance fee 7s. 6d. per company. Entries close May 9th. Further particulars from Albert Goldthorpe, Hon. Sec., Red Hill, Shelley, near Huddersfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, at the Pear Tree Inn. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Saddington, near Kibworth, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Buses leave Hind Hotel, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) for Fleckney (then 1 mile walk), Reeve or Peberdy. Buses will take you into Saddington at a small extra charge.—E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Chawton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 2.30, also at Bentworth. Service at Chawton 4.30, followed by tea in the Village Hall and business meeting. Will those coming to tea kindly notify me by May 7th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. Those who intend coming please advise me by Wednesday next. All welcome. Thirty minute bus service from Paignton.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. Those intending to be present are asked to send in their names not later than Wednesday, May 6th.—John Phillips, School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar Church on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions now due.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, 1s. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. M. Perry, 3, Colliery Building, Brierley, near Barnsley, by Thursday, May 7th? A good attendance requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, at Stanstead. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise.—D. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on May 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will ringers requiring tea please send word not later than Tuesday, 12th, to H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, for ringers and wives, etc., the guests of Lord Phillimore. Service at 7 p.m. (short evensong, with organ, hymns, etc.). All are welcome. Please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should reach Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, not later than first post Tuesday, May 12th. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. Further particulars on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Coddensham on Saturday, May 16th. Tea, 1s. each, in the Parish Hall, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Sherborne Abbey (8 bells) 10.30 to 11.45 a.m., 3 to 8 p.m.; Milborne Port, Charlton, Harethorne (8), Bradford Abbas, Thornford (6), Bishop's Caundle, Lillington (5), Long Burton (4). All 10 to 11.30 a.m., 3 to 9 p.m. Ringers requiring luncheon please inform the secretary before Monday, 11th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th.—F. H. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Saffron Walden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting to be held at Beddington has been unavoidably postponed until Saturday, May 30th. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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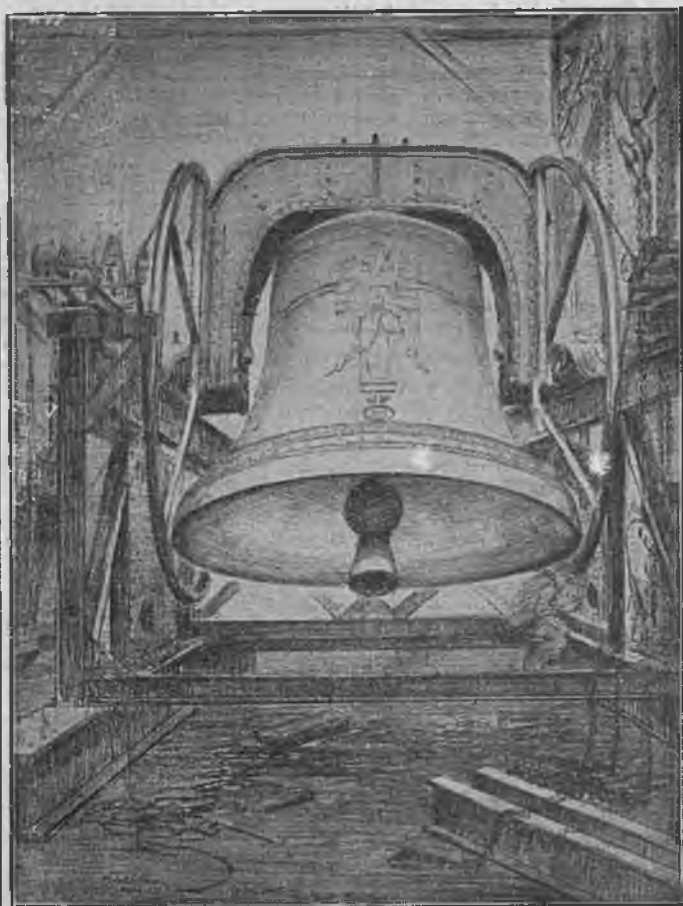
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THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION.

The business of the Central Council meeting, as we indicated last week, is likely to be made as interesting from what does not appear in the agenda as from what is actually printed in it, and one of the items which may lead to considerable debate is the suggested revision of the Council's rules governing its constitution and management. The present rules were formulated when the Council was first established forty years ago and they may have been well adapted to the conditions then prevailing. The majority of the territorial associations and guilds were themselves quite young and were only just beginning to make their influence felt. It would have been impossible to ask of the associations more than they could obtain from the ringers in their own areas, and the Council had to be somewhat delicately poised. Its formation resulted from a representative meeting held in 1889 in Birmingham in connection with a celebration of the birthday of Henry Johnson and presided over by Sir Arthur Heywood, when a resolution in the following terms was passed: 'That this meeting, whilst failing to see the advantages of a National Ringers' Association, is of opinion that great benefit would accrue to the Exercise if a committee consisting of one or more selected members from each association could meet from time to time to consider and decide such ringing matters as are a cause of perplexity.' Here, at any rate, was the intention of the promoters: it was to 'consider and decide.' But the fact that the associations themselves represented at that time but a small proportion of the ringers of the country made it necessary to begin warily; hence a constitution based not upon the ringing societies, but upon a body of individuals which the societies were invited to appoint.

The times have changed since those days. There are comparatively few change ringers who really matter who are outside the associations, and, with one notable exception, no associations with the promotion of change ringing as one of their cardinal objects who remain outside the Council. The Exercise is a much more closely knit body to-day than it was forty years ago; the Council has proved its value to ringing and it has no need to be apologetic for any action it takes. It consists of some of the best brains of the Exercise and its work has been approved. The fact that practically every association of importance has within the last twelve months readily adopted a rule to become affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by its rules and decisions is proof that the Council is to-day recognised as the central authority on matters relating to ringing—as distinct from the purely

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domestic affairs of the societies themselves. This, therefore, is the time for the Council to recognise the associations in a more formal way than has hitherto been done, by forging a link with them in its own rules and adapting its procedure so that the Council and the associations may deal direct with one another.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	*ADAM DEAS 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 2	†DAVID VINCENT 8
ROBERT S. ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 9
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE WHITE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
RALPH COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ALBERT W. COLES 9
GEORGE F. HINTON 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Rev. G. H. W. Royle, A.K.C., a former curate of All Saints', and Miss Nora F. Huggins, daughter of Dr. S. P. Huggins (churchwarden), which took place at High Wycombe the same day. It was also a birthday peal for the ringers of the 7th and 11th bells, who were 'presented' to the ringing Exercise 63 and 62 years ago respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5073 CHANGES;

SAMUEL J. HUGHES Treble	JOHN GOODMAN 6
*SIDNEY THOMPSON 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
*JOSEPH H. COX 3	WALTER FARLEY 8
HENRY GOODMAN 4	CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER 9
HARRY GOODMAN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a welcome to Dr. A. W. Perowne, Bishop of Worcester, on his visit to Dudley.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR BASHFORD Treble	ALFRED J. BELL 6
REGINALD H. THORPE 2	*LEONARD A. TIDY 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 3	ARTHUR WILLETT 8
*FRANK JEAL 4	WALTER CLAYDON 9
HARRY K. HOOPER 5	CHARLES A. ALDWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Caters as conductor. Quarterly peal for the association.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	*ROYDON DAVIES... .. 6
FRANK JENNINGS 2	†RONALD H. DOVE 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	DANIEL COOPER... .. 8
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	JOHN SPARROW 9
H. BERNARD WELLS 5	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Composed by Wm. T. ELSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	HARRY PRICE 7
HAROLD F. MARTIN 3	GORDON W. CHECKITTS 8
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	SAMUEL GROVE 9
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 5	*ROBERT LEWIS Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on ten bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

JOHN PERRY Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	GEORGE L. HEWITT 7
JOSEPH HANLEY 3	WALTER LAGO 8
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	HARRY BOSWELL 9
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5	B. LESLIE JONES Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication, of the restoration, decoration and refurbishing of the interior of the chancel and Lady Chapel of Holy Trinity Church, as a memorial to Lieut. Maurice Darby, Grenadier Guards, who gave his life at Neuve Chapelle in 1915. The cost of the beautiful improvements (over £2,000) has been borne by Mrs. Cope Darby, of Sunnyside, Coalbrookdale, sister of Lieut. Darby. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. V. C. Rodenhurst, father of the ringer of the 6th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

8 THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HARRY PRICE 6
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
JOSEPH JENNINGS... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	CHARLEY BATES 5
JOHN P. TARLTON 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... .. 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	WILLIAM H. TURTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ERNEST HIBBINS 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by C. W. PIPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. H. Symonds and F. F. Mortlock. Messrs. Dennis, Ward and Hibbins are from Cambridge, Pipe from Grundisburgh, Chinery from Long Melford. The rest are local men.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY JARMAN Treble	*FRANCIS KIRK 5
JOHN MALYAN 2	*ARTHUR L. MURRAY 6
ARTHUR DAY 3	BEN JARMAN 7
*CHARLES JEFFS 4	THOMAS HULL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4, also as a farewell to the ringer of the 6th, who is returning to Ireland, and was proposed a member of the Herts County Association previous to starting for the peal.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

KENNETH C. TAYLOR ... Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
HERBERT T. PIPER 2	ARTHUR BENNETT 6
JACK W. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 7
BENJAMIN DALTON 4	THOMAS W. BATE Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas E. Taylor and Miss Marie Burton, who were married on this day at St. Mark's Church, Wolverhampton, the bridegroom being a member of the Tettenhall band of ringers. The conductor's 200th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' REVERSED.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

This peal was rung in honour of the Rev. Timothy Rees, of the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, who was on this day consecrated as the new Bishop of Llandaff, the consecration taking place at St. Asaph's Cathedral.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. EDWARD,
K. AND M., AND THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
* ROY LINTER 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
HENRY PRING 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
THOMAS F. KING 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 5
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS DOROTHY R. FUTTER 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
* MISS ESTHER MATTHEWS 4	ERNEST TUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Master Rex.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. RUSSELL 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4	ERNEST TUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal of Bob Triples by all except the conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. H. Williams (churchwarden at the above church for the last thirty years).

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS HESKETH Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN H. MOORE 2	ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS 6
HARRY GRACE 3	PERCY GRINDEY 7
SIDNEY G. HUMPHRIS 4	HARRY HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Moore, who has attained the age of 75 years.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SUPT. WILLIAM GREEN Treble	WILLIAM GIBBS 5
MAURICE SMITH 2	REGINALD H. JARVIS 6
WILLIAM COLEMAN 3	JAMES H. JARVIS 7
ALBERT S. NEWMAN 4	FREDERICK CANDY Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SMITH.

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BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	WILLIAM MILLER 6
FRED HINDLE 3	NORMAN BROWN 7
RICHARD BALDERSTONE 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Norman Brown, of Poolstock. It was his first peal of Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
* RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in the method. G. W. Steere's 300th peal. In this peal neither the 2nd nor 3rd ever strike over the tenor behind.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR R. MILES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALEC RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the eve of the dedication festival, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Markwell. Canon Masters came into the belfry after the peal and congratulated the band and kindly entertained them to tea.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

HAROLD BENNETT Treble	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
REV. R. H. WHITFORD 2	* FREDERICK W. MARSHALL ... 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 3	JOSEPH WOOLLEY 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on eight. First peal on the bells. Arranged to enable the Rev. R. H. Whitford, of Bristol, who was on holiday in Cornwall, to ring a peal in his native parish. He very kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	* LEONARD DRAKE 5
GEORGE W. SLACK 2	* SIDNEY SADLER 6
* G. WILFRED SLACK 3	* CECIL WALLACE 7
* JOSEPH BENNETT 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since their recasting and augmenting to a ring of eight in November, 1930, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the tone and 'go' being excellent. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Joseph Dobson, who was a sidesman at the above church for more than forty years.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	T. WILLIAM LAST 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
†JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

* 150th peal. † 50th peal.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	HARRY L. SMITH 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	†EDWIN CATTELL 6
*GEORGE H. HUMPHREYS 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 7
SIDNEY A. JOHNSON 4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First 'inside.' † First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ALBERT NASH 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
ARTHUR PANTHER 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's and nine of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	REGINALD MORRIS 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4

JAMES T. RANDLE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores and five 240's of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	JAMES T. RANDLE 4
JAMES P. HYETT 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE 5
REGINALD MORRIS 3	HARRY T. CHANDLER Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

This and the peal at Whitney were rung to oblige H. T. Chandler, of H.M.S. 'Tiger,' who was home on leave.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR DUNGAY Treble	PORTER PECKETT 4
†ALFRED E. BACON 2	*FREDERICK BUCKENHAM 3
JOHN BUCKENHAM 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal. † 130th peal. The ringers of the treble and 5th were proposed members of the above association before starting the peal.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents of New, 8 of St. Simon's, 10 of Grandsire, 10 of Stedman and 8 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT HEAZEL Treble	ALBERT RAINBIRD 3
*FRANK G. RINGE 2	HARRY TURNER 4

ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung by Mr. A. Bowell. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Rainbird on the 24th anniversary of their wedding. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. W. Lindsay, for kindly entertaining them to tea before the peal.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DAVENTRY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES M. HANCOCK Treble	GEORGE HOLLOCK 4
GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	FREDERICK W. HANCOCK 5
ERNEST MARSH 3	*REGINALD BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HANCOCK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. M. Dodd and Miss N. Soden.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores and five 240's of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 9 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	REGINALD MORRIS 3
WILLIAM EVANS 2	G. JAMES R. PRICE 4

JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Henry Dew, a one-time member of the above Guild.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. E. SMITH Treble	A. NICHOLLS 4
*H. KEMP 2	*O. NEWSON 5
W. SMITH 3	A. LING Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

* First peal.

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SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MISS E. H. J. PRICE	Treble	*ALBERT V. BOWEN	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	5
JOHN BUCKENHAM	3	EDWARD BARKER	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Barker, wife of the conductor, also a farewell peal to Miss Price, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

OCKLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT HILLS	Treble	ALBERT HARMAN	4
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
BERNARD H. WELLS	3	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

In these 720's, six of which are from the 'Mad Hatter's' 'Q sets,' 5-6 never come together the wrong way. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JEFFREY TOSSELL	Treble	JACK HOUSE	4
*JESSE BAILEY	2	HAROLD BLACKER	5
CECIL MOGFORD	3	*EDWARD WATTS	Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* First peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Cook for having everything in readiness.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ROBERT SMITH	Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
MANFIELD GINN	2	CHARLES J. BALL	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	ARTHUR J. GINN	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Treble and 2nd ringers were proposed members of the Beds Association in the tower. Mr. C. J. Ball's first attempt for peal of Cambridge Minor.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE	4
OSWALD J. HENT	2	GEORGE GARDNER	5
JOHN W. TAYLOR	3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Bung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Mayoress of Coventry, and to Mr. Summers, father of the captain of the local band.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins. in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Prior: R. Hayden 1, F. Springham 2, Walter Prior 3, William T. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, T. Jordan 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8. Mr. W. T. Prior is a member of the local band, and was formerly a member of the Stansted company. Three members of that band took part in the quarter-peal, viz., Messrs. W. Prior, G. Jordan and T. Jordan.

THE POTTERIES OUSTS ITS 'POTS.'
ACTIVITY IN THE STOKE-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.
BY 'ROAMER.'

For many years a large number of the bells in Stoke-on-Trent and district have had a most unenviable reputation, but 1930 appears to have been a turning point. With Easter of that year came the re-opening of the bells of Stoke Parish Church, which for many years had been a very 'lumpy' lot. The eight bells, with a tenor, were cast by Taylor in 1831, and after a long period of service the same firm was called in to give their attention, and once again Stoke has a complete 'Taylor' job.

Whitsuntide of that year saw the finish of the rehanging of the bells at St. John's, Longton, after having paid a visit to Loughborough. These are a peal of eight by Rudhall, 1834, and have a tenor weighing 15½ cwt. For a long time they had been in a deplorable condition, but things have been made shipshape in a most thorough manner.

During the time the work on the foregoing was well under way, the bells at Norton-in-the-Moors, a peal of six cast by Dobson in 1826, were 'in the soup,' and they deserved it. The sequel was 'a nice handy peal by Taylor,' with a tenor of 12½ cwt. completed in August.

Without any blaring of trumpets, the peal of six at Madeley was re-opened in September, after having been on a picnic to Loughborough, and, as the result of the visit, are now in much better condition, the 'wash and brush up' and new 'fal de lals' having given them a fresh lease of life to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. These bells are a peal of six with a tenor weighing about 11 cwt., and were all cast at Gloucester, the second, third, fourth and fifth in 1711, the treble in 1753, and the tenor in 1808.

This, however, did not end the ousting of the 'pots' from the Potteries. The epidemic still spread, the authorities of Church Lawton taking the opportunity of the bell hangers being in the district, had the bell fittings overhauled and trued up whilst the bearings were 'decarbonised.' In other districts the church authorities were going at it 'hammer and tongs,' and, judging from the results, so were Taylors. Tunstall, with its small slender spire which appears to be all window openings and gives the impression that a puff of wind would blow it away, was having trouble with its bells. Originally a ring of six by Mears, 1856, with a tenor about 14 cwt., they were augmented by Warner in 1901 by the addition of two trebles, and on this octave the late James Washbrook spent many happy hours during his life in the Potteries. That this peal was too big for the tower was without question; the experts from Loughborough were called in, and without any unnecessary delay their advice was acted upon, and soon after the bells arrived at the famous Midland town they looked like pots in a china shop after a bull had had an afternoon out. The rejuvenation has been complete, and a most extraordinary job has been successfully accomplished; the octave is most musical, and, although the tenor now weighs only 10½ cwt., there is a wonderful depth of tone which gives one the impression that their weight has been increased and not reduced. A visit into the tower gives one a good idea of the difficulties under which the hangers had to work; the new framework is a neat job, and its construction is most ingenious.

Of the Hodnet bells little need be said here, as a full report has appeared in these columns recently. The octave at Market Drayton has had its long promised 'birthday,' and is now completely 'Taylorised,' as also is the six at Kids Grove, full particulars of which have already been given. At this latter church the authorities are to be complimented on their fine achievement. Previously, the sound which came from the tower was a splendid imitation of kitchen utensils being thrown about by an angry ringer's wife on his return home from a 'ringing tour,' but now all is harmony, the peal having been recast and increased in weight.

As the Bishop of Stafford said at Market Drayton, 'the Lichfield Diocese is rich in bells,' but it is also richer by the fact that its bells are looked after, as this short review of work carried out in twelve months in such a small area shows, and indicates quite clearly what can be done by a determined effort.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Gamlingay on Saturday week. There was a very poor attendance from the Ely Archdeaconry, but members from the Huntingdon District and friends from Bedfordshire saved the situation. The following towers were represented: Biggleswade, Clifton, Fulbourn, Gamlingay, Great Staughton, Haslow, Kempston, Potton, Sawston and Trumpington.

A service was conducted by Mr. Daniels (lay reader, in the absence of the Vicar), who gave a very interesting address. The services of the organist and choir were greatly appreciated.

Tea followed at the Cock Hotel, and, as this was a by-meeting, no business had to be transacted. Mr. Hurry proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Daniels for conducting the service, also to the organist and choir.

The tower was again visited, various methods being rung, in the course of which one ringer scored his first course of Cambridge Surprise, and another his first touch of Woodbine.

THAT SECRETARIES' PEAL!**'W.S.' IS ANNOYED WITH 'THE RINGING WORLD.'**

'W.S.', who called over the coals those secretaries who rang a peal together on March 21st, when, in the areas of some of them, district meetings were being held, is obviously annoyed with 'The Ringing World.' 'It is tragic,' he writes, 'when the editor of a paper devoted to Church work descends to such piffle about "tunnel vision" and "limited outlook." Abuse is no argument, and the Church teaching behoves its members to set a better standard than the so-called reply in yours of the 10th. It is a good specimen of a "twist" and an attempt to side track, but it will not alter facts. I pointed out quite fairly, with (sic) any uncalled for remarks, things that were justified, and they were backed up by extracts from your own paper. Your reply only dealt with part, and you preferred to give a distorted view of the subject rather than print the whole. I do not expect anyone in the peal ringing portion of the Exercise to give up their peals, but I do expect them to refrain from telling the others what they should or should not do,' . . . and so on.

We do not think we twisted any facts when we pointed out that Mr. C. T. Coles is as much a general secretary of his association as any secretary of an association can well be, and whether our reply was 'tragic' and 'piffle' depends, in our view, upon how you look at it: whether you look at it, as it were, as part of the general landscape, or whether you look at it through a tunnel.

If only a portion of the original letter from 'W. S.' was dealt with it was because it was really the only germane part. The complaint was against Guild officers who had 'asked and appealed for loyal support at meetings,' and who 'should put their own house in order first.' The fact that other ringers rang peals on the days when their associations were holding district meetings was in the mind of 'W. S.' when he wrote his first letter—the cuttings which he sent with it proved this—but as these ringers have never, as far as we know, made any appeal for loyal support at meetings, they were hardly the culprits—it was the secretaries who were the real offenders. And, as for our reply, did we not tell them to sit up and take notice of 'W. S.'s' complaint? And have they not sat up and taken notice? The offender-in-chief tells us that he nearly sat up all one night to take notice of it, but thought better of it and went to bed. He also tells us that if he guesses aright the identity of 'W. S.' (this secret is locked securely in the editorial bosom), then 'W. S.' does not attend the meetings of the Guild, in whose area he lives, even when he has not got a peal on.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM ELLIOTT.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Kelvedon on Saturday, May 2nd. An ideal spring day encouraged members from near and far, and they enjoyed some excellent striking on the fine old peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.), the heaviest in the county. A service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Croft, who gave a very interesting address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) read the lesson. After the service, the Vicar kindly invited all ringers to an excellent tea at the Vicarage, and 52 took advantage of his kind hospitality.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) took the chair. Mr. F. Hunt, Earls Colne, was unanimously elected an hon. life member of the association. Two ringing members and two probationers were also elected from Dunmow. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Bardfield on July 25th.

After thanking the Vicar for his excellent address, and the organist for his services, Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for the bountiful tea, and wished his thanks to be extended to Mrs. Croft and the ladies who had assisted in preparing it. Continuing, Mr. Howard said the association always got a good reception at Kelvedon, and they were all most grateful for what had been done for them. They were also indebted to Mr. Elliott for the arrangements he had made (applause). He was pleased to see Mr. Moss there from Mistley. He had been indisposed for some long time, and they hoped he would soon be restored to his normal health. He was also glad to see Mr. W. Keeble, who had not enjoyed the best of health lately. They had missed his name in the peal reports, but now that he had improved they hoped he would be able to carry on the good work for a considerable time.—Mr. Moss and Mr. Keeble returned thanks.

The Vicar, in reply, acknowledged the thanks, and added a little testimony to Mr. Elliott for all he had done in the belfry and teaching a young band. Mr. Elliott was then handed a copy of 'The history and art of change ringing' (by Ernest Morris), with the following inscribed therein: 'To William Elliott, as a small but grateful recognition for his splendid work for the Church as a bellringer for over 50 years. A. W. Croft, Vicar, May 2nd, 1931.'—Mr. Elliott suitably replied amid loud applause.

Fearing bells were available during the evening, and various touches were rung, including London Surprise Major.

OVER, CAMBS.—For morning service, Sunday, May 3rd, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: M. Ginn 1, G. Whybrow 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington 6.

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THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

PROGRESS OF THE RESTORATION FUND.

The fund for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman is already making good headway, and the appeal to the Exercise will be formally launched in a few days. It is expected that a sum in the neighbourhood of £350 will be required to put the bells in order, and the money will have to be raised quickly if the work is to be carried through and the re-opening is to take place by the end of the summer. The amount required must be promised before any order for the work can be given, for, obviously, no one in a scheme of this description can undertake a guarantee. The campaign to raise the funds, therefore, will have to be an intensive one. The preliminaries are being arranged, and we hope to make a full announcement next week.

Meanwhile, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association last Saturday voted three guineas, which brings the amount promised by associations up to £34 19s., in addition to which the committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will recommend a grant of £10; and the Suffolk, Warwickshire and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds propose to take action to subscribe to the fund.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The five bells at Broadwoodkelly, Devon, have been recast into a ring of six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and were rededicated on Saturday.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. James George, who has been unwell for some months, has had a relapse, having been attacked by influenza. His name is being missed from our peal columns, and everyone will hope that he may soon be fully restored to health and once more at work at the rope end.

Mr. George Williams, the popular Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, was 74 yesterday.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the 14,112 London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton in 8 hrs. 40 mins. in 1903.

The ringers of Over, Cambs, are raising funds for one bell in the coming augmentation, and hope to dedicate it to the memory of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley. To save any misunderstanding that may arise, this is purely a local effort and should in no way affect the official scheme.

A grandfathers' attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was lost at Irthingborough on Saturday week in the 59th course. Doubtless, however, these eight 'grandads' will have another shot and show that there's life in the old boys yet.

Little Girl (telling her parents about party): 'And then Mr. Morris recited "Curse you." Mother: "'Curse you"?' Little Girl: 'Yes. "Curse you shall not ring to-night."'

THE PROPOSED OUTING TO BELGIUM.

Will those ringers who are still considering the above outing to Ypres in August, please make their decision now and notify me at once, and oblige.—W. Willson, 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester.

RINGER'S GIFT TO HIS PARISH CHURCH.

A NEW CLOCK FOR BANSTEAD, SURREY.

A new church clock is now being fixed in the tower of Banstead Church, Surrey, which is to be dedicated on May 23rd. The clock strikes the hours on the tenor bell and chimes the Cambridge chime quarters on four other bells of the peal of eight.

The time is shown on three skeleton dials of a special design, made of solid bronze, the whole of which is gilt with best English transfer gold leaf, together with the hands, which are also of a special design.

Owing to the construction of the tower a special chamber for the clock had to be made above the bells, leading down to the dials below, which are fixed in front of the lancet windows.

The donor of the clock is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of the Surrey Association and of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and is a regular member of the band at Banstead Parish Church.

Everything in connection with the clock is of the highest possible quality and workmanship, and has been made by J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitchurch, Shropshire.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

III. THE SOCIETY'S RECORDS.

Annabie was scarcely in his grave before the trouble which had long been brewing came to a head. Divisions arose which split the Society in two and came nigh to wrecking it entirely. Osborn says the cause is unknown, but there is evidence enough for us to make a pretty accurate guess. We know enough of human nature in general and ringers in particular to be sure that there was in these old societies a good deal of rivalry and clash of personal ambition. The many times men changed from one company to another shows that.

When I find that after Annabie has called every peal during six years, John Cundell called three in which Annabie did not ring, and, later on, Annabie called several in which Cundell did not ring, I suspect rivalry between the two. Then I find John Holt, Annabie's biggest rival, joining the Society and Cundell as his chief supporter. Holt prepares to issue his broadsheet by subscription from the College Youths in the face of Annabie's opposition and disapproval, and Cundell's is the address where it may be bought. I look through the subscription list and I find the names, so far as I can trace them, are either those of old and well-to-do members who have ceased to take any active part in ringing, like Thomas Lester, the bell founder, William Skelton, the lawyer, John Hardham, and William Oram; or else they are men like William Underwood, who have been with Holt in the Union Scholars' Company, or Killican, who had joined the College Youths with him.

Here is evidence of division among the members, and all the time another and more active society was watching and waiting to profit by any dissensions among them. Then Annabie dies, his strong control has ceased, there is no man big enough to take his place, and in the struggle that follows the Society is split in twain.

Two important results followed. One was the formation of one of the most brilliant companies in the history of ringing; and the other that the College Youths lost all their old peal books and records. The Society has been very unfortunate in the matter of its records. The peal books of most of the other old London societies — the Union Scholars, the Eastern Scholars, the London Youths, and the Cumberland Youths—have come down to us intact. But all the old College Youths books are gone. The Society possesses a book with a register of names from 1637 and a record of peals from 1724 to 1753. It is an old document, but not the original. It is a copy made for a Mr. Blackwell, of Ampney Park, near Cirencester, a member of the Society. Dr. Raven, in his 'Bells of England,' says the list of names is in the British Museum; but on turning it up I find that it, too, is a copy; in fact, a copy of the Society's copy.

The peal book which contains the records of the years about which I am going to write dates only from 1843. It consists partly of sheets from two old books (contemporary with the peals rung) and partly of newly written sheets to replace destroyed ones. There is no question that the records are accurate, but they are not always first hand contemporary evidence. There is only one book, and that a fragment, which still exists of those belonging to the College Youths of Annabie's time. This is possibly the book to which Shipway refers when he wrote—"a book containing memorials of the society in

the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries after escaping the ravages of the fire of London has been unaccountably lost" (Note 5).

The book (it is before me as I write) is in manuscript, folio size, and consists of twenty-six leaves, some badly damaged and not always bound up in the right order. It is obviously the remains of a larger book. It contains seventy-six Four-and-Twenties on four bells and ten Six-scores in different methods of Doubles; but no Six-bell methods. Then follow the records of peals rung from 1726 to 1745 numbered 9 to 57. Then some touches of Grandsire Triples and then the second half of Holt's Ten-part written out in full by the lead-ends. The page with the first half has disappeared. The appearance of this peal here is interesting. It clearly shows that Annabie's 'not Encouraging' of Holt's broadsheet was not (as usually said) because he objected to the peals, but because he objected to Holt's presence in the College Youths' Society.

The book has leads and touches of Grandsire Caters, Union Triples and Caters, a lead of College Triples and two 5,040's of Bob Major. One is a Three-part with every lead written out in full. This was the Sixth twelve times home. The other is Annabie's well-known Three-part. There are also directions how to get a 40,320 of Bob Major. After giving the last four methods on four bells, there is this note, 'These four (which are the last I shall prick) Mr. Annabie says he prickt to make up just 120; and although this number is much greater than has been generally allowed by most Ringers, yet he further says he believe's there may be prickt, by various Methods with one plain Hunt in them 192, without those which every Bell are alike' (Note 6).

When I first inspected the book I thought it might be the work of Annabie, but this note proves that it is not his. It is evidently the official book kept by the Society to record their performances and methods. The peals were afterwards written into a formal peal book by a man named James Albion, who did this work for most of the London societies at that time.

Albion was elected a member of the Union Scholars in 1747 and rang in several of their peals, including the 'Original' at Westminster. In 1754 he left London and went and lived at Bath, where he was appointed master of a large school. He probably took this book with him, for it was found there many years later. On December 9th, 1754, he rang a peal of 'Union Tripples' with the Bath ringers.

This manuscript seems to have been unknown to Jasper Snowden and the other people who have written on the history of ringing.

NOTE 5. Shipway obviously means the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, not the sixteenth and seventeenth. This book, or what remains of it, is certainly not so old as the fire of London, 1666.

NOTE 6. It is interesting to compare this note with the following entry in Annabie's own notebook: 'These four I prickt to Make up Just 120 which has Convinced me that there are a Great Many More prickt then (sic) there has been allow'd by Most of the Ringers in London, and I do believe there is to be prickt by Methods with one Plain hunt in them 192 without those which every Bell are alike.'

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on St. George's Day, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 42 mins. by the following members of the National Guild of Police Ringers: P.C. Thomas Bannister (Metropolitan Police) 1, ex-P.O. Ernest Brett (Metropolitan Police) 2, Sergt. George Schleuter (Metropolitan Police) 3, P.C. Frederick Digby (Metropolitan Police) 4, P.C. Edward Holt (Metropolitan Police) 5, Sergt. Albert Lawrence (Herts Constabulary) 6, P.C. Walter Claydon (Reigate Borough Police) (conductor) 7, P.C. Norman Bagworth (Metropolitan Police) 8.

A DIAMOND JUBILEE.

OPENING OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH BELLS COMMEMORATED.

The Parish Church of Great St. Mary, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, has a grand peal of eight bells, tenor 25 cwt. When the church inventory was taken in 1552, Sawbridgeworth possessed 'five great bells,' the 2nd and 4th probably having been cast by John Tonne in London about 1510. The treble of the old five was recast by Phelps in 1728, and the 3rd by Phelps in 1733. A new treble was added in 1749 by Thos. Lester, making a peal of six, and in 1795 the famous John Briant, of Hertford, recast the tenor.

In 1870, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were called in to put the peal in order. The old 2, 3, 4 and 5 were recast, and in 1871 two new trebles were added to complete the octave, the bells now being dated: Treble and 2nd, Taylor, 1871; 3rd, T. Lester, 1749; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, Taylor, 1870; tenor, J. Briant, 1795.

This augmented peal was opened on April 11th, 1871, with a 'great ringing day' by Squire Leonard Proctor and his famous band, who rang on the bells Grandsire Tripples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Tripples, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major, which is recorded on a board in the ringing chamber.



The Church of Great St. Mary, Sawbridgeworth.

The first peal rung on the octave was in 1881, this being a peal of Grandsire Tripples.

Church bells are specially for the purpose of calling people to worship, but there are other suitable times for the ringing of church bells. Saturday, April 11th, 1931, was such an appropriate occasion, it being the 60th anniversary of the opening of the peal.

Sawbridgeworth is fortunate in having a very distinguished Vicar, the Rev. T. S. Goudge, M.A., D.S.O., who, on being approached with regard to the ringing of the bells in a peal to celebrate the 'diamond jubilee,' readily gave consent, and put a notice of the anniversary and peal attempt in his parish magazine, while Mr. Harris, one of the oldest residents, whose father was largely instrumental in having the peal augmented sixty years ago, expressed a wish to entertain the ringers to supper after the peal attempt.

Ringers from Essex, Herts and Kent were welcomed in the belfry by the Vicar and the churchwarden, Mr. Morris (also a ringer), who wished success to the attempt.

A good start was made for the 'Original' under the conductorship of the 'Kentish man.' Unfortunately, the peal came to grief after ringing 3,260 changes in 2 hrs. 10 mins., but great credit is due to the local man, A. Levey, in his first attempt.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRANT TO STEDMAN TERCENTENARY FUND.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was held at Whitechurch, near Cardiff, on Saturday last. The bells, a ring of six, were raised about three o'clock, and kept going in various methods until 4.30, when service was held, the curate (the Rev. C. G. Jones Evans), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, officiating and giving a very interesting address. Immediately following the service, tea, generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was served. The Rev. C. G. Jones Evans presided over the business meeting, and at the outset, on behalf of the Vicar, heartily welcomed the association to the parish.

Various items were discussed arising out of the minutes, chiefly in reference to proposed restorations and instruction. It was stated that owing to the tower having large louvres, thus causing the sound of the bells to be rather deafening, a gentleman had promised to give ten pounds towards remedying this, if it was possible. It was therefore recommended to the Vicar that the louvres should be bricked up.

The hon. secretary read the letters he had received and the prospectus describing the interesting work by Mr. Ernest Morris, 'The history and art of change ringing,' and it was unanimously decided that the association purchase a copy.

The hon. secretary also explained the proposal to celebrate the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth by restoring the bells on which he rang at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge. It was then unanimously resolved that the association subscribe three guineas to the fund.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Cowbridge. Quite a number of new members were elected from Abergavenny, Blenavon, Trevechin, Newport, Chepstow and Llanarth.

A letter was read from Pentre tower in reference to ringing at the Cathedral on the day of the enthronement of the new Bishop, and after discussion it was left in the hands of Mr. E. Coombes to arrange with the Dean. Various minor items were discussed, and after the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed, and the bells afterwards rung, bringing to a close a very successful meeting.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The April meeting of the Guild was held at Hawkhurst, which proved a very popular venue. The local band had everything in readiness, and ringing in most of the standard methods was carried on until 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address, and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. Tea was served at the Eight Bells Hotel, the well-laden tables proving welcome in contrast to the cold wind and rain outdoors. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Guild Master presided at the business meeting.

Woodchurch was chosen for the next meeting on May 16th, and an invitation from the Rev. G. S. Long to visit Aldington on May 30th for Mr. Slingsby's 94th birthday was accepted with thanks.

Mr. C. Tribe extended a hearty welcome to members of the Hastings and District Guild, and hoped that at some future date a joint meeting of the two Guilds would be held, when opinions could be exchanged, which would perhaps be of great benefit to the Guilds and also to the objects they stood for.—The Rev. N. E. Hope briefly replied.

Seven new members were elected. The Guild Master congratulated Mr. Cyril Brown on conducting his first peal, and also the conductor and the whole band who rang the first peal of Grandsire Cinques for the Kent County and the Guild at Quex Park.—The hon. secretary thanked the local secretary for the arrangements made, and said that the tea was one of the best they had had at a Guild meeting.

The towers represented by the thirty members presente were Ashford, Kennington, Egerton, Tenterden, Stone, Frittenden, Rolvenden, Beenden, Lamberhurst, Salehurst, Hastings, and the local band. Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung on handbells, and further ringing afterwards took place in the tower.

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After the failure, the band were met by Mr. Morris, Mr. W. Turling and the local ringers, and sat down to a splendid supper, Mr. Morris presiding.

At the conclusion the conductor proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Harris for his kindly thought and interest in the ringers and ringing, and expressed regret at his inability to be present. The conductor also asked that an appeal be made to the young men of Sawbridgeworth to come forward, and hoped that some would respond in order to keep the art alive in the town, especially with such a grand ring of bells.

Mr. Churchwarden Morris said he would be pleased to convey the thanks of the ringers to Mr. Harris, who was now 80 years of age, and remembered well the opening of the bells. Mr. Morris added that he and the Vicar would do everything possible to get the young men to learn change ringing.

All good things come to an end, and, train time having arrived all too quickly, the two Essex men and the Kentish man bade farewell to the company, after spending a most enjoyable time.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE NEW PRESIDENT.**

The Rev. A. Rust, of Husborne Crawley, was elected president of the Bedfordshire Association on Easter Monday, in succession to the late Canon W. W. C. Baker. The occasion was the 49th annual meeting, held at Bedford, when there was a representative gathering of ringers present from the county and surrounding districts.

In proposing the Rev. A. Rust as president, Miss Steel (one of the vice-presidents) said the association had lost a valuable president and friend in Canon Baker, but she hoped Mr. Rust would prove a worthy successor.—Mr. Herbert seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Rev. A. Rust, in returning thanks for his election, said it was a tremendous compliment to ask him to fill the place left vacant by the death of their old friend, Canon Baker. It was not mock modesty on his part when he said he did not feel qualified to step into his place. Mr. Rust said he had not lost his interest in ringing, or in the association, of which he had been a member for 28 years, but he felt he had a difficult part to play in following such a man as the late Canon Baker, but he would do his best to justify their confidence in him (applause).

The following were elected as vice-presidents: Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), Mr. A. King (Luton), Mr. C. Herbert (Woburn), Mr. J. Nicholls (Leighton Buzzard); auditor, Mr. E. Herbert; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. E. Sharnian; representatives on Central Council, Messrs. A. E. Sharnian and A. King.

THE LATE CANON BAKER'S WORK.

The following report was submitted by the Rev. A. Rust on behalf of the committee: 'In presenting this our 48th annual report, the thought uppermost in our minds is the irreparable loss this association has sustained during the past year by the passing of Canon W. W. C. Baker, our president. It seems almost impossible to imagine the Beds. Association without him to help to guide its destinies, as we find his name in every report hitherto issued by the association. The first as an undergraduate on the committee, afterwards many years secretary, and since April 17th, 1911, president. A wonderful record of unbroken and unselfish service to the members of your association. Many members attended the funeral at Southill. Your association sent a wreath. Muffled peals were also rung at several churches in the county. We also regret to record the deaths of Mr. H. Cockings, of Stagsden, and Mr. W. Cooper, of Sharnbrook. May they rest in peace. The year has otherwise been marked by much good work in all districts. Over thirty meetings have been held in different towers in the county. It is most gratifying to record that for the first time ringing members have topped the 200 mark. The peals rung show a slight decrease on the previous year. It is pleasing to note though, that many first peals and first in various methods have been scored by the younger members. This speaks of progress. The summer festival was held at Cardington, where we received a warm welcome, a good attendance spending an enjoyable afternoon. In conclusion, we again wish to thank the clergy for so readily granting members the use of bells for meetings and peals; our hon. members for their valued help and support. And would once again emphasise to all members the importance of loyalty in the success of the association. No society can prosper without the loyalty of its members. It is the secret where success depends on co-operation.'

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL.

In proposing the adoption of the report, the President again referred to the loss sustained by the death of Canon Baker. He said it was not possible to express in words what the loss meant to the association. His work was well done, and they should think of him now as enjoying a well-earned rest. He suggested that the secretary should write to Mrs. Baker expressing the sorrow of the association at his death.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Sharnian said it had been suggested that the association should try to raise a memorial to their late president, and he thought a suitable one would be to raise sufficient money to place two additional bells in the tower at Dunstable. The probable cost would be about £200.

This was seconded and carried.

As next March would be the 50th anniversary of the formation of the association, it was decided to leave a suitable form of commemoration to be arranged by the committee.

A resolution was passed that the association should be affiliated with the Central Council and loyally abide by its rules and decisions.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Robins (St. Paul's) and the Rev. F. M. Squibb (St. Peter's) for the use of the towers.

During the day ringing in various methods was enjoyed by the members on the bells at St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles in 47 mins.: A. Durham 1, S. Richardson 2, Jas. E. Brown 3, E. Scambler 4, W. Norman (conductor) 5, A. Eilbeck 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles on the bells. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, who are Sunday ringers at the above church. Ringers of 5 and 6 are from Egremont.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Heston on Saturday, when a company of 34 assembled, representing eleven towers. Mr. Goodfellow (Ringing Master) set the bells going shortly after 3 p.m., and methods practised during the meeting were Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob Triples, Crayford, College, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The visitors were entertained to an excellent tea by the Heston band in the Church Hall. The Rev. George Craggs (Vicar) presided, supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), the Ringing Master, and an old and esteemed member of the Heston band, Mr. Carter. The Vicar gave the association a hearty welcome, and said how pleased he would be to welcome them there at any time.

Business followed tea, when the Vicar vacated the chair in favour of the vice-president.

It was announced that the dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth would take place on June 13th by the Bishop of Kensington, details as to which will appear in 'The Ringing World' later. The July meeting is to be held at Ruislip.

The hon. secretary was requested to send letters of sympathy to Mr. Hunnisett, of Ealing, and Mr. Baldwin, of St. John's, Hillingdon, the former being seriously ill at home, and the latter awaiting an operation in King Edward's Hospital, Ealing. The company wished them both a speedy recovery. A vote of condolence and sympathy was offered to Lady Clarke and family in their bereavement by the death of Sir Edward Clarke, who gave the bells at St. Peter's, Staines.

A vote of congratulation was accorded to Mr. Tom Beadle on his 81st birthday, and, a plate being placed on the table on his behalf, 14s. was deposited therein.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to the Heston band for their kind hospitality, which was much appreciated by all, and to their wives, viz., Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Gladman and Mrs. Cattermole, for their untiring efforts in doing all they possibly could for the comfort of the company.

The tower was again visited, and ringing indulged in till 9 p.m., when a pleasant and enjoyable meeting came to an end.

A CURTAILED MEETING.

The North and East District meeting, held at Pinner on Saturday week, might have been a great success, but circumstances were against it. First, the rain! This undoubtedly kept many away, and consequently the attendance only just reached the thirty mark. Then just before tea time a request came that the bells should cease ringing because of illness near by. As it was elicited that this was a genuine case, no more ringing was done. Up to this point matters had gone very well, and several good touches, from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, had been rung. The few minutes before tea time were spent in ringing a course of London Surprise Major on the handbells, in which a very welcome visitor, Mr. T. T. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, took part. No doubt even such good ringers as the brothers Pye find it difficult to ring London double-handed, when out of practice, but it was a good course until the last few changes. Mr. C. C. Mayne rang the tenors quite well, and should do better with a little practice.

After a good tea, the company attended evensong, which was taken by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. A. Rowland). Afterwards the usual business meeting was held. Two members were elected, and it was announced that the new trebles at Isleworth would be dedicated on Saturday, June 13th. The arrangements for the next district meeting were left in the hands of the hon. secretary.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, and to Mr. R. H. Colyer for arranging the meeting, the proceedings terminated, and members went home early for a change!

METHOD EXTENSIONS.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—The correctness or otherwise of extensions continues to be purely a matter of individual opinion, generally of a contradictory nature.

The time has long been ripe for the Central Council to, at least, consider formulating rules and regulations to which such extensions as do conform to them will be officially recognised.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of the Central Council opportunity might be taken to give this matter a practical turn with a view to its ultimate settlement, by the setting up of a small committee empowered to collect, analyse, and report upon such evidence as is available to the next annual meeting. While unanimity may not be a feature of the report, we, of the rank and file, would at least feel that representatives had at least made an honest effort to put this debatable subject on a basis of common understanding.

Yours truly,

Dunedin, New Zealand.

JAMES S. WILDE.

HOUSLOW.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: C. Gash 1, E. Lubbock 2, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, J. P. Kent 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**A MEMORIAL GIFT TO THE DERBY DISTRICT.**

Ockbrook is a village situated some five or six miles east of Derby in the southern division of the county, and the Church of All Saints is a building of stone, consisting of chancel, nave, and a western tower with low octagonal spire, restored in 1894, which contains six bells, one of which is dated 1653, and two others 1664, the three trebles being a recent addition. A new font was placed in the church in 1878, although an older one of the 12th century exists. The stained east window represents the four Evangelists, and was brought from the Wigston Hospital, Leicestershire.

Such is the place chosen by members of the Derby District of the M.C.A. for their first quarterly meeting of the year, members being present from the various towers to keep the bells going to different methods, including Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

At the tea and business meeting, which was held in the Church Room presided over by Mr. Henry Fletcher, the members were pleased to welcome Mrs. R. B. Chambers and Rev. F. C. Bayliss, her brother. Tea being disposed of, a very pleasing ceremony took place. Mrs. Chambers presented to the members of the district a copy of the book, 'The history and art of change ringing,' by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, the general hon. secretary of the M.C.A., asking them to accept the same in memory of her late husband, Ald. R. B. Chambers. She had written a suitable inscription in the book as follows:—

'The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers
(Derby Branch).
In Memoriam.

Robert Baker Chambers.

President 1920. At rest 1928.

Ring in the valiant man and true,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand,
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

Presented by Mrs. Chambers, May 2nd, 1931.

In a few suitable words, Mr. C. Draper, on behalf of the members, thanked Mrs. Chambers for her kindness in providing the district with so valuable a gift.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Youlgreave on Saturday, April 18th. About eighteen ringers were present from Baslow, Bakewell, Chester, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Farndon, Pulford, and Youlgreave. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor 27 cwt.) were raised at 3 p.m., and some good ringing was accomplished in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A substantial tea at an inn nearby was followed by an informal business meeting presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam. It was arranged, if possible, to hold the next meeting at Hathersage on May 23rd, where an invitation to tea has been kindly extended to all members by Mr. H. Newbery. One new member, Miss J. Dugdell, of Dore, was elected, and the usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Withington on Saturday, April 25th, in very inclement weather. Mr. Jesse Gillot, who has been resident in Gloucester for forty years, took this opportunity to visit his native Cotswold village. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also a welcome visitor.

The members were welcomed at the church by the Rector (Rev. D. Austin Fisher) and the local ringers, and the bells were set going in various methods, everyone being agreeably surprised at the 'go' of the bells.

The Rector conducted the service, and gave an excellent address. Mr. John Harper, of Cheltenham, kindly presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Mill Inn, an old-fashioned hostelry, with its wide open fireplace, and an array of churchwarden pipes hung on the walls.

At the business meeting the Rector presided over a gathering of some 26 members, representing the following towers of the branch: Cheltenham (St. Mark's), Badgeworth, Elkstone, Prestbury, Swindon, Leckhampton and Withington.

Rev. D. Austin Fisher was elected an hon. member, and Mr. T. S. Williams a performing member.

Members stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Winchcombe was selected for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector and to the local ringers for their hearty welcome. The Rector expressed his pleasure at having the members at Withington.

The tower was again visited, when the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clements, of Bourton, was more than welcome. The meeting proved most enjoyable, despite the bad weather.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, April 25th, and, although the weather was very unsettled, the numbers steadily increased until the company numbered over forty. The tower of St. John-the-Baptist's Church was open at 2.30, and ringing continued until 4.30, when a special service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. G. Matthews, who gave a most excellent discourse on 'Manliness,' illustrated by various notable examples. The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where an excellent tea had been provided. The usual business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman. One new tower (Upper Beeding) having become affiliated, the whole of the members were elected to membership. The election of Mr. W. J. Rawlings, Beckingham, Kent, as a non-resident member was confirmed.

All the officers of the division were re-elected, viz.: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone; committee, Messrs. J. A. Hart, J. Wren, and G. Apps; Committee of Advice, Messrs. Keith Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler. The meeting concluded with the Master proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service and address, and to the organist who so ably accompanied the singing. Thanks are also due to the Southover Branch for their kind assistance in arranging the meeting.

The ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal, and a very fair standard of ringing was maintained. The following towers were represented: Boxhill, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas), The Good Shepherd, Crawley, Cuckfield, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lindfield, Seaford and Lewes (Southover).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**JUDGE ELECTED BRANCH CHAIRMAN.**

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch seems to lose none of its attractions, for, although the weather was most unkind, over seventy persons attended the Guild service at Windsor Parish Church on Saturday week, when the Vicar, Rev. C. H. Hamilton, M.A., welcomed the branch and gave an interesting address from the text, 'Make ye two trumpets of silver.'

An excellent tea was enjoyed by all, and about 100 were present for the business meeting, which was preceded by some Stedman Triples on handbells. The Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C., made a short reference to the loss that the branch had sustained by the death of the chairman, Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A., the whole gathering standing in silence for a few moments.

The election of a chairman for the meeting was combined with that of chairman of the branch for the ensuing year, a unanimous vote being accorded to the Hon. Sir Charles A. Bennett, one of His Majesty's judges, who has been an interested member of the branch for many years. The other officers were re-elected, viz., Branch secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch representatives for general committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Messrs. T. J. Fowler, J. L. Kirk, W. E. Taylor and J. C. Truss.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £17 17s. 10d., an increase on the year's working of £2 17s. 11d.

The election of a goodly number of new members during the year was confirmed, and a new band from Braywood, together with their Vicar, were elected. The Master, general secretary and general treasurer all thanked the members of the branch for their welcome, and congratulated them on their many successes and speedy conclusion of the business.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, chairman and Mr. T. Smith, who were responsible for the excellent arrangements.

A large number enjoyed touches in various methods, including London, Bristol and Cambridge, ringing being continued up to 9 p.m.

DEATH OF AN OLD SUSSEX RINGER.**AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The Sussex County Association has lost, through the death of Mr. William Short, another of its original members. As captain of the Warnham band when the association was formed in 1835, Mr. Short at once became a most active leader in the north-western area, taking part in a large number of the early peals, and also giving assistance to other towers in the neighbourhood. Though prevented for some years, by a painful illness, from taking any active part in ringing, his interest in the art retained its keenness to the last, and any ringing information was always appreciated. He was also a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Surrey County Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths, and took part in about 170 peals, including 10,176 Kent Treble Bob, 6,720 Bob Major, 6,720 Canterbury Pleasure, and the record length 13,440 in that method.

The interment took place on Monday in the shadow of the tower where he had taken part in so many peals. As the mourners left the graveside, the bells pealed out in muffled tones, members of the local band and representatives from Slinfield, Horsham, Lower Beeding and Itchingfield taking part in several touches.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING IN THE FROME VALLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Sydling on Saturday last, the towers represented being Bradford Peverell, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Frampton, Sydling, Wool, Wyke Regis, Upwey and Maiden Newton. The North Dorset Branch was also represented by Kingston Magna and Mere and the West Dorset Branch by Evershot. A number of ringers and friends took advantage of the motor coach that was run from Weymouth, and stepped for a short ring at Stratton on the way.

On arrival at Sydling the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Wynn Werninck) and given a warm welcome. The bells were then made good use of until 4.30, when the Guild Office was conducted in the church by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey), several of the parishioners attending the service. The Vicar gave a most inspiring address, taking as his text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' Following the service, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a bounteous tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) was partaken of, members and friends to the number of sixty being waited on by a willing band of ladies under Mrs. E. Ashburnham and Miss Wynn Werninck. After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the chairman of the branch (Mr. R. N. Dawes), who was supported by the Rector of Maiden Newton (Rev. B. L. Langham), the Rev. Wynn Werninck and the Rev. A. S. Bryant. Others present included Mr. J. T. Godwin (churchwarden, St. Peter's, Dorchester) and Captain A. Wheeler (churchwarden, Wyke Regis). Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman to the death of an old member, namely, Mr. Harry Cozens, who had been a ringer at Abbotsbury for over fifty years, and who passed away on Palm Sunday. The company then stood in respectful silence.

Six new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Upwey and also a combined summer gathering with the Wimborne Branch at Milton Abbey.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman, and seconded by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, to the Vicar for so kindly taking the service and giving such a splendid address, also for providing such a sumptuous tea, and for the use of the bells. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the organist, and to ladies who waited on them at tea, and to the chairman for presiding at the meeting, and reference was also made to the admirable way in which the hon. secretary had organised the meeting and arranged the ringing at five towers.

The meeting being concluded, some of the members again repaired to the tower and rang on the fine mellow toned bells which Sydling possesses. Although only five in number (the tenor weighing 20 cwt.), the general opinion was that they would make a splendid peal if augmented to the octave. It is of interest to note that the three largest bells in the tower date from 1600. In passing, it should be mentioned that Sydling can boast of a very enthusiastic band of lady ringers, which speaks well for the interest taken by the ladies of that village in campanology.

Other members proceeded to Maiden Newton, and rang on the lately restored peal of six, which now go splendidly. Frampton and Bradford Peverell were the two final calls of the day, and at the former place the Vicar (Rev. G. Wynn) very kindly conducted the ringers over his beautiful church. Everywhere the members were given a most cordial welcome, and thus it may be said that the music of the bells was heard through the Frome Valley throughout the afternoon and evening.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Lathbury 1, G. Faux 2, B. Buttress 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, J. W. Ward (conductor) 6.

LATE NOTICES.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Swanwick on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. B. Walvin, 39, Derby Road, Swanwick, by Thursday, May 14th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Rothbury on Saturday, May 16th. Bus leaves Newcastle (Haymarket) every hour after 12.20. Fare 3s. 6d. return. Further particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. —Next meeting to be held at Caistor on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Robinson's Cafe, Market Place. Business to follow. Numbers for tea to Rev. A. J. Arch, The Vicarage, Caistor, Lincs., by Thursday, May 14th.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *the Coffee Pot on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. All Ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, and the address will be given by the Rev. Canon A. I. Greaves, Venerable Archdeacon of Oakham.—F. Barker, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1s. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, at the Pear Tree Inn. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Saddington, near Kibworth, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Buses leave Hind Hotel, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) for Fleckney (then 1 mile walk), Reeve or Peberdy. Buses will take you into Saddington at a small extra charge.—E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Redenhall, Saturday, May 9th. Names for tea, please. Business meeting at 5.15.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich. Please note change of address.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. All welcome. Thirty minute bus service from Paignton. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. — John Phillips, School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar Church on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions now due.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30, 1s. per head. A good attendance requested.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—There will be a meeting at Redbourn to-morrow (Saturday), May 9th. A service, tea and meeting will be arranged. All ringers welcomed.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Hillock Villa, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, at Stanstead. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise.—D. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on May 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will ringers requiring tea please send word not later than Tuesday, 12th, to H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and application for same should reach Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, not later than first post Tuesday, May 12th. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. Further particulars on circulars. —P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Coddensham on Saturday, May 16th. Tea, 1s. each, in the Parish Hall, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, for ringers and wives, etc., the guests of Lord Phillimore. Service at 7 p.m. (short evensong, with organ, hymns, etc.). All are welcome. —F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Cole-ridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Sherborne Abbey (8 bells) 10.30 to 11.45 a.m., 3 to 8 p.m., Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorne (8), Bradford Abbas, Thornford (6), Bishop's Caundle, Lillington (5), Long Burton (4). All 10 to 11.30 a.m., 3 to 9 p.m. Ringers requiring luncheon please inform the secretary before Monday, 11th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, May 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Will those requiring tea please let me know by May 12th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting of the guild will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The May meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Frequent bus service from Birmingham and Coventry.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Pirholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A monthly meeting will be held at Rodbourne Cheney (Swindon) on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., only for those who notify me by Thursday, 14th. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is hoped for. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley on May 16th. Bells (8). Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 13th inst.? — Richard D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—The 32nd annual meeting will be held at Warrington, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A special meeting has been arranged to take place at Eastwood, near Rotherham, on Saturday, May 16th. The bells available early. For tea notify Mr. J. W. Harvey, 10, Milton Road, Rotherham.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Kirkby Mallow and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, May 16th, at 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The re-opening of Greenstead Green bells will take place on Saturday, May 16th. Thanksgiving service at 3 o'clock by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Ringing commence at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, to those who give notice to Mr. A. A. Saunders, District Master, Greenstead Green, Halstead, not later than Wednesday, the 13th. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Bramley and Womersley May 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting Jolly Farmer, Bramley. Numbers for tea to me, please, by May 12th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, May 16th. Visitors made welcome, but please advise me in time to provide tea. Bells available: Kingham (8), Chipping Norton (8).—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Elflinsward, Haywards Heath, on Saturday, May 16th. Meeting to commence at 3 p.m. sharp. A special service will be held at Elflinsward, at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. A meat tea will be provided at Elflinsward at 5 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. The towers of Cuckfield, Bolney and Lindfield will be open for ringing after tea. Please note.—Those intending to be present should notify the hon. general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 12th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, at Eynsham. Service 3 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All members wishing to be present kindly let me know by Thursday, 21st, by first post.—W. Evetts, jun., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Halesworth (8, rehung), Chediston (6), Wissett (6), Wenhaston (6). Tea, at the White Swan, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows. Tea only provided for those sending a card by May 22nd to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 25th. The Central Committee meet in St. Peter's Schools at 11 a.m. prompt. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Martin). Luncheon at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Bells available: St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8), and St. Peter's (8) all day, and St. Edmund's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) after the meeting. Application for luncheon tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d. each) must be made before Tuesday, May 19th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, or to Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. — F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Saffron Walden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting to be held at Beddington has been unavoidably postponed until Saturday, May 30th. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual general meeting, the figures of all peal compositions rung for the above Guild must in future be sent to the peal recorder as under. Will conductors of all peals previously rung for the Guild please send the figures of the composition called and the names of the composers, together with dates and places at which the peals were rung, so that they may be recorded?—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

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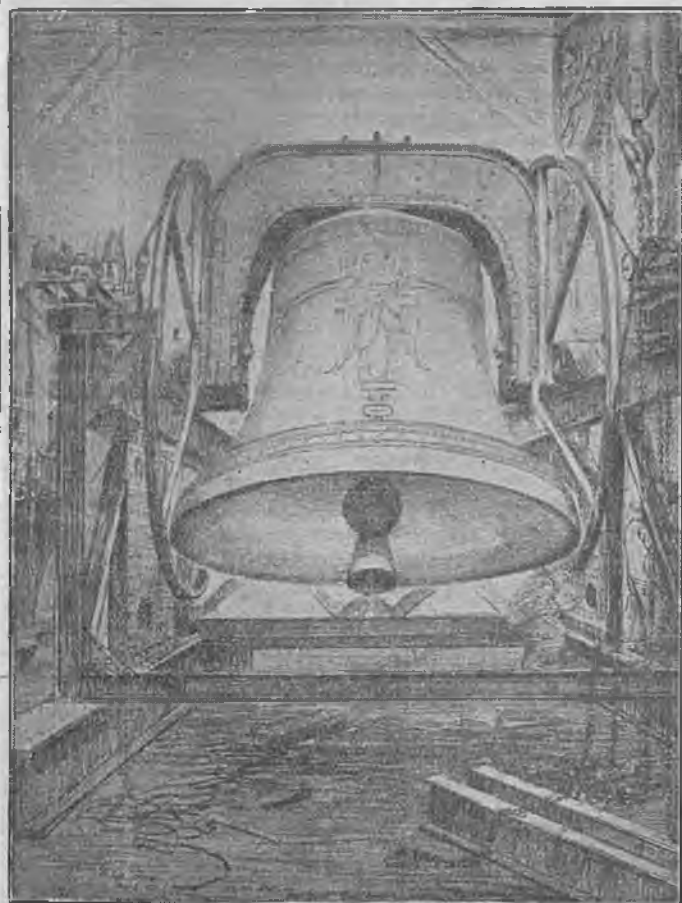
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A PROBLEM FOR THE COUNCIL?

Is there going to be another verbal battle over the question of peals of Minor, when the Central Council meets at Liverpool? A 5040 of Minor in seven plain methods with only two singles was rung at Isham last October, and the question which the Council may be asked to decide is whether such a performance shall be recognised by the Council and included in the official Peals Analysis. The definition for a peal on six bells, adopted by the Council at the Hereford meeting in 1928, is that it shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. How far does the Isham performance conform to this decision? The seven methods were rung in 360's, the second half of the changes to make up the full extent of each method being produced after the first single. In this way, between the two halves of an extent there were 2160 changes. We do not think that this can be said to comply either with the letter or the spirit of the rule, although there may be some who will attempt to argue otherwise.

There is nothing to compel anyone to conform with any of the Council's definitions of a peal, but the Council is quite within its rights in deciding whether or not it will recognise such a performance and, refusing to recognise it, excluding it from its official records. Things are often done from notions of novelty, and it was either from this motive, or as a direct challenge to the Council, that the mode of ringing a 5040 of Plain Minor was adopted on this occasion. Happily, whatever view the Council may take, performances of this sort are never likely to become a popular practice, for there is nothing in them worth practising. Such a 'peal' advances no standard of ringing; it teaches nothing; it opens no new avenue. It is a very poor substitute for 'splicing' and has not even all the virtues of fourteen 360's in different methods which once used to rank as a peal, but have long since been abandoned as worthy of being given that title.

The Council, however, will, if called upon, have to deal with this question in a judicial manner and decide whether or not the performance comes within its own definition of a peal. The members cannot cast it aside merely because they do not like it, but if they accept this performance as a peal they will find they have stepped upon a slippery slope, which will lead them to the enforced recognition of other things even more retrogressive than this, such, for instance, as forty-two six-scores of Grand-sire or Stedman Doubles with only two singles, or 5040's of Bob Minor with every pair of courses rung seven times

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before going on to the next pair. It is of no use to say these things will not be done; no one ever anticipated that 5040 in Plain methods would be rung with only two singles. If, as a result of their deliberations the Council find that they must admit the Isham performance as a peal, they will be well advised at once to devise a rule which will check any further backward trend in the standard required for five and six bell peals. There is plenty of opportunity and scope for progress and ringing has reached a stage when even novelties, if they are retrogressive, should be entirely taboo.

TEN BELL PEAL.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*LESLIE BARRY Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
*HARRY PHELPS 2	†GEORGE ORCHARD 7
*TOM PRICE 3	JOHN BALLINGER 8
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	*HARRY BARRETT 9
*FRANK PONTING 5	GEORGE CONDECK Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor.

STEDMAN'S TERCENTENARY.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. WALKER... .. Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINCOLN Treble	HARRY WAIN 5
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 2	PERCY GREEN 6
GEORGE GREEN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
JOHN WOOD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY... .. Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	GEORGE W. STEEL 7
JOSEPH BROADELEY 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

This composition, containing the 6th the extent at home, is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD, PIMLICO, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*CHARLES O. MOORE Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	†JAMES G. A. PRIOR 6
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
WILLIAM D. GRAINGER 4	GEORGE HAYDEN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE ROBINS Treble	EDWARD H. JOHNSON 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	†DOUGLAS ELLENDER 6
OSWALD J. HUNT 3	WILLIAM T. COX 7
†CHARLES A. PARKER 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	JOHN MOULE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	†ALFRED PRIOR 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	JOHN BULLEN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. John Bullen, who has been connected with this church for 41 years, and who is now leaving the district.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One 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.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	†GEORGE E. CLODE 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	RAYMOND S. PHILPOT 7
*RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. CLODE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of the King's accession. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

RICHARD PAINE Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	JOHN R. RODWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. F. CLEMENTS Treble	FREDERICK CLEMENTS 5
WALTER YEEND 2	WALTER ROSE 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS 7
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 4	JAMES J. CAUSON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEO. H. WALTERS.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of King George's accession.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB TWELVE-PART, No. 63. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of H.M. the King's accession to the throne. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first odd bob twelve-part peal of Stedman Triples.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	JOHN COOK 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
WILLIAM HOOKER 4	WESLEY PETTIFER Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a tribute of respect to the late William Short, at one time captain of the Warnham Branch.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED HOWKINS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 6
†MISS ELSIE K. FULTON 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	JAMES HUNT 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
Rung, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, as a birthday compliment to P. Merson.

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On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
FRANK G. RINGE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Howard, Master of the Association, on his election for the 5th time as chairman of the Braintree Urban District Council.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	FREDERICK GRUNDY 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 3	JOHN POTTER 7
CHARLES OLLIER 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lingard, which took place on the Saturday previous.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
RONALD H. BOLLEN 2	HERBERT E. AUNDSLEY 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the ringers of the treble and third. First in the method as conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BOCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. A compliment to Mr. T. Beadle (Isleworth) on his 81st birthday, all the band being also members of the Middlesex County Association.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 5
*ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
JOHN PERRY 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
HERBERT E. BOOTH 4	*HAROLD L. FLAVELL Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung in commemoration of the twenty-first anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George V., also in honour of the 24th, 19th and 7th birthday anniversaries of the Misses Elsie, Amelia and Rose Greenfield respectively, daughters of the conductor, also on the 25th birthday anniversary of Miss Cathy Collins, sister of the 2nd ringer.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 11½ cwt.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	FRANK HAIRS 5
MRS. F. HAIRS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
ALBERT WALKER 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER 5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 2	*HEZEKIAH THORPE 6
HAYDN THORPE 3	*HAROLD NAYLOR 7
JOHN THORPE 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 117). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE

* First peal in the method.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES CLARKE... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS LAVER Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT 5
MRS. E. S. POWELL 2	WILLIAM H. HOWE 6
JOHN ARBURY 3	REV. E. S. POWELL 7
WILLIAM S. LETEBRIDGE 4	*ARTHUR MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Major.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS K. M. BRADFORD Treble	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 5
†ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7
RALPH MACKRILL 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Beadle.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. BROWN Treble	GEORGE W. MILLS 5
HORACE M. DAY 2	*ARTHUR GROUND 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
*FRANK TAYLOR 4	HARRY NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY NICHOLS.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor and his wife.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	GEORGE HAWKINS 6
*EDWARD H. STRADLING 3	GEORGE POPNELL 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS 4	JOHN W. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his exceptional hospitality after the peal.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
*DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
WILLIAM C. JONES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to 'father.'

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*LOTHER J. HONESS Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. This composition, a cyclical two-part, is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWE Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
WALTER H. RAXTER 2	DENNIS R. MORRIS 5
ALLEN MORGAN 3	ERIC G. CRUMP Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who is only 15 years of age; also to R. Woodyatts, a member of the Claines band, for his 21st birthday.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. STIBBONS Treble	ERNEST V. BLAKE 4
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 3	*PERCY G. HARMER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal.

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

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*SYDNEY JAKEMAN Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
†SAM HEALEY 2	EDWARD MAUND 5
†CHARLES HAYLINGS 3	*JOSEPH HILL Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*STEPHEN LAXTON Treble	JAMES MUSSON 3
HARRY GIBBARD 2	C. WILKINSON 4
WILLIAM H. PROCTOR Tenor	

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of 4th, and also to the conductor's son.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
FRED HAWKES 2	CYRIL TANSELL 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST HEAPY Treble	JACK TIPPER 4
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM GAYES 5
ALBERT V. REES 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung after meeting short for four methods, Mr. E. Heapy standing in at short notice.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*GEORGE EVANS Treble	ARTHUR ROBINSON 3
*LESLIE ILLING 2	GEORGE PARKER 4
THOMAS WISE Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal, first attempt. George Evans was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Rector, the Rev. Canon T. H. Dodson, M.A.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

CHRISTOPHER GAPPER ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE BARRY 4
*WILLIAM DAY 2	ERNEST MORGAN 5
JACK COOPER 3	ALBERT BALL <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PAYNE... .. <i>Treble</i>	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
FRED HAWKES 2	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 5
†ALBERT WRIGHT 3	ALFRED JONES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	*GEORGE GILBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* 250th peal.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS IDA B. THOMPSON <i>Treble</i>	J. P. HAYES 4
J. F. MILNER 2	R. MOUNT 5
R. H. BARTRAM 3	W. WHITE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Thomas Squires, a member of Cotgrave band for 44 years.

BRATTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. CHAPMAN <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES H. LAWRENCE 4
*LESLIE P. TINNAMS 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
*ROBERT J. LAWRENCE 3	*GEORGE F. MEAD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WM C. WEST.

* First peal. This peal was arranged by the local ringers as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Benjamin L. Cook, their captain, a churchwarden and vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild. With the exception of the conductor, the above are Bratton ringers.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE E. SHALLISH <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GILLING 4
EDWARD AVERY 2	ERNEST TOSSELL 5
*CESAR DAVIS 3	JEFFERY TOSSELL <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. AVERY.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringers of the 5th and tenor have completed the circle on six bells.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MORE INTEREST WANTED IN CUP CONTEST.

The annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Saturday, May 2nd. A service was held in East Retford Church, at which the Vicar (Rev. A. Parkinson) officiated, and the address was given by the Rev. A. J. Linsell, Rector of West Retford. After tea, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, supported by the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), representative on the Central Council, A. J. Linsell (West Retford), A. Doney (curate of Ordsall), Mrs. Crawford, Lancham, and Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Lancham, hon. life member, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretary, and Mr. H. Haigh, hon. treasurer.

The Chairman said it was a real pleasure to have the association at Retford for the annual meeting, and he assured members that a warm welcome always awaited them when they visited Retford. It was also a pleasure to have Mrs. Crawford and her daughter amongst them (applause).

A kindly message was received from the Archdeacon of Newark (the Ven. Egbert Hacking), who wished the association every success. The financial statement showed a loss on the year of £1 18s. 5d. The balance in the Workshop Savings Bank is £38 10s., and in hand £2 3s. 1d.

In his report the Hon. Secretary explained that the loss on the year's working could be explained by two grants to bell funds, and in having no hon. life members' subscriptions. The membership had increased by twenty-seven, and all the meetings were a success. Six peals were rung during the year, the first being at Gamston by a band of ladies, to whom great credit was due. It was the first ladies' peal for the association, and was conducted by Mrs. R. Richardson. In the other peals that were rung, all of which were conducted by Mr. L. Pierrepont, members of Sutton-on-Trent tower made up the majority of the bands, and the Misses K. and G. Burchall took part in all six peals. Sutton-on-Trent band had therefore made great progress in peal ringing, and were to be congratulated upon their performance. It was also pleasing to know that they rang the association's 100th peal early in 1931. Mr. H. Denman and Mr. H. Rooke had helped the Sutton-on-Trent band to score this success. Several vice-presidents had been lost during the year by death or removal. Four vice-presidents, four non-resident life-members, and 19 performing members were elected during the year, but the secretary expressed the opinion that the association needed more young blood, as they would in years to come require them to fill the positions held by their older members to-day. In bell restoration they could not say great things had happened, but North Collingham had had their bells rehung, which had made a great improvement. Shircoaks bells had also been rehung, and a grant of £2 10s. had been made from the funds for each of these. Still more peals, however, required attention; some were making progress towards getting the work done, but in other places no trouble was being taken. Harthill and Blyth had commenced their respective tasks.

STRIKING SACRIFICED FOR METHODS.

The Crawford silver cup contest was not quite the success it was in 1929, and they ought to get more companies to join the contest for this beautiful trophy. The Secretary added: 'Whilst the progress of the association is gratifying to all, may I remind you that a considerable number of our church bells are frequently only chimed and some not rung at all; some are only able to ring for Sunday service rounds and a few call changes. It can hardly be said that the art of change ringing in some places is making the progress desired. We know our meetings should help on the learners, but one case I have in mind now has not helped on the learners, but has driven them out of our reach. We know good ringers should have a good ring, but I think everyone should have a ring, and I appeal to good ringers to help on the learner. The public in general do not know anything about the art but are swift to complain, this making rather an awkward position; but the public does subscribe well to bell funds, so I think with the exception of one or two they like to hear the bells rung and rung well. The matter of striking, I am afraid, in some places is sacrificed for the method; we all know that this is a mistake, so I appeal to every company to advance in the methods as fast as possible but keep the striking good, then the public will have no cause to complain. I also appeal to everyone to help forward our object towards the Church and belfry, and to carry on with a good spirit of fellowship always.'

The membership roll up to the end of the year contained 3 life members, 25 vice-presidents, 67 non-resident life members, 145 performing members, and 12 unattached members, 252 in all.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson congratulated the hon. secretary on his excellent report, and on his motion, seconded by Mr. C. F. Fowler, it was adopted.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the officials for their services during the past year. A great deal of work had been carried out, especially by Mr. Stockdale, hon. secretary.

Mr. G. W. Metcalfe supported the chairman in his remarks. The Hon. Secretary reported the resignation of Mr. O. Levick, Norton Cuckney, as a vice-president, and said that during the past year the association had also lost by death Mr. Robert Evers, Norton Cuckney, who been a vice-president for nearly 20 years. Norton Cuckney had been one of the outstanding places in the association, and he was sorry they were not well off for ringers.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. H. Haigh, Worksop, hon. treasurer; Mr. R. W. Stookdale East Markham, hon. secretary; Mr. R. Revill, Ordsall, assistant hon. secretary; Mr. H. Rooke, Warsop, hon. secretary of the Crawford Silver Cup competition; and Mr. A. Johnson and Mr. D. A. Piercy, auditors.

Working committee: Anston, Mr. C. F. Fowler; Barlborough, Mr. Percy Morris; Blyth, Mr. A. Eastland; North Collingham, Mr. J. H. Clayton; Cuckney, Mr. Wm. Smith; Edwinstowe, Mr. F. Martin; Everton, Mr. G. Swindin; Gamston, Mr. Harold Denman, Rockley; Harthill, Mr. T. Laking; East Markham, Mr. W. J. Bowman, jun.; Misson, Mr. S. W. Law; Ordsall, Mr. H. Revill; East Retford, Mr. H. Blagg; West Retford, Mr. J. L. Blagg; Shireoaks, Mr. F. Hargreaves; Sutton-on-Trent, Mr. E. A. Midwinter; Tuxford, Mr. J. H. Smith; Wheatley, Mr. J. Wright; Warsop, Mr. H. Rooke; Worksop, Mr. A. Johnson.

The following new members were elected: Miss Mary May, North Muskham; Mr. L. W. Bacon and Mr. G. L. Chambers, Creswell; Mr. Denis Towler and Mr. R. Ahy, East Retford.

STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson spoke of the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge. He said that the anniversary was to be commemorated throughout England, and thought they ought to honour Stedman's memory by ringing his method in the towers of North Notts.

The Chairman referred to the bells in East Retford Church tower, and said the Parochial Church Council had considered a report recommending that the back six bells should be put on ball bearings. The Rector of Ordsall, with his experience of church bells, had been asked to advise them, and if any member of the association had any observation to make he asked that it should be made to Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. Haigh remarked that nothing had been done to the bearings since the bells were hung in 1890, and the larger bells did not go as well as they might.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Barlborough on Saturday, June 27th.

The meeting closed with thanks to all who had taken part in the service and the meeting.

Ringings took place at the towers of East and West Retford during the afternoon and evening.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Tuesday, May 5th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: K. Guyler 1, C. Lord 2, P. M. Mayne 3, G. C. Mayne (conductor) 4, H. Pendry 5, R. Colyer 6, J. Dolymore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

THE NEW VICAR OF BRAY.

The induction of the Rev. Canon Arthur John Jones, M.A., as Vicar of St. Michael's, Bray, took place on Tuesday, April 28th, the service being at 5.30 p.m., and the actual ceremony performed by the Bishop of Oxford (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Banks Strong), assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Berks (the Rev. Wickham-Legg, Vicar of Sonning), and the Rev. A. Keeble (curate-in-charge, St. Michael's). Visitors from the new Vicar's former incumbency at Banbury, who had travelled in four motor coaches, attended the service, which was of a very impressive character, and was followed with great reverence. The visiting clergy were entertained to tea by Lady Benson at Chantry House, and the lay visitors from Banbury had tea in the old schoolroom. Whilst the congregation were assembling, the Bray band rang some excellent Grandsire and Bob Doubles on this fine heavy ring of six, with its 27 cwt. tenor, the ringers taking part being Messrs. E. J. Russell (conductor), H. Russell, H. Pickles, W. Blackall, J. Fuller, B. Ludlow and J. Russell.

As the congregation left the church after the induction service a representative band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild commenced a quarter-peal of Minor in eight methods, which was rung and brought round in fine style in just fifty minutes. The methods from which the quarter-peal was made up were Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The ringers were W. E. Taylor (Maidenhead) 1, Miss S. Davis (Buckbury) 2, G. H. Gutteridge (Iver) 3, L. Stilwell (Windsor) 4, W. Henley (Farnham Royal) 5, G. Gilbert (Maidenhead) (conductor) 6. A peal is to be attempted by the same band on the day that Canon Jones takes up residence on or about May 19th.

Canon Jones officiated for the last time at St. Mary's, Banbury (where he had been Vicar for 25 years) on Sunday, April 19th, when a congregation of about 2,000 was present. Only last January, to commemorate his 25 years as their Vicar, the parishioners presented him with a silver coffee set and tray. On Monday evening the town's presentation took the form of a motor-car. There were also presentations from the children of the National Schools and Sunday Schools. Canon Jones (who is a bachelor) was born on January 27th, 1871, and was educated privately and at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he took the degrees of B.A. in 1893 and M.A. in 1897; later he proceeded to Cuddesdon College. He was ordained in 1894, and from that year and until 1906 he was assistant curate at Aylesbury. In January, 1906, he was appointed to the Vicarage of Banbury. In 1912 he was appointed the Rural Dean of Deddington, and in 1919 became an hon. Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. A. Trollope's fourth article on the history of the College Youths will be published next week.

Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, has been elected chairman of Braintree Urban District Council for the fifth time.

Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, reached England last Thursday, after his long tour, which has taken him to South Africa and home via Egypt.

Martley, in Worcestershire, has a peal of six bells all cast by Richard Keene and dated 1673. Is there any older original and complete ring of six in England?

The peal at High Wycombe on May 2nd was rung in 3 hrs. 39 mins., not 29 mins. as reported. The peal at Birchington on April 25th was rung in 3 hrs. 35 mins., not 2.25 as printed.

A band, consisting mostly of young ladies who are all very keen churchworkers, are now ringing the bells at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, which have been silent for over a year.

Thurstan's famous four-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1846.

Mr. Sam Woods, of Ashton-under-Lyne, called the 16,608 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram on May 18th, 1883.

On May 20th, 1840, the south-west tower of York Minster and the ten bells in it were destroyed by fire.

Mr. W. T. Pates (the conductor) and Canon Coleridge, who rang the 8th and 9th respectively, are, we believe, the only survivors of the 13,054 Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham on May 21st, 1888.

May 21st is also the anniversary of that great performance, the 12,875 Stedman Cinques at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark (tenor 50 cwt.) rung in 1923.

Mr. Harry Mason, of Goodrest, Hagley, has recently undergone an operation to one of his eyes, which has been most successful. He is progressing satisfactorily, and hopes to be home for Whitsunide. Mrs. Mason desires to thank all those friends who have made kind enquiries concerning her husband.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING. MEMBERS TO ENJOY HOSPITALITY OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LORD MAYOR.

Members of the Central Council who propose to attend the meeting at Liverpool should at once notify the local secretary, Mr. C. I. Davies, of Caerleon, Dunabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, if they desire to accept the hospitality of the Lancashire Association at lunch and of the Lord Mayor at tea. Applications for tickets must reach him not later than the first post on Tuesday next, the 19th. Visitors accompanying members can join them at lunch, and visitors and members alike will be welcome at the Town Hall for the reception and tea, and at the social at the Stork Hotel on Tuesday evening.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Stork Hotel, which is about three minutes' walk from Lime Street Station, five minutes from Central Station, and ten minutes from Exchange Station. Those who travel by G.W.R. will arrive in Birkenhead, and must cross by the ferry to Liverpool landing stage.

If visitors will write to the local secretary, giving time and place of arrival, arrangements will be made to meet them, and members of the reception committee will wear small white rosettes for identification.

Archdeacon Howson has kindly offered to conduct a party round the Cathedral, and it may be possible to arrange a visit to a liner on Wednesday morning, but those who wish to take part in either of these visits should communicate with Mr. Davies as soon as possible. Above all, members are asked to assist the local arrangements by an intimation whether they will be present at lunch and tea on Tuesday. The last day for obtaining tickets for lunch is Tuesday next.

The Standing Committee of the Council will meet at 9.45 a.m. on Tuesday, and the Council itself at 11 a.m., when a welcome to the city will be given by the Lord Mayor.

The full programme was printed in our issue of May 1st.

WORCESTER BELLS. SINGERS' DIFFICULTIES.

'Many poems have been written about the beauty of chimes, the joyous ringing from hill and valley, or the faint sweet vibrations borne on still summer air, but bells, like most other things,' says a writer in a Worcester newspaper, 'have their disadvantages. The Cathedral bells, for instance, beautifully sweet and true since they have been tuned, are doubtless delightful to hear from a distance, especially along the Severn; but citizens of College Yard and High Street find them rather too loud for perfect enjoyment. The Festival Choral Society, at their rehearsals in the Chapter House, find the tinnabulation quite disconcerting. Only those who have tried can tell how difficult it is to sing in tune against pealing bells in another key! An amusing instance of this kind of difficulty occurred at a concert in a Worcester school adjacent to a church. Children were giving a concert, and singing their very best—while just across the road the church bells were ringing exuberantly half a tone above the pitch of the piano. It was difficult for the small singers and discordant for the big listeners. But one must propitiate bellringers by relating a compliment which was lately paid them. A bus-load of hop-pickers was passing a church on the outskirts of the City, when one particularly ragged individual said to her companion: "Ever heard the bells ringin' up there on a summer night? It's a bit of 'eaven; that it is."

TERCENTENARY OF FABIAN STEDMAN.

THE RINGERS' NATIONAL COMMEMORATION.

OPENING OF THE RESTORATION FUND.

Subject to the final approval of the parochial and diocesan authorities, the scheme for commemorating the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, the 'father' of the art of change ringing, is to go forward. There are three main proposals:

(1). The restoration of the bells at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, where Stedman learned to ring and where his method was first practised.

(2). The erection in the tower of a suitable commemorative tablet.

(3). The holding of a gathering of ringers in Cambridge at the end of the summer, with a thanksgiving service at St. Benet's Church.

Fabian Stedman is one of the greatest national figures in connection with the Exercise; his efforts laid the foundations of our art as we know it to-day. He printed the first book on ringing and he was its first missionary; for he travelled to Leicester the better to explain to the bell ringers of that town, as we are informed by an old diarist, 'ye desirabilite of establishinge a societie of scholars for setting forth ye "artes and mysteries" of change ringing not onlie for ye edifyings of their minds, but also for their enjoyment and the healthfull exercise of their bodies.'

To vast numbers of ringers Stedman's method has been for more than two centuries and still is a source of great delight, and there are few things in ringing, even to-day, more worth doing than a peal of Stedman Triples well rung. Ringers owe a great deal of the pleasure which they enjoy from their pursuit to the legacy which Stedman left them, and we feel sure that they will heartily unite in seizing a unique opportunity to honour the name and the genius of a man who did so much for the art.

To carry out the first two items in the commemoration scheme, 'The Ringing World' now appeals to ringers throughout the country for their support, and it believes that the necessary money will be forthcoming. Every ringer, we feel sure, will desire to be associated with this national project, and the fund, which is now inaugurated, is open for contributions. They may be sent to:—

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking,
Surrey,

and will be acknowledged in these columns. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has kindly consented to act as hon. treasurer.

Already, of course, promises of support of a most practical and encouraging kind have come in from ringing associations and a direct appeal is being made to these organisations. But it will require the fullest possible effort on the part of the whole Exercise to carry the scheme through successfully, for a sum of money estimated at about £350 will be needed. Moreover, it has got to be raised in a short time, if the restoration is to be carried out and the bells reopened this year.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, the President of the Central Council and an eminent authority on the subject, has kindly inspected the tower and drawn up a report of what is required. This and his specification will be the basis upon which the faculty will be applied for and the tenders for the work obtained. Briefly, it is hoped to bring the bells 12 feet lower in the tower, strengthen and restore the old oak frame, provide all the necessary new fittings, clean the bells and replace them on ball bearings, shutter the louvres, and bring the ropes down to the ground floor, thus obviating the present necessity of climbing a straight iron ladder for 22 feet to reach the ringing room.

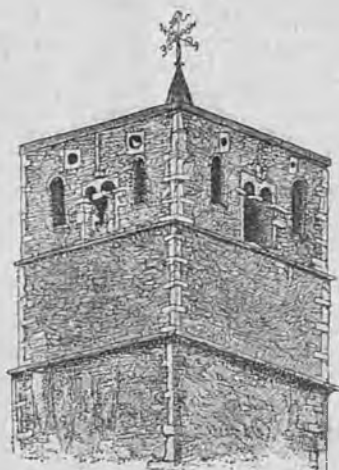
This restoration is to be a work of commemoration and it is therefore an essential part of the scheme that the bells themselves shall be preserved, because five of the six are the identical bells upon which Stedman himself rang. In addition, it is hoped to utilise much, if not all, of the oak frame, which appears to be in excellent condition.

Obviously the work cannot be put in hand until the money is secured, and it is for this reason that the appeal is being launched while the details have still to be settled. To delay the raising of the funds would jeopardise the completion of the scheme this year, and for this reason we ask the ringers of England to subscribe quickly.

At the numerous meetings at which the proposed commemoration has been ventilated there has been the greatest approval expressed in its favour, and the editor of 'The Ringing World,' in bringing the subject to the notice of his many friends, has received the utmost encouragement. Here is one example: Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, a vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, writes: 'As a humble member of the Exercise, who has derived enormous pleasure from change ringing and from friendships made in the belfry, I cannot imagine any object with more appeal to ringers than the celebration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth by the restoration of the bells upon which he rang the superb method called after his name. If I am allowed to subscribe £50 to this object I shall consider myself honoured.'

Here is a magnificent start, which, with the donations already voted or promised by various associations, gives

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ST. BENET'S TOWER.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds are now compiling the third edition of the Church Bellringers' Directory. Subscribers to the previous editions will receive per post a subscription form in the course of a few days.

New subscribers will be posted a form upon application.

A minimum of 72 pages is assured, and, if needed, an edition of 200 to 300 pages will be issued at the same nominal fee of one shilling.

An Empire Section, edited by Mr. W. H. Fussell, will be included, in addition to other interesting features.

The committee now asks for the support of ringers in their efforts to produce this invaluable work.

All communications will be attended to if addressed to me.

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close,
St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Petersfield on Saturday, May 2nd, when the following towers were represented: Alverstoke, Bramshott, East Meon, Gosport, Hambledon, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Steep, Swanmore, Titchfield, and visitors from Blackmoor, Dorking, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Rogate and Winchester. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar of Petersfield (Rev. E. G. A. Kent), who also gave an address.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair.

New members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member, and Rev. A. V. Wardle, Messrs. E. T. Chantry, A. Fisher, P. Fisher, P. Strugnell, C. James and A. James as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Soberton on July 25th, with a by-meeting at Titchfield on a Wednesday evening.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Petersfield and Steep for the use of the bells and to the organist.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on May 2nd, but was very poorly attended, not a single member being present from Mildenhall or Elveden. A service was held at All Saints' conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Barnes), and after tea the business meeting was presided over by Rev. R. L. Gardner.

Mr. R. Sharpe was elected secretary in place of Mr. P. Fordham, who wished to resign. As the district is on the borders of two counties, Mr. F. C. Turner proposed that a joint meeting be held in the summer with the Ely Association, and that it be left with the secretaries to arrange a date.

One new member, Kenneth Tufts, of St. Mary's, was elected. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. L. Gardner for taking the chair. Various methods were rung at St. Mary's and All Saints' Churches during the afternoon and evening, but owing to illness near the church Exning bells were not available.

MUFFLED BELLS.

An old member of the band at St. Andrew's Church, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, has passed away in the person of Mr. James Knight, sen. He was buried on April 7th, and in the evening members of the local company rang a half-peal of Minor with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect: E. N. Tidy 1, W. G. Paternoster 2, C. W. Clinch 3, E. E. Tidy 4, H. F. H. Tidy 5, L. A. Tidy (conductor) 6. The half-peal was made up of 720 of Woodbine, 720 of Oxford and 1,080 Kent Treble Bob.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.*(Continued from previous page.)*

early evidence of success for the scheme, and will, surely, induce a generous and prompt response. The guineas will be needed, but the shillings and even the pence will be equally welcome, for they will help to swell the total and make the fund really national in its scope.

In addition to the associations who have already promised support for the scheme, the Ancient Society of College Youths, at their meeting last week, unanimously decided to give a donation to the fund, and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on Saturday voted a subscription of three guineas.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**APPEAL FOR MORE CONDUCTORS.**

A splendid number attended a meeting of the Truro District of the Truro Diocesan Guild on Saturday, May 9th. There were about sixty present from St. Gluvias, St. Budock, St. Mabe, St. Agnes, Gwennap, Redruth, Gulval and Truro Cathedral, also Dr. J. Symons (president), Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Ringing Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary), Rev. H. C. Thompson (Redruth), and Mr. W. Wood (secretary, Penzance District).

The campanile, which stands about fifty yards north-west of the church, contains a ring of six bells (tenor 7½ cwt.), all cast in 1889 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Last September they were rehung on ball bearings and quarter-turned, etc., by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the ringers themselves collecting the whole of the money required for the purpose.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. Harry Oxland, who has been Rector of Mogan since 1884. An excellent tea was provided in the Mission Room, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Symons to the Rector, the local ringers and the lady helpers. He also thanked the choir for attending the service, which was fully choral. Dr. Symons then spoke of the splendid restoration which had been carried out in the tower, and said the 'go' of the bells was now perfect.—In seconding the vote of thanks, Major Jerram appealed to captains of towers to encourage others to take up conducting, if only in call changes, and not to rely, as was so often done, on one man, it being often the case that when the leader removed, by death or otherwise, the band fell to pieces.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and the rehanging bells were fully tested.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEED FOR THE SUPERVISION OF BELLS.**

The monthly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at the Church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, on Saturday, May 2nd, when there was a very good attendance. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Knubley. Tea in the Village Hall was followed by a short business meeting. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Knubley (hon. member), the vice-chairman (Mr. E. F. White), and representatives from Warminster, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Melksham, Bishop's Cunnings, Rowde, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom and Steeple Ashton, numbering in all 32.

Mr. Heginbotham extended his usual welcome to all present, and reminded them of the date of the annual festival to be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. He hoped they would make a special effort to attend this Guild gathering. The chairman also spoke on the great need of supervision of bell towers, periodical inspections by experts, etc., on similar lines to those adopted by the Church authorities in charge of organs, and other valuable appliances, when often a minor repair or adjustment, if carried out in good time, would save a considerable outlay.

It was decided to have the second of the series of branch lectures on 'Ringing' at the half-yearly meeting to be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. The branch secretary was instructed to make arrangements with Mr. C. F. Andrews, Trowbridge, for this date if possible.

The next monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, June 6th.

Hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and those who had prepared the tea, were acknowledged by Canon Knubley. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to have the branch meeting at Steeple Ashton, and assured them of a hearty welcome at all times. He invited any of those present to take a stroll through the Vicarage gardens after the meeting.

Ringing was continued till 8 p.m., the following methods being rung during the afternoon and evening: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

PENDLEBURY RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Saturday, May 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lingard, of 11, Fraser Street, Pendlebury, celebrated their golden wedding. The bells of Christ Church, Pendlebury, were set going to a touch of 688 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's ten-part), rung by the following ringers: R. Lambert 1, T. Lingard (conductor) 2, A. Wallwork 3, S. Bradley 4, C. Seddon 5, T. Howard 6, F. Grundy 7, N. Bryan 8. After the ringing Mr. Lingard was presented by Mr. C. Seddon with an oak smoking cabinet from his ringing friends, which Mr. Lingard suitably acknowledged.

Afterwards, at the Church Brigade Institute, an excellent tea, attended by about 120 persons, was served. The toast of 'The bride and bridegroom' was proposed by the Vicar (the Rev. E. D. Butters), and speeches were made by Mr. Lingard's fellow-ringers. At the reception, handbell ringing, singing, dancing and numerous other items added to the success of the jolly occasion, and touches were also rung on the tower bells. At the conclusion of the evening, the Vicar, having formed a circle of members and friends round the happy couple, gave his blessing, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Lingard many more years of success and happiness.

A NEW DEVON RING.**BROADWOODKELLY BELLS RECAST INTO SIX.**

Broadwoodkelly was invaded on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, by ringers from many parts of Devon between Exeter and Combe Martin for the dedication and opening of the recast and rehung ring of bells in the tower of the Parish Church of Allhallows. Previously there were five bells cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1705, when the Rev. T. Allen was Rector, and Messrs. R. Hewitt and J. Poulson were wardens. They had of late years got into a very dilapidated state, and it was eventually decided to recast the five bells into a ring of six, with a tenor of 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A, and have a new iron frame and new fittings. The total weight of the bells is 36 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. The tenor bears an inscription giving the names of the Rector and the churchwardens (Messrs. C. H. Green and E. J. Davey), and the names of the founders and date. The contract was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the well-known bell founders and clockmakers, and they have carried it out without their customary skill and success. The cost has been between £350 and £400. This represents a big undertaking for the parish, but much enthusiasm has been shown in appealing for funds, to which many ringers and prominent churchpeople outside the area have subscribed. Up to Saturday about £85 remained to be raised. A collection of £5 16s. 8d., profit on tea (for which all provisions were

**BROADWOODKELLY CHURCH.**

given by parishioners and friends), attended by about 300, and proceeds of a concert by Mr. W. Cotton's party from Exeter, considerably reduced the debt.

The church, calculated to seat 200, was filled to overflowing for the service, which was attended by the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Lord William Cecil). The Rector (the Rev. E. W. Perry) conducted the service, and the Revs. H. B. Burnaby (Sampford Courtenay, who also officiated as chaplain) and E. J. White (Exbourne) read the lessons. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Thomas (Exeter), Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman of the Exeter District, Guild of Devonshire Ringers) and Mrs. Searle, Messrs. R. C. Copleston (Clannaborough), E. Shepherd (one of Devon Guild's representatives on the Central Council), W. Fowings (North Tawton, honorary secretary) and R. G. Pidler (High Bickington, representing the Devon Association), Miss D. Harris presided at the organ. The hymns were, 'Sing to the Lord a joyful song,' 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,' and 'Great God, to Thee our hearts we raise.' During the singing of the second hymn the Bishop, clergy and wardens proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop performed the dedication of the bells, and a few rounds were rung by the local men. The Bishop, in an address, touched on the ancient and modern uses of bells.

After service the bells were rung for several hours by complete or mixed bands from Ilfracombe, Braunton, Combe Martin, Crediton, Christow, Exeter, Silverton, Stowford, Petrockstow, and the neighbourhood of Broadwoodkelly. The tone and 'go' of the bells were highly praised, and the striking of call and scientific changes was, with a few exceptions, quite good.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**THE 'HOLD-UP' OF THE MINOR METHODS BOOK.**

The fine summer day, coupled with a chance of a pull on the newly-restored ring at Woodford, no doubt accounted for the large gathering at the meeting there of the South-Western Division on Saturday last, between 90 and 100 members and friends putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. Amongst those present were Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master), A. Prior (District Master), G. Dent (District Master, North-Eastern Division), A. W. Coles (District Master, North and East Division, Middlesex Association), C. T. Coles (the 'half' secretary of the Middlesex Association, who, by the way, arrived somewhat late). The bells were going soon after three o'clock, but, owing to the large number present, the Master restricted the ringing to short touches to enable all to have the chance of a pull.

The service, conducted by the Rector, was held, over eighty being present. Tea followed, and at the usual business meeting one hon. and two ringing members were elected, and Leyton chosen for the next meeting on July 18th.

A discussion was initiated by Mr. G. L. Joyce, respecting the publication of the Minor Methods, who stressed the point that it was a great pity the book had been held up owing to a dispute between the Methods Committee and the hon. secretary of the Central Council, and the association representatives were urged to do all possible at the Liverpool meeting to get the book into sale.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Master to the Rector for allowing the use of the tower and bells, conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the churchwardens for their assistance, the organist for accompanying the hymns, etc., Mr. Morss and the local band for having everything in readiness, was carried with acclamation and responded to by the Rector, who said how pleased all were that the association had paid another visit to Woodford. He hoped all had enjoyed themselves, and assured them that if at any future time another visit was paid, he could guarantee them another hearty welcome.

During the day, members were present representing 27 towers, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Spiced Surprise Major were rung, the bells being made full use of till 9 p.m., but at a much later hour one could have seen several well-known campanologists wending their way along Woodford High Road happy, but tired, after a rather strenuous afternoon, but no doubt looking forward to another such gathering in the near future.

DEVON GUILD.**BRANCH MEETING AT STOKE GABRIEL.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Stoke Gabriel on Saturday. The weather was fine, and there was a very good attendance of ringers from Exeter, Whimble, Topsham, Christow, Torquay, Cockington, Paignton, Collaton, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, etc. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung. A service was later held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Beaumont), the lesson being read by Mr. F. J. Laxton (branch chairman). In his address, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and he paid a tribute to the work of the ringers, especially those in his own parish.

A collection was afterwards taken on behalf of the Instruction Fund, a substantial sum being collected.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman). It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ashburton on Saturday, October 17th. It was also decided to hold an informal meeting at Staverton and Littlehempstone on Saturday, August 22nd. The secretary read a circular which he had received from the general secretary, giving particulars of the annual general meeting which is being held in Plymouth on Whit Monday.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Stoke Gabriel for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, and also to the organist and choir for their assistance.

This ended the business, and the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Association was held at Hartford (Hunts) Church on Saturday week, when ringers from Huntingdon, Godmanchester, St. Neots, Somersham, Hartford, Keynton, and Great Stanglton were present. Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were enjoyed. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Alderson, who presided at the tea, which he kindly provided.

The following new members were elected: Miss B. Hibberd, Miss J. Shepherd, Miss E. Pannell, Messrs. H. Linford, E. Jones, G. E. Fisher, B. Bull and G. Manser. Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held at Hemingford Abbots on June 13th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality was proposed by Mr. H. Fields, of St. Neots, and the ringers returned to the church to enjoy a few touches of Bob Minor.

JOINT RINGERS' GATHERING AT SURFLEET.

LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS MEET.

A well-attended meeting was held at Surfleet on Saturday, May 2nd, when the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild held a joint meeting. Besides ringers from Lincolnshire, there were present visitors from Cambridge, Rotherham, Handsworth, London, Treeton, Derby and Peterborough.

The bells were raised in peal about 1.30 p.m., and kept going until late in the evening, touches being rung in methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Royal, including London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Choral evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Law James), and afterwards the whole assembly adjourned to the Fraiser Room, where tea had been provided. In all 83 sat down, and, unlike most meetings, the majority had sent in their names, which certainly eased the work of the caterers.

At the Elloe Deanery meeting which followed, the Rev. G. H. Clark, of Bicker, as president, was in the chair. After some discussion had taken place, it was proposed to promise three guineas, to be taken from the general funds, towards the Stedman tercentenary memorial.

Thanks were then accorded by Mr. Ladd to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and the other ladies who had helped to prepare the tea. The gentlemen then adjourned to the belfry, while the ladies held their meeting.

Mrs. Jack Bray presided over a good gathering of ladies. Mrs. C. T. Coles was elected a life member of the Guild, and Miss Esme Stokes a ringing member.

The next meeting is to be held at Bigby on July 18th, and will be a joint meeting with the Grimsby District.

DEATH OF A COTGRAVE RINGER.

The village of Cotgrave, Notts, has lost one of the most respected of its inhabitants, and the ringers one of the most valued and able of their band, by the death of Mr. Thomas Squires, who passed away on Saturday, May 2nd, in his 75th year.

Tom Squires began his ringing career at Cotgrave in 1887 on a bad-going peal of five bells, and with a band of novices, who by dint of determination and perseverance rang their first 120 changes (Grand-sire Doubles) on Good Friday, March 30th, 1888.

He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1899, and rang in 34 peals, ranging from Doubles to Major, in addition to 7 or 8 peals for other associations, but of which no definite record has been kept by him. His first peal was a peal of Doubles in two methods at Cotgrave on June 5th, 1900.

The deceased was laid to rest in the new churchyard on Tuesday, May 5th, many neighbours and friends from near and far being present in church and at the graveside. Immediately before the funeral 240 Oxford Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled by: W. E. White 1, J. J. Jackson 2, G. H. Footitt 3, J. Oldham 4, R. Mount 5, W. White (conductor) 6, and in the evening a 5,040 was rung, which will be found recorded on another page.

THE LAST OF A PIONEER BAND.

BE IT REMEMBERED.

That on Saturday, January 21st, 1865, was rung on these bells by the undermentioned members of the Kelly Society of Change Ringers a true and complete peal, consisting of three six-scores of Grand-sire Doubles, being the greatest number of changes in the scientific or half-pull system ever rung in Devonshire by men of the county.

John Yole	...	...	Treble	Benjamin Bloomfield	...	4
Edwin Yole	...	...	2	Frank Yole	...	5
Maitland Kelly	...	...	3	James Wilcock	...	Tenor

Conducted by John Yole.

Rev. H. T. Morshead, Rector.

William Perry } Churchwardens.
Thomas Palmer }

A board with this inscription hangs in the tower of Kelly Church, Devon, and all those who took part in that performance have passed away. The last to be called home was Edwin Yole, who was laid to rest in Milton Abbot Churchyard on April 19th last. That evening, in Kelly Church, was rung a plain course of Grand-sire Doubles with bells half-muffled in his memory by Wilfred Boucher 1, Roy Johns 2, George Fitze 3, H. Boucher 4, Abel Johns 5, George Hill 6, members of the Devon Guild.

THE LATE SIR EDWARD CLARKE, K.C.

On Sunday evening, May 3rd, before the memorial service to the late Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., at St. Peter's Church, Staines, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: G. Walmsley 1, W. E. Butler 2, A. J. Hiscock 3, W. G. Shorter 4, W. A. Peck 5, W. C. Parker 6, E. J. Goater 7, W. Jolley (first quarter-peal) 8.

On Friday evening, May 1st, after the funeral service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples with half-muffled bells: G. Walmsley 1, W. E. Butler 2, W. R. Shorter 3, A. J. Hiscock 4, W. A. Peck 5, E. J. Goater 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, G. Hain 8. Sir Edward Clarke was the donor of the bells at this church, which his house adjoined.

WHAT IS A TREBLE BOB METHOD?

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Since the publication of the first 'Treble Bob' method in these columns on March 6th last, I have discovered in all, with variations, seventy other 'Treble Bob' methods, many of which are more intricate than any known Surprise method.

The only conclusion that can be drawn from this fact is that the arbitrary definition laid down as to what constitutes a Surprise method is worthless.

I am as much to blame as anyone else in this matter, as I accepted the arbitrary definition laid down, in good faith, not realising that a 'so-called' Treble Bob method could possibly be more intricate than a 'so-called' Surprise method, of which the method published in these columns on March 20th is a good illustration.

The very fact that intricate methods can be obtained without places at the cross sections shows the fallacy of the theory that these places are the only moves that count in method construction, and on looking over old papers I found that as long ago as June, 1912, I possessed a Treble Bob method with clean proof which would have given the lie to this theory, but evidently I ignored the method at the time because, according to arbitrary definition, it was only a 'Treble Bob' method.

Now I want to add a short description of the method which follows.

In the first place I must explain that the placemaking of this method is three-fourths Albion Treble Bob and one-fourth Cambridge Surprise, plus central fifth's as in London Surprise.

It will be seen that the bells are in Bob Major coursing order in front and behind.

There is only one false course-end, 24365, tenors together, but the method being on the lengthening lead plan, if a Bob Before is used there is an extra false course-end, i.e., 32546.

Any peal of Treble Bob Major tenors together will be true for this method.

The 'Albion' moves break and restore the coursing order in each section where used, leaving only the 'Cambridge' moves, and central fifth's to produce the lead-head.

THE METHOD.

No. 67. Lead-heads of separate moves, omitting Albion moves.

12545678	(1) Cambridge	14362857
21435687	(2) Central 5ths	12357486
12346578	(3) Cambridge	12463357

21436587	Transpositions.
46281735	14362857
46287153	14325678
46821735	14263857
64827153	

68472513
86745231
87654213
78562431

Another way of obtaining Transpositions.

transposed by 86745231 = 14362857

87652341 transposed by 87654321 = 14325678

78563214 transposed by 87654321 = 14263857

57382614

53728164

35721846

53278164

35271846

32517486

23157468

32514786

23154768

21345678

12435687

21346578

12436587

14263857

FOUR PEALS FOR METHOD No. 67.

Composed by George Baker.

5,088.				5,088.			
23456	M.	W.	H.	23456	B.	W.	H.
36452	1	2		52364	—		2
62453	1	2		65243	—		2
43526	1	1	2	65432	—		1
26354	1	2	2	36524	—		2
23564	1	2		23645	—		2
Repeat twice.				25346	—	1	1

Repeat twice.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**'LITERATURE DEPARTMENT' OPENED.**

The meeting of the Leatherhead District held at Ewell on May 2nd was the first district meeting the Guild had held at this tower, and the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Usherwood, extended a warm welcome, and a practical one, too, by the attendance of his churchwardens, who became honorary members.

The attendance was not very large, but with visitors, including Admiral T. P. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, and Mr. and Mrs. Greenhill from Woking, and Mrs. C. Hazeldene and Miss I. L. Hastio from Guildford, it was quite an enjoyable gathering. The Rev. E. C. Usherwood conducted the Guild's service and gave an address. He afterwards presided at the tea and took the chair for the business meeting, which was not very lengthy, but included the election of Mr. Humphrey Ryde, of Woking (proposed by Admiral Walker) as an hon. life member, and the Rev. A. E. Robins, of Dorking, Mr. S. M. Wood and Mr. C. C. Buxton, of Ewell, as hon. members, and the ratification of the election of Messrs. L. Cooper and A. L. Brown, of Epsom, G. Read, of Sutton, and J. A. Hobson, of Banstead, as ringing members, and Messrs. A. Nash, Rotherham, W. Green, A. Gill and A. Panlher, of Waltham-Dearne, Yorks, and E. Bernard Wells, of Merstham, Surrey, as compounding members.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Admiral Walker said how encouraging it was to find the Vicar and the churchwardens present to show their interest in the Guild.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until the visitors had to leave.

At the meeting a 'literature department' was opened and a start made by selling some of the copies of the Central Council publications. In future, publications of the Central Council will be on sale through all the district secretaries of the Guild.

SERVICE RINGING AT OXFORD CATHEDRAL.

The Oxford Society, in conjunction with some members of the University Society, have been ringing the Cathedral bells on Sunday mornings during the last three terms, and as a memento of their appreciation the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church have presented the society with Mr. Morris' new book on 'The history and art of ringing.'

On Sunday week, on the occasion of a visit of the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, an excellent touch of 921 Stedman Cinques was rung in 40 mins.: Miss M. Reynolds 1, S. Taylor 2, W. Simmonds 3, W. Brigham 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, W. Blake 6, F. Taylor 7, R. Post 8, W. F. Judge (conductor) 9, V. Bennett 10, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 11, H. Miles 12. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn expressed great pleasure with the ringing, and congratulated the society on their efforts in getting a band together to ring for the Cathedral service. It was, he said, the first occasion that he had had the pleasure of ringing Stedman Cinques at Christ Church for the Sunday morning service.

ACCESSION DAY.

On Wednesday, May 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,232 changes) in 48 mins.: S. Meadows 1, J. Beagley 2, G. Upshall 3, C. Wells 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted 7, T. Upshall 8. Composition arranged by R. Hasted, conducted by T. Upshall, and rung by an entirely local band, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers. The longest length yet rung in the method by all the band.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On Thursday evening, as a compliment to R. Smith, who is leaving for service in the Mediterranean, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 27 mins.: H. Bramble 1, P. J. Cobbold 2, R. Smith 3, W. Savage 4, P. W. Smith 5, A. Johnson (conductor) 6.

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The foregoing peals contain the least number of changes possible in three parts.

5,120.			5,120.		
23456	M.	W. H.	23456	B.	W. H.
54326	2	2	62534	—	2 2
46325	1	2	46325	—	2 2
64523	2	2	64523	—	1 2

Repeat four times.

Repeat four times.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 21st, 'the Coffee Pot' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30. *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 Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. Further particulars on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Coddensham on Saturday, May 16th. Tea, 1s. each, in the Parish Hall, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Cole-ridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Sherborne Abbey (8 bells) 10.30 to 11.45 a.m., 3 to 8 p.m., Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorne (8), Bradford Abbas, Thornford (6), Bishop's Caundle, Lillington (5), Long Burton (4). All 10 to 11.30 a.m., 3 to 9 p.m.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Elfinward, Haywards Heath, on Saturday, May 16th. Meeting to commence at 3 p.m. sharp. A special service will be held at Elfinward, at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. A meat tea will be provided at Elfinward at 5 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. The towers of Cuckfield, Bolney and Lindfield will be open for ringing after tea.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—The 32nd annual meeting will be held at Warmington, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The re-opening of Greenstead Green bells will take place on Saturday, May 16th. Thanksgiving service at 3 o'clock by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Ringing commence at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the guild will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The May meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Frequent bus service from Birmingham and Coventry.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, May 16th, at 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells 6 p.m. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Bramley and Wonerh May 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting Jolly Farmer, Bramley.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, May 16th. Visitors made welcome, but please advise me in time to provide tea. Bells available: Kingham (8), Chipping Norton (8).—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Rothbury, Saturday, May 16th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Committee meeting at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock at Greenwell House Café, 2s. each. Bus leaves Newcastle (Haymarket) every hour after 12.20.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

TROWELL, NOTTS.—The dedication of the peal of six bells, recast and rehung by Taylor's, of Loughborough, will take place at the evening service on Sunday, May 17th.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Soham on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Drayton on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 20th?—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 23rd. The ring of 6, recently augmented to 8 with two new trebles and recast tenor, will be opened. The dedication service will be performed by the

Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James, at 2.30 p.m. Bells available after service until 9 p.m. All welcome. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Holmes, of Edenham, Bourne, Lincs, by Wednesday, May 20th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, at Eynsham. Service 3 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All members wishing to be present kindly let me know by Thursday, 21st, by first post.—W. Evetts, jun., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 19th? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at the two five-bell towers of Little Staughton and Keysoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Little Staughton bells from 2.45 to 4.45. Tea at Keysoe 5.15. Ringing after tea. Visitors welcome. Please try and come.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells of Newton are open for ringing at 2 p.m. Leverington at 3 p.m. Service at Wisbech Parish Church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon F. W. Galpin, M.A., F.L.S., Rector of Faulkbourne. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 2s.) to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 19th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Halesworth (8, rehung), Chediston (6), Wissett (6), Wenhamston (6). Tea, at the White Swan, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows. Tea only provided for those sending a card by May 22nd to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting in Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.15 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each to non-members) obtainable up to May 18th. Towers open: St. Andrew's (10), Charles (10), Emmanuel (8) and Stoke (6).—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Hope (6), near Caergwle, on Whit Monday, May 25th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 21st inst.? A good attendance requested.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 25th. The Central Committee meet in St. Peter's Schools at 11 a.m. prompt. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Martin). Luncheon at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Bells available: St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8), and St. Peter's (8) all day, and St. Edmund's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) after the meeting. Application for luncheon tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d. each) must be made before Tuesday, May 19th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, or to Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available all day. (Tenor 17 cwt.) Committee meeting at 12 noon. Service at 12.30, address by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, Vicar of Felixkirk. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 6d. Non-members 3s. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, May 21st. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Westbury-on-Severn on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let the branch secretary know by Wednesday, May 27th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on May 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hut. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Whittington, Glendoone, The Common, Cranleigh, by Wednesday, May 27th? — H. F. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Leigh, near Reigate, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 27th. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 30th. 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 Beddington on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Post Tea Rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, not later than Wednesday, May 27th. All ringers are heartily welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OPEN CONTEST (6 bells) at Shelley, advertised for Whit Monday, is postponed to June 6th. Entries close Tuesday, May 26th, on which date tower closes for practice, and all entries, names of ringers, entrance fee (7s. 6d. per company) and number of teas to be in the hands of the secretary by the said date. Draw in school at 2.30 p.m. — Albert Goldthorpe, Hon. Sec., Red Hill, Shelley, near Huddersfield.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next monthly meeting will take place at Bolsover (bells 8) on Saturday, June 6th. The Cup Contest will also take place at this meeting. Entries for Cup Contest should reach me not later than Thursday, June 4th. For tea notify without fail Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

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DRAYTON, BERKS. — On Sunday, May 3rd, before evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Honey 1, W. H. J. Holdfield 2, R. G. Rice 3, F. Barrett 4, J. Nobes 5, A. E. Lock 6, H. J. Balcombe (conductor) 7, G. Caudwell 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON. — On Sunday, May 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins.: R. Cuss (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Scarlett 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, F. W. Pritchett (conductor) 5, A. Grantham 6.

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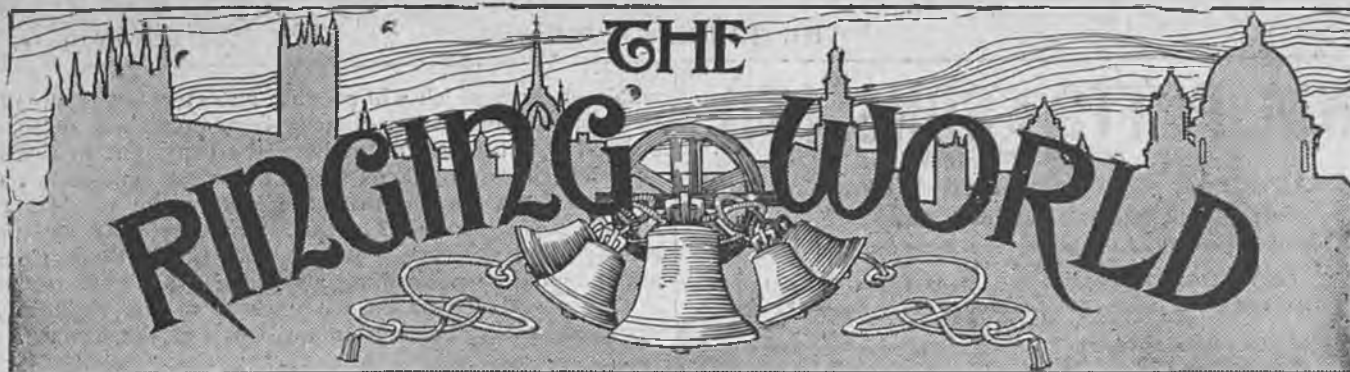
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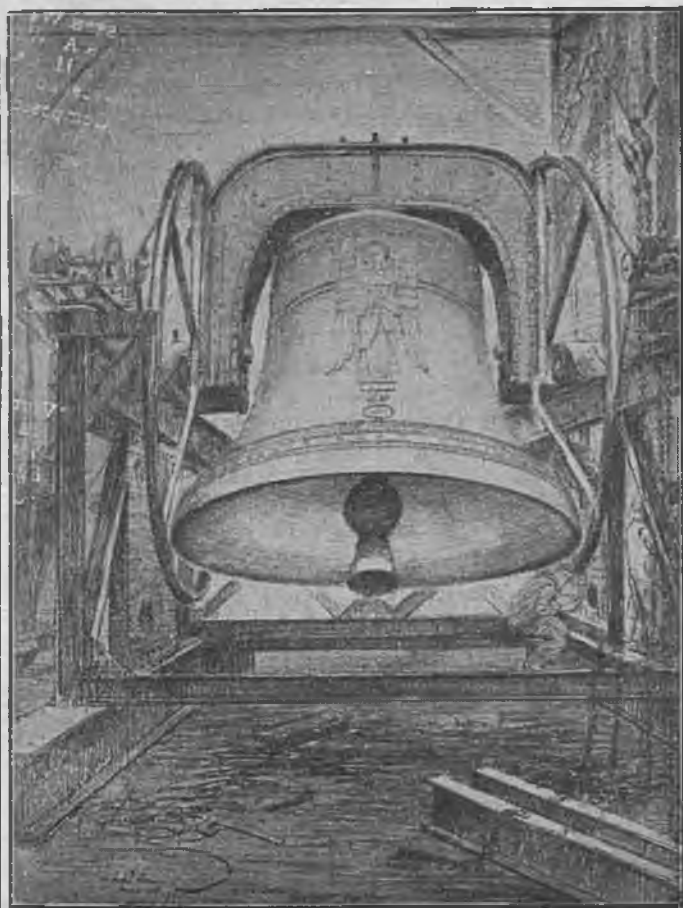
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THE MINOR METHODS 'COLLECTION.'

The position of the Methods Committee in regard to the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' and their action in holding up the publication of this long overdue volume, is one of the matters which will exercise the attention of the Central Council next Tuesday. We are not sure how many years it is since the work on the volume was practically completed; or how long it is since the last edition was sold out; but first, one obstacle and then another has intervened to delay its appearance until ringers have got rather weary of waiting. Many people have expressed the opinion that the last cause of delay has been the least justifiable. Valuable months have been lost for want of agreement between the committee and the hon. secretary as to what should appear on the title page. The Standing Committee were consulted and expressed their opinion, but their views were not acted on, and so the matter has drifted back to the Council, and the committee, in their report, conclude their review of the matter by saying 'so long as the ordinary rights of authors are not infringed we desire to leave the issue of this last controversy to the Council's decision.' There are two rival views, one that the revisers of the book are entitled to have their names on the cover; the other that the Council, who 'pay the piper,' have the right to put the names of the officials on the title page. Those who have sought a compromise suggest that both the names of the authors and of the officials should appear. The majority of ringers, we think, will look upon the whole matter as a rather frivolous disputation.

The disagreement has, however, brought to the front another question which, in our view, is of far more importance, namely, that of the 'copyright' in the Council's publications, and this, presumably, is also to be dealt with next Tuesday. The issue raised here, leaving out the purely legal aspect, is whether the Council has a right to say what shall and what shall not appear in its publications. When it appoints a committee, as it does the Methods Committee, for a certain purpose and with a specific reference, can the committee turn round and dictate to the Council on the ground that its work is the copyright of the members of the committee? We may be wrong, but we think not. In 1927 the committee were instructed to revise and reissue the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' They have been acting for the Council, with delegated powers, and it appears to us that anything which they have done in carrying out the instructions of the Council remains the property of the Council. There is also, of course, the fact that the basis of the revised 'Collection,' the methods themselves—at any rate, the

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whole of them which will produce an extent—was already in existence and had previously been published. Can it be said that the committee have the copyright in these; or indeed in any methods when, as recent articles in our columns have shown, they are merely the product of mathematical formulæ? But, whatever may be the strictly legal position, we think that the Methods Committee would be performing a sensible and a graceful act if they abandoned at once any claim to copyright in a work which they carried out on behalf of the Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 8007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT 1	JAMES BENNETT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY W. SMITH 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
STANLEY C. DAVIS 5	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 11
SIDNEY LODGE 6	GEORGE E. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal.

WORCESTER.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt. in B.

SYDNEY T. HOLT 1	FRANCIS E. DAWK 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	FRANK E. PERVIN 10
HECTOR G. BIRD 5	ROBERT MATTHEWS 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6	CYRIL TANSSELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWK.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK 1	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
THOMAS F. KING 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	HENRY PRING 8
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN 1	HARRY HOVERD 6
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 8
CHARLES A. HUGHES 4	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
ALFRED PYE 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

First peal of Caters by the ringer of the 6th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 18 cwt.

F. MELLOR 1 treble	J. TRUELOVE 5
*O. MOORES 2	H. MELLOR 6
F. COCKING 3	*W. E. HOWARTH 7
H. PLATT 4	C. E. PLATT Tenor

Composed by J. PATRICK.

Conducted by C. E. PLATT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

LEONARD STILWELL 1 treble	WILLIAM T. BERTON 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
*MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells. Specially arranged for Miss Davis.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S GUILD)

On Thursday, May 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN 1 treble	OLAVE BROYD 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT 2	CRCIL BARKER 6
RONALD RAYNER 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL 7
*BERT COCK 4	ROBERT YOUNG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT CATTERWELL.

* First peal on tower bells.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt, 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

*MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	PERCY J. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Inspir. FRED PORTER	'L' Division...Treble
Inspir. WILLIAM BOTTRILL	'Y' " ... 2
P.C. CHARLES DAVIS... ..	'R' " ... 3
P.C. NORMAN BAGWORTH	'A' " ... 4
P.C. THOMAS BANNISTER	'S' " ... 5
P.C. ERNEST GWILLIAM	'J' " ... 6
Ex-P.C. FRED DIGBY	'L' " ... 7
Ex-P.C. ERNEST BRETT	'E' " ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by INSPIR. W. BOTTRILL.

First peal on tower bells, and first of Major for the National Police Guild. Rung as a compliment to ex-P.C. Digby on his retirement from the police service after 25 years. P.C. Digby was the first hon. secretary of the Metropolitan Police Guild, of which all the above band are members. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

LESLIE PRESTIDGE 1 treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
BENJAMIN BOOTE 2	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND 6
HARRY HILL 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
ANDREW ROUND 4	BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. B. Prestidge. It was also a birthday peal for Mr. W. Prestidge, father of the ringer of the treble, and Mr. A. Prestidge, the genial leader of the Netherton ringers, and Mrs. Prestidge.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHARLES RUSH 1 treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
†SIDNEY ROCHESTER 2	JOHN WELCH 6
ROBERT HOWARD 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	JOSEPH LADLEY Tenor

(composed by T. HURRY.

Conducted by JOSEPH LADLEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, 3 qr, 16 lb.

ALBERT WIFFEN 1 treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
FRANK CLAYDEN 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt, 3 lb. in A flat.

ALBERT A. FLEMING 1 treble	JAMES DURRANT 5
JAMES ROSE 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
*WILLIAM KINSEY 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PEREY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt, in F sharp.

CHARLES DAVIS 1 treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
RICHARD C. I-GRAM 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
GEORGE F. MITCHISON 4	CHARLES H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH.

This peal was specially rung to commemorate the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of this church. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 are members of the local band. Upwards of 50 peals have now been rung by the St. Martin's Guild on these bells.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Thursday, May 14th, for the Ascension Day service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), made up of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Double Court: B. Booth 1, E. Barron 2, G. Booth 3, C. Scott 4, A. Scott 5, J. Machin (conductor) 6.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 17, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the association, in the county, and by all the hand. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Groombridge, jun.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

J. TAYLOR Treble	*ARTHUR HALLAM 4
G. HURD 2	G. WRIGHT, SEN. 5
THOMAS H. WRIGHT 3	G. WRIGHT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

ROWDE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A flat.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	*WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4
*VINCENT E. SWIFT 2	SYDNEY HILLIER 5
*GEORGE WINTER 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SWIFT.

* First peal of Kent. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the hand, and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LODERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4
WILFRID P. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
H. JIM RALPH 3	FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mabel Price, eldest daughter of the tenor ringer. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Hutton) entertained the band to tea after the peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings.

SYDNEY BAILLESS Treble	JOHN H. BAILLESS 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	FRANK BAILLESS 5
J. WILLIAM LOMAS 3	ALFRED WARWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILLESS.

First peal as conductor, also first peal for treble ringer, who is only 16 years of age, his previous longest touch being 720.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK SHUKER Treble	*PHILIP KELSALL 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	THOMAS HURD 5
*HAROLD WHITFIELD 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP KELSALL.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor hail from Norton, and the rest from Burslem. The band wish to thank the Vicar, Rev. Dr. C. A. Griffin, M.A., for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal and for the use of the bells.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 5½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	WALTER H. RAXTER 4
JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD ... Treble	SIDNEY CARTER 4
MISS NORA WELCH 2	JOHN WELCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

The ringers of the 2nd and 5th hail from Bennington and the 4th from Little Munden, for whom the peal was arranged.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4
HERBERT COLCOMBE 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
ALLEN R. GWYNNE 3	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. G. W. Taysom, who, to the regret of all, is leaving the district to take up an appointment at Falmouth.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, May 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. W. READ Treble	CYRIL S. WEST 4
†ARTHUR WATTS 2	WILLIAM READ 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	*JAMES NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. The tenor ringer is 76 years of age, and has been a regular Sunday service ringer at the above church for close on fifty years.

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CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*WALTER WHITLOCK Treble	GEORGE WRIGHT 4
WILLIAM BLAND 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	†RICHARD SHIMMANS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

HEMINGBROUGH, NEAR SELBY, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM TERRY Treble	HORACE MORLEY 4
R. B. SMITH 2	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON 5
FRED TERRY 3	JOHN J. TUNE Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

Rung with the tenor muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Matthew Thomas Tune, a member of this band for 27 years. J. J. Tune was elected a member before starting. Ringers of 2nd from Howden, 4th from Selby, the rest are local men.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*RICHARD H. CAMMIDGE ... Treble	*ARTHUR ISHERWOOD 4
*WALTER M. LOWTON 2	WILLIAM MITCHELL 5
†GEORGE CHEESBROUGH ... 3	*FRANK EMERSON 6

*Tom EMERSON Tenor (covering)

Conducted by WILLIAM MITCHELL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 3 and 5 from Bury.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY C. CASTLE Treble	†FREDERICK WANSTALL ... 4
*WALTER SHERWOOD 2	PERCY PAGE 5
†WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal for 45 years.

WILDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PERCY CUNNINGTON ... Treble	†FRANK TYSON 3
ERNEST ASQUE 2	LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 4

HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (Rev. A. L. Panchard) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT ... Treble	*BERNARD F. ROBINSON ... 4
*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	TOM TEBBUTT 5
PETER LAW 3	FRED WOODING Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal and first attempt.

PENHOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
*J. ALLAN FREEBURY 2	†DONALD G. CLIFT 5
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*GEORGE W. CLARKE ... Treble	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 3
†WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles away from the treble, and first attempt.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gotthard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	WALTER H. FREEMAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, parents of the ringers of 5th and tenor, who were married in this church on May 16th, 1881.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

SIDNEY ROWE Treble	CHARLES FIELD 4
JOHN HOUSE 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	*WILLIAM FLOWER Tenor

Conducted by JEFFERY TOSSELL.

* First peal. Rung by the Sunday morning service ringers.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HARRY KEY Treble	†WILLIAM ALLSOPP 4
*CHARLES ALLSOPP 2	THOMAS W. HOPSON 5
*JACK WILLIAMSON 3	*FRED G. FRETWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. FRETWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. All the ringers belong to Alfreton.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ELDER COLES Treble	†REGINALD PARFREY 4
F. CECIL MOGFORD 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
GILBERT HASSELL 3	†JESSE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
 Umpire. MORRIS J. MORRIS.

A 'BATH WEEK.'

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
*FRANK MERRETT 3	HENRY PRING 8
*WILLIAM H. CROCKER 4	JOHN BEXFORD 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor and first attempt. F. Merrett and Wm. H. Crocker were elected members previous to the peal. The members of the Bath Branch appreciate the kindness of St. Stephen's Guild in enabling the peal to be rung.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PERCY YOUNG Treble	GEORGE CROSS 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
WILLIAM H. CROCKER 4	BERTIE WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by T. F. KING.

* First peal and first attempt.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

HERBERT MERRETT Treble	FRANK MERRETT 5
WILLIAM H. CROCKER 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
GEORGE CROSS 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	STANLEY SULLY Tenor

Conducted by C. W. BELL.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, also to the son of the ringer of the 2nd and the daughters of the ringer of the 3rd.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 9th, when members attended from Crofton, Darfield, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, South Kirby, Wath, and the local company, and the fine peal of six bells were kept going during the afternoon.

At the short business meeting, held after tea in the Church School, the Vicar, Rev. H. R. H. Coney, who presided, gave all ringers a hearty welcome to Felkirk.—Cawthorne was selected for next meeting. After the usual vote of thanks, ringing was continued in various methods.

ANOTHER PEAL AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

On Saturday, the magnificent and majestic ring of twelve in the ever beautiful central tower of Worcester Cathedral were heard to advantage, when another ambition of Mr. Frank Dawe, of London, was achieved. Permission, originally granted by the then Dean, Lord Alwyn Compton, in conjunction with Canon Cattley, had been held by him for over 48 years, and his success, after this lapse of time, and in the face of many persistent difficulties, shows that perseverance does have its final reward! Only one previous attempt (18 years ago) had been made, for, until the bells were recast and rehung three years ago, the 'go' left a very great deal to be desired.

On Saturday, friends from Birmingham and surrounding districts met at Worcester, and, having partaken of a sumptuous tea at the George's, kindly provided by Mr. Percy Thomas, of Windy Ridge, Fernhill Heath, whose birthday the peal also celebrated, the ringers wishing him many happy returns, the party ascended the tower and started. All went well for three and a half hours, when the electric lights suddenly went out, but, thanks to the Daylight Saving Bill, sufficient light penetrated the darkened chamber through the narrow windows to enable them just to carry on. Mr. Albert Walker shouted, 'Keep on, stick to it everybody'—which they did for another two courses, when the lights came on again as unexpectedly as they went, and the peal was finished in perfect ringing in 4 hrs. 1 min. Besides the conductor, there were others who had now accomplished a peal in one of the most beautiful and stately cathedrals in the land, and afterwards very hearty congratulations were expressed by many critics of the Cathedral band and other listeners from surrounding districts. A peal here is, however, in the opinion of all the band, still a 'man's job'!

During the night it was noticed that when the 'quarters' sounded one bell was missing, and this recalled the fact that in 1868 the treble bell was stolen. The conductor was in the tower again by eight o'clock, and found that one of the bells had been left 'up'. The omission was quickly rectified, and thereafter the famous chimes every three hours were once more perfect.

Mr. Dawe desires heartily to thank the Dean (the Very Rev. W. Moore-Ede) for so kindly and readily renewing permission, and Mr. R. Smith, the Cathedral clerk of works, for his kind attention and assistance, and Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, without whose help the project could not have been undertaken.

ESSEX BELLS RESTORED.

REOPENING SERVICE AT GREENSTEAD GREEN.

Despite the dreary weather conditions, a large gathering of ringers attended the reopening of the bells and thanksgiving service at Greenstead Green on Saturday last. There were representatives from all parts of the county, and visitors from Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and the beautiful peal of six (tenor 12½ cwt.), which have recently been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich, were much admired, the only obstacle being the poor circle, which is entirely due to lack of room. The church was crowded when the service commenced, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Duckworth) warmly thanked the congregation for turning out in such large numbers, and also the ringers, some of whom had come such long distances.

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, before his address, associated himself with the Vicar's remarks, saying how gratifying it was to see such a splendid congregation in a little country village like Greenstead Green. Looking at the beautiful work which had just been completed, it was proof that at this village the parishioners were preserving that which had been left by their ancestors.

A collection in aid of the restoration fund amounted to over £7.

Thanks to the arrangements made by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), forty ringers sat down to an excellent tea at the Plough Inn, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, being in the chair. The Vicar also paid a visit at the conclusion of the tea, and gave all the visitors a hearty welcome. He could not help admiring, he said, the unity and good feeling that existed amongst them, and at any time, if they wanted a little outing, they should come to Greenstead Green, where the bells would be at their disposal, and they could have a good time. He then paid a high tribute to the District Master for his work in the parish, and hoped there would soon be a local company to ring the bells.

Mr. Howard, in reply, added testimony to Mr. Saunders, who, he said, was a capable ringer and a good instructor. He had held the office of District Master for a number of years to the satisfaction of all, and he was sure he would not be satisfied until he had achieved his aim by instructing a local band.—Mr. Saunders, in returning thanks, said he should make every effort to get together a local band, but if he did not succeed it would not be his fault.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, a pioneer of the art and a live wire of the association, in relating some of his ringing reminiscences, said he had rung in about 150 churches in Essex, and over 690 throughout England, Scotland and Wales. He wanted a few more to make the 700, and he hoped to reach that number before long.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BIG MEETING OF CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch held their spring meeting in very inclement weather at Churchill on Saturday last. Ringing commenced at 1.45 p.m., and continued until 4 p.m., when a service was held in the Parish Church. The Guild's special form of service was used, and was conducted by the Rev. Martin Spearing, who gave a most eloquent address.

After the service a splendid tea was served in the Schoolroom, when upwards of 78 sat down, as the guests of the Churchill bell-ringers. There were present the branch chairman (the Rev. E. C. Freeman), the Rev. J. A. Burnley, the Master of the Guild, and the Guild general secretary, also visiting ringers from Abingdon, Bourton-on-the-Water, and Hitchin.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. C. Freeman, chairman; Mr. J. Keyte, secretary; Miss Webb and Mr. Miles, Guild committee representatives.

The branch made a grant of £1 Is. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

The place for the autumn meeting was next discussed, and Enstone and Kingham proposed. Upon being put to the vote it was decided to go to Kingham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Churchill for the use of the bells and giving the address, to the Churchill ringers for providing the tea, and to Mr. Anson for presiding at the organ.

A special vote of thanks was also passed to the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and to Mr. Hibbert for attending. The Rev. Worthington was elected an hon. member, as also were two unattached life subscribers from Hitchin.

This concluded the meeting, and ringers then returned to Churchill and Kingham towers, where the following methods were practised: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

RINGER'S FATAL ACCIDENT.

The band at Hemingbrough, Yorks, has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Matthew Thomas Tune, who died as the result of falling out of a tree. The deceased was only 44 years of age, but for 27 years had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, where he was also a sidesman and chorister. He had rung six peals of Minor, one of which he conducted. A builder by trade, Mr. Tune was well known in the district, where he will be much missed.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at Swanwick on Saturday last, and was very well attended. The visitors were given a hearty welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Senior, and Mr. Churchwarden Walters. It is very encouraging to see church officials taking an interest in the doings of the ringers, and, no doubt, steps would be taken to augment the five bells were it not for some uncertainty about the tower. The structure appears to be a very substantial building, erected about thirty years ago, but, unfortunately, a few years ago cracks appeared in the masonry, and a large amount of money was expended in grouting the interior of the walls with cement. However, it is hoped the trouble is now at an end, and the five bells would certainly be better with an addition, as the weight of the tenor is nearly 18 cwt.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address, and tea was provided in the Parish Room, situated below the church.

At the request of the Vicar, the company stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of condolence with the president, Mr. W. Dobb, in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. Afterwards, ringing took place until 8.30, most of the recognised methods being brought round. This was a very enjoyable meeting.

A BATH PEAL RINGING WEEK.

The three peals rung by the Bath Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and recorded in this issue, were the result of a week's peal ringing at various churches in an effort to create interest among members, to encourage those who had never rung a peal, and to induce others, who had, to attempt peals in higher methods. The peal attempts and the methods were as follows: May 1st, Bob Minor at Bathcaston; May 2nd, Stedman Caters at Bristol; May 4th, Grandsire Triples at Twerton; May 5th, Stedman Doubles at Weston; May 6th, Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's, Bath; May 7th, Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Bath; May 8th, Cambridge Surprise Minor at Bathford; May 9th, Cambridge Surprise Major at Corston. In addition, a peal of Grandsire, arranged for May 2nd at Corston, had to be postponed owing to sickness.

Although only three peals were rung, there were several excellent attempts, some of which failed after two hours' ringing. The interest shown was very encouraging, and some good work was done. The members specially appreciate the kindness of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, in placing their bells at the disposal of the Bath District, as there is not in the latter a ring of ten bells suitable for peal attempts.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is never too late in life to begin anything in ringing. Mr. James Norris, of Blackmoor, Hants, has just rung his first peal. He is 76 years of age, and has been a Sunday service ringer for close on fifty years! This must be almost a record, and we congratulate Mr. Norris upon the enthusiasm he has shown at his advanced age.

'Many happy returns of the day' to Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, who was born on May 22nd, 1865.

To-day is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich rung in 11 hrs. 12 mins. by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and conducted by the late Mr. James Washbrook, in 1899.

Thirty years ago next Sunday the first true peal of Troble Ten was rung in Ireland—at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Four days later the first Surprise peal rung out of England was accomplished at Bray, Ireland. It was a peal of Superlative.

May 28th is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, rung in 1787 at St. John's, Horsley Down, London, by the College Youths.

Ringers in the diocese of Truro will learn with regret of the great bereavement sustained by the Guild Master, Dr. J. Symons, in the loss of his wife, and the sympathy of all will go out to him.

THE F. A. MILNE MEMORIAL.

The sub-committee appointed by the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild to carry out the scheme of erecting a memorial to the late Frank Alexander Milne, president of the association, are anxious to close the subscription list at an early date. Any member of the Exercise who would like to make a small contribution to this memorial is requested to do so without delay, and any such contribution sent to either of the undersigned will be gratefully acknowledged. It is thought that many members of the Central Council might wish to be identified with this scheme.

C. T. COLES, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

W. PICKWORTH, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14.

J. A. TROLLOPE, 52, Llanmas Park Road, W.5.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

SECRETARY MADE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

In the recently published list of 'Justices of the Peace' for the Borough of Gateshead the name of Mr. Arthur Payne, M.B.E., appears—a well deserved honour. Mr. Payne has done yeoman service for the St. John Ambulance Brigade for very many years, and he is an honorary officer of the R.A.M.C. He is the present energetic (particularly energetic) secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and a past treasurer and editorial secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. It is mooted that he has further municipal honours before him.

A SOMERSET AUGMENTATION.

KINGSTONE NOW HAS SIX BELLS.

The bells of the little church at Kingstone near Ilminster, Somerset, have been rehung and augmented to six, one bell being recast in memory of a late churchwarden, Miss Emily B. Paull. The two new bells are given by the Rutler family in memory of their late father, who also was churchwarden for many years. One of his ambitions—which he did not live to realise—was to see the bells restored and made into six.

The work was put into the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry, who have made a thoroughly good job. The bells are hung in a teak frame and on ball bearings. They are brought down into what was the old ringing chamber, and ringing now takes place from the ground floor.

The bells, which had previously been silent for thirty years, were dedicated on Ascension Day evening by the Right Rev. C. F. De Salis, Archdeacon of Taunton, who gave the address. They were rung in rounds for a few moments in the service immediately after the dedication.

After the service, Bishop De Salis joined the ringers and rang the fourth for a few minutes, when he turned over his rope to the change ringers who had met together, two from St. George's, Wilton, Taunton, two from St. James' and one from St. Mary's, Taunton, and four (including one lady) from Ilminster.

A demonstration was given to the assembled congregation of what can be done with six bells—touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor (not Cambridge Sunrise, as was recently reported in 'John Bull').

The ringers finally adjourned to the local hostelry to partake of light refreshment, provided by the kindness of Mr. J. Rutter, who has succeeded his late father as churchwarden.

The inscription on the two new bells reads: 'Dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Daniel Rutter, C.W., 1903-1929, given by his family, 1931'; and on the recast bell: 'Recast 1931 to the glory of God and in memory of Emily B. Paull, C.W., 1812-1929, together with the names of the Vicar and churchwardens.

THE TERCENTENARY OF FABIAN STEDMAN.

FIRST LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

FUND REACHES NEARLY £200.

The first generous response made by ringers in all parts of England to the appeal for funds for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, is full of encouragement, and promises an early achievement of the object in view.

There have been few proposals made in the annals of the Exercise which have appealed more keenly to the imagination of ringers as this effort to mark in a fitting manner the tercentenary of one whose genius and enterprise laid the foundations of our art.

Happily we are to-day in possession of five out of the six actual bells upon which Fabian Stedman practised 'the artes and mysteries' which he handed down to us, but for various reasons they have long since been almost silent. If the ringers of England can, by their united efforts, enable those bells once more to fulfil their rightful purpose, no better memorial could be found to the man to whom they owe so much.

The Central Council, when they meet next Tuesday, will be asked to give their official recognition to the scheme and to appoint representatives to act on a committee with the local church authorities. Already Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Council, has made, for the benefit of the parochial authorities, a report upon the condition of the bells and recommendations as to what work should be carried out, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and hon. librarian of the Council) is acting as hon. treasurer of the fund. Many of the County and Diocesan Associations and Guilds have given or promised their support, and others will doubtless do so when the opportunity of their next general meeting occurs. All the important organisations among ringers are thus coming into the scheme with their help, and what is needed now to ensure complete success is the aid of the individual ringers.

The first list of subscriptions and promises which we publish below shows how remarkable has been the reception given to the scheme, and the total now stands at £199 1s. 6d.

There is still a long way to go before the estimated sum required, namely, £350, is reached, but it can be done and done quickly if each ringer will give what he can afford. As we said last week, we need the guineas, but the shillings are equally necessary to success, and even among ringers who can only spare a few pence each much valuable aid can be given. In these cases a collection can be made in the tower on Sunday and forwarded. Already an example in this direction has been set by the Sunday Service band at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the ringers at Woking Parish Church. Whatever the amount—large or small—it will be welcome.

There are many reasons which make it desirable that the work should be completed and the bells re-opened by the end of the summer—only the prompt raising of the necessary funds can make it possible. We ask all ringers, therefore, to send their contributions without delay.

Appended is the first list of subscriptions:—

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. W. Worthington, Lichfield	50	0	0
Rev. E. Banks James, Seaford Park, Fareham	5	5	0
Mr. C. F. Johnston, Croydon	5	5	0
'The Ringing World'	5	0	0
Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Crowthorne	3	3	0
Dr. E. L. Taylor, Sevenoaks	3	3	0
The Woodbridge Press, Ltd. (printers of 'The Ringing World')	3	0	0
Dr. J. Symons, Penzance	2	2	0
Dr. F. Leonard Joyce, Reading	2	2	0
Mr. T. R. Dennis, Cambridge	2	2	0
Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Birmingham	2	2	0
Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree	2	2	0
Mr. F. E. Dawe, Woking, Surrey	2	2	0
Mr. H. Mason, Hagley, Worcestershire	2	2	0
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Caversham, Reading	2	2	0
Rev. E. V. Cox, Brampford Speke, Devon	2	2	0
Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley	2	2	0
Mr. E. A. Young, Catford, S.E.	2	2	0
Rev. R. Copeman, Cambridge	1	1	0
Mr. R. O. Street, Aigburth, Liverpool	1	1	0
Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, Cambridge	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Enfield	1	1	0

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THE SAXON ARCH
between the church and tower
of St. Benet's.

The proposals which have been made include the following:—

The rehanging of the bells of St. Benet's Church.

The erection of a suitable commemorative tablet.

A gathering of ringers at Cambridge, with a thanksgiving service at St. Benet's.

The details of the restoration scheme, which include reconstructing and strengthening the frame and placing it 12 feet lower in the tower, and cleaning and rehanging the bells, are under consideration, but before anything definite can be done it is necessary to make sure that the money can be raised, and 'The Ringing World,' as announced in our last issue, has opened a fund for the purpose.

The scheme is to be a national scheme, and every ringer, and particularly all those who have found so much pleasure in ringing the ever popular method which bears Stedman's name, will, we feel sure, wish to be identified with it. Donations should be sent to:—

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Mr. J. D. Matthews, Southfields, S.W.	1	1	0
Mr. Ernest Bishop, Swindon	1	1	0
Miss K. Willers, Trumpington, Cambridge	1	1	0
Mr. James George, Birmingham	1	1	0
Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Cambridge	1	1	0
Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet, Lincs	1	1	0
Mr. R. Richardson, Surfleet, Lincs	1	1	0
Mrs. R. Richardson, Surfleet, Lincs	1	1	0
Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Kingerby, Lincs	1	1	0
Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna, Dorset	1	1	0
Dr. Spencer Phillips, Great Baddow, Essex	1	1	0
Rev. H. Drake, Ufford, Suffolk	1	1	0
Mr. J. Parker, Edmonton, Middlesex	1	1	0
Mr. E. W. Elwell, Capenhurst, Cheshire	1	1	0
Mr. A. E. Parsons, Old Hill, Staffs	1	1	0
Mr. C. Dean, Croydon	1	1	0
Mr. W. A. Cave, Bristol	1	1	0
Mr. S. F. Palmer, Sheffield	1	1	0
Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon	1	1	0
Mr. W. Andrews, Winchester	1	1	0
Mr. S. H. Green, London	1	1	0
Mr. T. T. Goffon, Monkseaton, Northumberland	1	1	0
Mr. C. Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich	1	0	0
Mr. A. L. Coleman, North Walsham, Norfolk	1	0	0
Mr. A. B. Bennett, South Kensington	1	1	0
Rev. C. C. Cox, Lyme Regis, Dorset	10	6	
Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Somerset	10	6	
Mr. C. L. Routledge, Newcastle-on-Tyne	10	6	
Mr. T. W. Faulkner, Barking, Essex	10	6	
Mr. J. Oldham, Loughborough	10	6	
Mr. W. J. Southwood, Exeter	10	6	
Mrs. Snowden, Cartmel, Lancs	10	6	
Mr. F. S. Bayley, Meon, Hants	10	6	
'H. H.' Workshop	10	6	
Mr. C. W. Woolley, Great Sheldon, Cambridge	10	6	
Mr. F. E. Haynes, Edgbaston, Birmingham	10	6	
Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts	10	6	
Capt. H. Manley, Crawley Down, Sussex	10	6	
Mr. J. D. Manley, Crawley Down, Sussex	10	6	
Mr. J. Phillips, Butterwick, Boston	10	6	
Capt. J. B. M. Ridout, Swanage	10	0	0
Mr. C. Harrison, Loughborough	10	0	0
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hereford	10	0	0
Mr. J. B. Budd, Great Grimsby	10	0	0
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Canterbury	10	0	0
Mr. W. H. Fussell, Farnham Royal, Bucks	10	0	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Herts	10	0	0
Rev. F. P. Cheetham, Manchester	10	0	0
Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, Sedburgh, Yorks	10	0	0
Mr. F. F. Linley, Gainsborough, Lincs	10	0	0
Mr. A. G. G. Thurlow, Aythorpe, Dunmow	7	6	
Mr. E. Barnett, Crayford, Kent	5	0	0
Mr. W. Storey, Newcastle-on-Tyne	5	0	0
Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, Notts	5	0	0
Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton	5	0	0
Rev. R. H. Whitford, Bristol	5	0	0
Capt. J. H. R. Frechorn, Norwich	5	0	0
Mr. T. Russam, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	2	6	

ASSOCIATIONS AND GUILDS.

Ely Diocesan Association	10	0	0
Kent County Association	5	5	0
Guildford Diocesan Guild	5	5	0
Middlesex County Association	5	0	0
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	5	0	0
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Hertford County Association	3	3	0
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Elloe Deaneries Branch	3	3	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Eastern Branch	3	3	0
Royal Cumberland Youths Society	2	2	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild, Chipping Norton			
Deanery Branch	1	1	0
Woking Parish Church ringers	6	0	
Birmingham St. Martin's Sunday Ringers:			
Mr. Albert Walker	1	1	0
Mr. A. Paddon Smith	1	1	0
Mr. Thos. H. Reeves	1	1	0
Mr. W. T. Froggatt	5	0	
Mr. W. C. Dowding	2	6	
Mr. M. J. Morris	2	6	
Mr. E. Mansell	2	6	
Mr. J. Neal	2	6	
Mr. A. E. Norman	2	6	
Mr. Fred Price	2	6	

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Total ... £199 1 6

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIVERPOOL.

Members of the Central Council will assemble at Liverpool during the coming Whitsun holidays for their annual meeting on Tuesday. They are to be received at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor, who later in the day will entertain them to tea. They will be the guests of the Lancashire Association at lunch, between the sessions of the Council.

The local Reception Committee, with Mr. Claude I. Davies, have made every arrangement for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors, who are asked to apply at headquarters, which are at the Stork Hotel, for the latest information as to details.

In addition to the programme which has been already published, we are asked to say that there will be a 'gathering of the clans' at the Stork at 8 p.m. on Saturday evening, and visitors who arrive during Sunday are also asked to meet there at 8 p.m.

Details of Sunday service ringing will be available at headquarters. At 11.15 a.m. on Whit Monday, Archdeacon Howson will conduct a party round the Cathedral, and there will be an organ recital at noon on the Cathedral organ.

The afternoon visit to Oxton on Whit Monday will be followed by tea, to which visitors will be entertained by the Warden of St. Nicholas' Church. It would, therefore, be advisable if this party would keep together for the afternoon.

A visit to the White Star liner, 'Adriatic,' has been arranged for 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday. In connection with this there is a nominal charge of 1s. per head, the proceeds being devoted to the local hospitals.

Those members who have written to the local secretary and did not enclose an envelope, are informed that tickets have been reserved for them and can be obtained on application to Mr. Davies at headquarters.

The serious business of the visit begins at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, when the Council meets at the Town Hall. A meeting of the Standing Committee will precede the full Council meeting.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE & THE MINOR COLLECTION.
DECISION LEFT TO THE COUNCIL.

The following report of the Methods Committee will be presented to the Council next Tuesday:—

At the meeting held last Whitsuntide the Central Council passed a resolution ordering the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods to be printed, and the manuscripts were accordingly handed to the printer.

Owing to circumstances which have already been made public we felt obliged to suspend the publication of the book, and we regret that up to date a satisfactory solution of the difficulty has not been found.

The facts are as follows:—

(1) We desire that the custom of the Council, which has obtained ever since its foundation, should be followed, and that the names of the Central Council and of the authors of the book should appear on the title page and the outside cover. We may point out that this is the general custom with publications by bodies similar to the Council.

(2) The hon. secretary gave instructions to the printers that the names of the executive officers of the Council should be substituted for those of the authors. He suggested that the latter might or should be mentioned in the preface.

(3) A compromise has recently been proposed by which the names of both the officers of the Council and the authors of the book should appear on the title page and cover, but reserving the question of copyright to be dealt with at the Council meeting.

We are quite unable to see any valid reason why the ordinary custom should be departed from. However, it has been our earnest endeavour in preparing this book to carry out the wishes of the Council, and repeatedly, when any doubt has arisen on a vital point, we have brought the matter before the Council to learn its views.

So long as the ordinary rights of authors are not infringed, we desire to leave the issue of this last controversy to the Council's decision.

ORDERLY RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice that part of the business of the Central Council at Liverpool will be to consider 'motions' which have evidently been framed with the intention of further assisting in putting the 'house in order.'

I like that first one regarding the muffling of bells, and should also like to see another 'motion': 'That it should be the normal procedure to raise and lower the bells singly, commencing with the treble.' Most of your readers know full well what I mean, as I have continuously urged 'good order' in this respect for many years.

It should not be necessary for such a motion, but since there are still many ringers who never think about the nuisance and antagonisms caused in raising and lowering the bells 'all of a heap,' I hope some members of the Central Council will be interested enough to bring this subject forward with a view to giving an influential lead in this respect.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

IV. THE EASTERN SCHOLARS.

When the split in the College Youths' Society came it was between those members who wanted to ring peals and the older members whose activities were more in the meeting room and the social gatherings. That seems clear, but the evidence necessarily is inconclusive. We know the names of the peal ringers; we do not know the names of the others. The conservative party won. They kept control of the Society, and the opposition party left them and, joining with members of the Eastern Scholars, formed a new company. We have seen in Annable's last peal the beginnings of this movement. I do not now propose to write a history of the Eastern Scholars, but a short sketch is necessary.

The Society was founded in 1733 by a band of young, skilful and energetic ringers. The first peal was 5,040 Grandsire Tribbles at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on March 13th in that year; and from that time till 1763, seventy peals were scored, many of them of exceptional merit. On November 21st, 1737, the Society rang at West Ham 15,120 changes of Bob Major. This was only twelve years after Annable had called the first peal in the method. It remained the record length in any method till 1793, when it was beaten by 15,360 Bob Major at Aston. It was the record for the London district till the College Youths' 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green in 1868, and, except for that performance, has never been equalled in the metropolitan area. The fifth was rung by Thomas Bennett, whose name we have already come across. He joined the Society in 1733 and rang in thirty-four peals, two of which he conducted. In 1750 he joined the College Youths. After ringing in the two peals of Grandsire Caters which Holt conducted for that society, he went over to the Cumberlands and rang peals with them in 1753, 1754 and 1757. In 1754 he took part in the non-society peal at Shoreditch, and in 1757 he is one of the newly formed company.

On April 7th, 1741, the Eastern Scholars rang at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, the first peal of Oxford Triple Bob, ten in. This was afterwards said to be false, mainly because, when the College Youths rang another peal in the same method at the same tower, they put on the peal board (still existing) the following couplet:—

"When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth."

The College Youths did not claim that they had rung the first true peal in the method; and I do not know if there was anything beyond guesswork to connect this couplet with the previous peal.

Bennett rang the eighth to this peal and the fourth was rung by William Lovell. Lovell had joined the Union Scholars in 1740, and rung one peal with them, but, probably not getting on there as quickly as he wanted, he came over to the Eastern Scholars. His first peal with them was one of Double Bob Major (a favourite method in those days), and his name appears in the majority of the succeeding peals. On March 2nd, 1742, the Society rang 6,832 Bob Major at Mortlake, and a

fortnight later 10,080 at the same church. In 1746 George Meakins joined the Society and rang his first peal, one of Bob Major. The first he called was also Bob Major, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West on June 14th, 1749, and in time he became the leading conductor.

On Sunday, December 27th, 1747, the Eastern Scholars rang at Shoreditch '5040 changes compleat of that Excellent new Peal call'd Eastern Bob.' This was the same method as, more than a hundred years later, Henry Hubbard called Yorkshire Court and printed in his book as his own. It was composed by Joseph Prior. Bennett called the peal from the seventh, Lovell rang the tenor and Meakins the fourth. Just over two years later at St. Sepulchre's they rang 5,040 Eastern Bob, ten in, Meakins called this peal and the eighth was rung by John Lokis. Two years later than that the Society rang the peal of Eastern Bob Double which I have already referred to. This, also, was called by George Meakins. In 1752 they rang at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 5,040 Bob Major Royal, otherwise Ten in. Meakins and Jos. Aylin rang the ninth, Lovell the tenor alone. At the foot of the record is this note: "N.B. The Reason of there being 2 Persons to ring the Ninth was on Account of her going so very bad and the Co. being Desirous to Complete the Peal at that Time."

One of the men who rang in many of these peals had the picturesque name of Gabell Estall. I should like to know more of Mr. Estall, but he does not concern our present story. His name does not appear after 1754.

In 1749 Meakins and Lokis went over to the Union Scholars for some reason which does not appear. Each rang a peal with that company, but they were soon back again.

In 1746 Robert Butterworth and James Coxon rang in a peal of Bob Major and in 1754 William Underwood called a peal of Grandsire Trebles at Rumford, Emanuel Crouch ringing the seventh. In 1755 Joseph Monk's name appears for the first time, and in 1756 Robert Bly, James Darquitt, William Moss and John Underwood. All these names are important, for they were the men who formed the backbone of the new company. John Underwood, Bly, Crouch, Butterworth and Monk rang in a peal of Bob Major at St. George's-in-the-East on August 15th, 1756, the last peal by the Eastern Scholars before the College Youths' split.

Joseph Monk, who became a leading member of the new band, is best known to-day as the last editor of the J.D. and C.M. 'Campanalogia.' The book was hopelessly out of date when issued and contained none of the many eighteenth century improvements in ringing, although Monk, himself, took part in several of them. His manuscript peal book is to-day in the possession of the College Youths. When practically all the active members had left the Society of Eastern Scholars to join the new band, the former company became so weak that it ultimately collapsed. Only one more peal was rung: Bob Major in 1763. Soon after, the remaining members apparently joined the old Society of College Youths and took their peal and name book with them.

Fifty years later there was a Society of Eastern Scholars who rang at Greenwich and the neighbouring towers, the leader of which was E. Taylor, the composer of the well known Bob and Single peal of Grandsire Triples. This was a new company and not the survivor of the old society.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The decision of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild to hold its annual festival at Sherborne this year was more than justified by the numbers that attended. Ringers came from all the branches, attracted by the opportunity of visiting the grand old Abbey Church and ringing on its famous bells—the heaviest ring of eight in the country. Quite early in the day visitors began to assemble, and the bells were booming out over the sleepy little Dorset town. Not all who tried them found the weight to their liking, but there were some well-struck touches rung during the day, the methods being limited principally to Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Stedman Triples.

The Guild service, held in the Abbey, was conducted by the Vicar of Sherborne (Canon Wingfield-Digby), and the singing was beautifully led by the choirboys. Canon G. F. Coleridge was the preacher, and took for his text Psalm xl. 2 and 3: 'He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and he set my feet upon a rock and ordered my goings, and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even thanksgiving unto our God.' It gave him, he said, unfeigned pleasure to come there that day, first because it gave him the opportunity of worshipping in that most noble building; secondly, because it gave him the opportunity of addressing a body of church-workers; and, thirdly, and a much smaller reason, that it brought him into the county where he first learned to ring a bell, just sixty years ago this very year. Proceeding, Canon Coleridge drew the analogy of the casting, the tuning and the hanging of a bell with his unusual text, and went on to say that there were in England over forty thousand bellringers, not all of them highly skilled, but all engaged in church work, and, thank God, there were among them not a few highly skilled and most intelligent women who came forward in the war time to take the place of men, many of whom, alas, never came back. The names of some 1,200 of these men, members of the diocesan and county associations, were recorded in a roll of honour in St. Paul's Cathedral. But whether the ringer was skilled or was not, he was one of a large number of earnest churchworkers who gave their talents, such as they were, as an offering to Almighty God. He could look back over sixty years of ringing life, and he had seen what a vast difference there was between the ringers to to-day and the ringers of fifty or sixty years ago. Ringers used to be held in bad repute for the most part, but now all that had changed, and ringers were looked upon as valued workers in the church, on a par with the organist and choirmen and boys. It was highly honourable work, and as much skill was required in ringing a peal as in the performance of some great oratorio. The public did not know, but ringers knew perfectly well, that their art required, above all, perfection of touch and sight and hearing in the higher branches of the art, while on the scientific side comparatively very few brains were able to cope with the intricacies of composition. In their art, ability and intellect were taxed to the utmost. The whole status of the ringer had risen enormously in the last fifty years, and it had got to rise still higher. Each one of them had got to do his best to see that their status was not only maintained, but enlarged and deepened. The diocesan and county associations had done everything they could to raise the status of the ringer. He urged them to be worthy of their calling, so that when they reached their lives' end they would not be ashamed to stand before Christ at His coming, and to join with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven in a new song which He would put into their mouths.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' during the singing of which a collection was taken for the Hervey Beams Memorial Fund.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. BEAMS.

A substantial lunch was served in the Church Hall, to which over 160 sat down. At the conclusion, the toast of 'The King' was honoured, and the business meeting followed. The Hon. Secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) said that illness prevented their president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, from attending or doing any ringing. They trusted his health would soon be completely restored, and that he would again be able to take a full part in their activities. The secretary also regretted that he had received a telegram from the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), who had intended to be present but was unable to attend owing to illness. They would all sympathise with him, and hoped he would soon be well again.

In the absence of the Earl of Shaftesbury and the Rev. R. H. Gundry, the Vicar of Sherborne, Canon Digby, was voted to the chair.

The hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed that the year began with £94 16s. 1d. in hand, £50 of which is on deposit. The receipts amounted to £63 16s. 9d., and the expenses to £61 10s. 2d., the balance thus being increased to £97 2s. 8d. The accounts were adopted, and the officers, including the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), the hon. secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), and the assistant secretary (Mr. F. Green), were re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the war memorial scheme was completed at the last annual meeting, and the much lamented death of Mr. Beams took place shortly afterwards. It was a source of great gratification to Mr. Beams, and it would be to members of the Guild, that he just lived to complete the work he undertook. Since then they had added to the memorial screen the handsomely carved copy of the Guild badge, made by Mr. Northover. He had received a letter of grateful thanks and congratulation from the Archdeacon for what the Guild had done.

The Guild then considered the question of a memorial to the late Mr. Beams. The Hon. Secretary said it would be remembered that just before Mr. Beams died a movement was on foot to present a testimonial to him. Consequently the only thing they could now do was to raise some memorial to him. The committee had decided to refer the matter to that meeting, but as far as they could gather the only practicable shape that it could take was a memorial in Bradpole Church, with which Mr. Beams was associated.

Mr. W. S. B. Northover said there were two suitable places in Bradpole Church where a tablet could be erected—one on the south wall and one on the west wall near the door leading from the church into the tower. Anything he could do to assist in the matter he would be glad to do.

Mr. Jennings proposed that a memorial should be erected and the matter left to the officials of the West Dorset Branch, the Rev. C. C. Cox (chairman), Mr. F. Bugler (Ringing Master), Mr. W. S. B. Northover, and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. F. Brooks), to work in conjunction with the Bradpole Church Council. Those on the spot would know best what was wanted, and he thought it should be left entirely in their hands.—Mr. Heginbotham seconded, and said if the matter was left to the committee it would be dealt with at once, instead of being left to hang on for, perhaps, three or four years.

The Hon. Secretary said they already had some money in hand, raised by the branches for the testimonial. They also had the collection taken in the Abbey that day towards it. He had no doubt that when a scheme was prepared they would be able to get the rest of the money to complete it.

The motion was adopted, and a suggestion was made that the memorial might take the form of a gift to the church instead of the erection of a tablet, and this proposal will be considered by the committee.

SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A motion that there should be added to Rule 1 the following, 'The Guild shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof,' was proposed by the hon. secretary, who said it would make no practical difference to the Guild, which had been affiliated to the Council for over twenty years, and he had no doubt they had always loyally stood by the Council's decisions. He did not think they had ever given the Council any trouble by ringing freak arrangements as peals. It would also be a very sound thing to have this in their rules. It would prevent their successors from suddenly seceding from the Council owing to some misunderstanding, disagreement, or dissatisfaction. If such a thing occurred it would give them more time to think it over, because notice of motion would have to be given before they could secede.

The proposition was carried.

The Hon. Secretary announced that with the permission and co-operation of the Bath and Wells Association they had printed a number of the latter's very useful pamphlets on Grandsire. A supply of these would be in the hands of the branch secretaries, and any band that wanted to begin change ringing at the beginning could obtain copies. He hoped the leaflets would prove of great use.

The Fabian Stedman commemoration was brought to the notice of the meeting by the hon. secretary, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was invited to explain the scheme, which he did.

The Rev. C. C. Cox thought the Guild should vote a sum of £5 to the fund, and this was seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings and carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. C. C. Cox, to the Vicar of Sherborne for his welcome and for the service and the use of the bells, to Canon Coleridge for his address, to the organist and choir, to the ladies for preparing the luncheon, and to the incumbents who had placed the bells at their disposal.

The Chairman and Canon Coleridge replied, and the proceedings terminated.

Ringing was resumed at the Abbey, parties visited neighbouring churches, and many spent a pleasant hour out of the rain at the Red Triangle Club, adjoining the Church Hall, which had been placed at the disposal of the visitors, and where the billiards tables and other games were available.

The general secretary, in his report, referred to some of the features of exceptional interest which had marked the past year—the success of the annual festival at Calne, the completion of the Guild's war memorial, the first peal of Major on the bells of Sherborne Abbey. A tribute was paid to the late Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who, as assistant secretary, as an instructor, and as an inspector of bellrics, rendered most valuable service. While the living record of his good work was written in many a tower in West Dorset and in the widespread advance of change ringing, two things especially stood out as lasting memorials to his name—the Guild badge, which was designed and adopted on his initiative, and the noble screen erected in the Cathedral in honour of ringers fallen in the war, the cost of which was raised by his efforts. The reports of the branch secretaries, the General Secretary added, testified to steady progress in change ringing, with a generally high standard in the methods rung. A notable feature of the year's peal record was the large proportion of 'first peals' by one or more of the band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**FORMATION OF A NEW BRANCH.**

By kind permission of the Vicar of Lancaster Priory, the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held there on Saturday, about forty ringers and friends arriving from all over the county, together with visitors from Kendal. A short service was held in the Officers' Memorial Chapel, at which the Vicar gave some interesting information of the history of the church, the ground on which it stood being originally a Roman camp.

The churchwardens kindly entertained the ringers to tea in the Church House. Canon Elsee (president) afterwards addressed the gathering on the objects of the association, and after a long discussion it was decided to form a new branch with Lancaster as a centre and thirteen towers for a start, some with bells which need the attention of a bell hanger. Mr. Jennings, of Kendal, undertook the secretaryship, with Mr. Forcett, Lancaster, as assistant. The first meeting of the new branch is to be held at Melling on June 20th.

The Rev. B. Pollard consented to become an hon. member, and two ringing members were elected.

The standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, with some rounds for those who were not so far advanced.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evensong, 1,264 Bob Major in 46 mins.: W. Sparrow 1, P. E. Hawthorne 2, J. P. Kent 3, W. W. Daniell 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, W. C. Parker 6, H. W. Barrett 7, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, two and a half parts of Holt's 10-part with 2 singles (1,274 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Machin 1, S. Hyder 2, H. Smith 3, J. E. Burles (conductor) 4, A. Steadman 5, W. Pickthall 6, C. J. A. Cushing 7, A. Matthews 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, May 17th, 1,248 Double Norwich Major, in 48 mins.: W. E. Taylor 1, H. G. Owen 2, G. Gilbert 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, W. H. Fussell 5, W. Henley 6, H. Wingrove 7, L. Stillwell (conductor) 8.

DEAL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Bamford 1, E. Long 2, B. Luck 3, W. Terry 4, L. Ladd 5, E. Verrier (conductor) 6.

HAWKHURST.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Chapman 1, A. Stevenson 2, T. Relf 3, W. Gorrings 4, G. Sims 5, O. Waghorn 6, J. Powell (conductor) 7, H. Batehup 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Lathbury 1, W. Faux 2, B. D. Buttress 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, J. W. Ward (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 26th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for morning service, 720 Norwich Surprise: R. Smith 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 London Surprise: M. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. R. C. Mann 1, Rev. T. H. Dixon 2, H. Mann 3, E. R. Brown 4, A. Gutteridge 5, R. Kendall (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor on the bells, and by the local company.

A HALF-PEAL.

On May 14th a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, at All Saints', Publow, in 1 hr. 31 mins., for Ascension Day: H. Blanning 1, F. C. Mogford 2, J. Bailey 3, E. Watts 4, C. Bishop (conductor) 5, D. Dando (first half-peal) 6.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Soham on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. — K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Drayton on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 23rd. The ring of 6, recently augmented to 8 with two new trebles and recast tenor, will be opened. The dedication service will be performed by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James, at 2.30 p.m. Bells available after service until 9 p.m. All welcome. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Fellingham, Lincs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, at Eynsham. Service 3 p.m. Meeting afterwards.—W. Evetts, jun., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at the two five-bell towers of Little Staughton and Keysoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Little Staughton bells from 2.45 to 4.45. Tea at Keysoe 5.15. Ringing after tea. Visitors welcome. Please try and come.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells of Newton are open for ringing at 2 p.m. Leverington at 3 p.m. Service at Wisbech Parish Church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

GOOSNARGH, near PRESTON.—The ring of 6 bells, restored and hung in a new framework by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday afternoon, May 23rd.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Halesworth (8, rehung), Chediston (6), Wissett (6), Wenhaston (6). Tea, at the White Swan, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival at Hereford, Whit-Monday, May 25th. Service in Cathedral Ladye Chapel 12.15. Preacher: The Bishop. Dinner Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (1s. 6d. for members applying for tickets beforehand). Business meeting afterwards. Towers open: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), 10.30 to 12, and 3 to 6, Cathedral (10), 6.30 to 8.30; also outlying towers.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting in Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.15 p.m. Towers open: St. Andrew's (10), Charles (10), Emmanuel (8) and Stoke (6).—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 25th. The Central Committee meet in St. Peter's Schools at 11 a.m. prompt. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Martin). Luncheon at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Bells available: St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8), and St. Peter's (8) all day, and St. Edmund's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available all day. (Tenor 17 cwt.) Committee meeting at 12 noon. Service at 12.30, address by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, Vicar of Felixkirk. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 6d. Non-members 3s.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hope, near Caergwrie, on Whit Monday. A service will be held at 3 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon F. W. Galpin, M.A., F.L.S., Rector of Faulkbourne. 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) and Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Westbury-on-Severn on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let the branch secretary know by Wednesday, May 27th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on May 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hut. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Whittington, Glendoone, The Common, Cranleigh, by Wednesday, May 27th?—H. F. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Leigh, near Reigate, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 27th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Post Tea Rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, not later than Wednesday, May 27th. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexhill, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Knebworth, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Lytton Arms at 5 p.m. Kindly do your best to make the meeting a success.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 3 till 5 and St. Magnus 7 till 9. Tea at Lyons.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George's, E.1.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, May 30th. Christ Church, 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged provided not less than 12 applications are received by the undersigned not later than May 29th. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore, near Sheffield.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Aldington, by invitation of the Rev. G. S. Long, for Mr. Slingsby's 94th birthday on May 30th. Bells available 2.30. Service and tea as usual. It is hoped that all will make an effort to attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at nominal charge. Will those requiring same advise Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, Notts, by May 28th. Special business meeting after tea. Members, please try and attend.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rudgwick on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those intending to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday prior to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. — T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Braywood (5 bells) on Saturday, May 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than May 26th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 30th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—A combined practice will be held at Monk's Kirby on May 30th. Bells available 3.30. It is hoped a good number will turn up. All ringers welcome.—T. Pittham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing at 3 p.m. (8 bells). Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 followed by business meeting.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next monthly meeting will take place at Bolsover (bells 8) on Saturday, June 6th. The Cup Contest will also take place at this meeting. Entries for Cup Contest should reach me not later than Thursday, June 4th. For tea notify without fail Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the Memorial Screen at the Parish Church on Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. The rings of ten bells of the Parish Church and the bell foundry tower will be at the disposal of visitors, and, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory Grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, June 4th, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, June 6th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 3rd? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Barnet on Saturday, June 6th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 (new caterers), 1s. each. Please advise one of the undersigned by June 3rd. All members and friends of these associations heartily welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM. — A monthly practice for Double Norwich and Surprise methods will be held. All ringers invited, first practice commencing at 6.30 p.m., June 6th, and continuing until further notice. — B. W. Pettitt, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. Alec. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, before Thursday, June 4th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringing visitors heartily welcomed. Names for tea by June 2nd.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Canon on June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by May 29th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth, by the Bishop of Kensington, will take place on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 3.30. It is hoped that members and all ringing friends from other societies will endeavour to be present on this auspicious occasion. A hearty welcome to all. Tea will be arranged in the Church Hall about 5.30 for those requiring same at 1s. Please send card by June 10th. Ringing after tea.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec. to the Bell Fund, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LYDNEY SALMON SUPPER.—By special request, it has been decided to 'resurrect' the once popular event, and to please the crowd it has been decided to invite those who are interested to attend on Saturday, June 20th, at the Swan Hotel. Will all ringers who intend having supper kindly let me know by June 16th, not later? Price, 2s. 6d. per head. — Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

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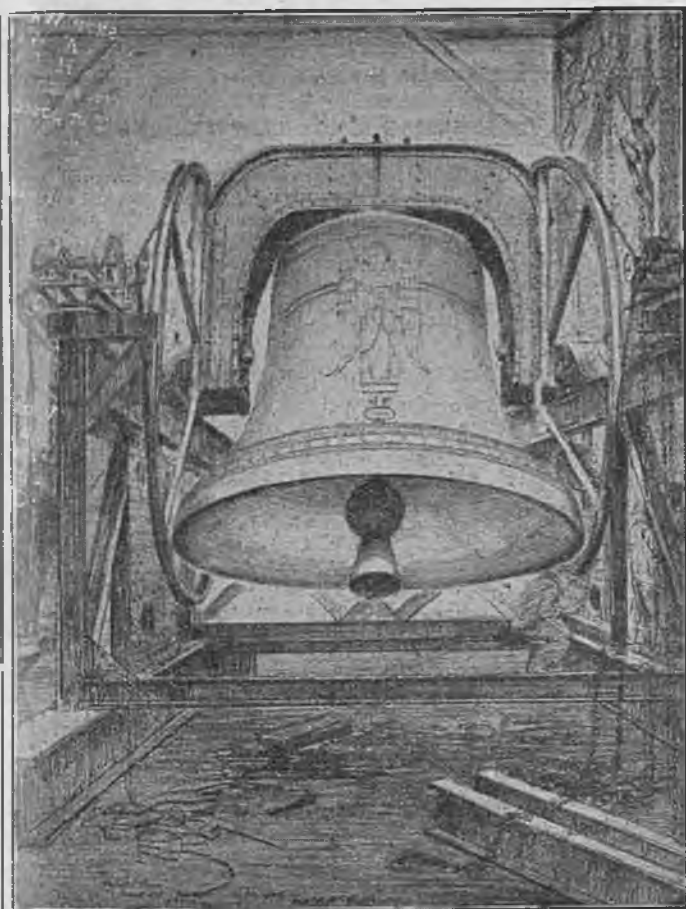
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A DISSENTIENT VOICE.

The Central Council met at Liverpool on Tuesday, and a summary of the proceedings appears on another page. During the past year the associations who elect representatives have been asked to pass a resolution to add to their rules a clause to the effect that they will loyally abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. As the Council is representative of the whole Exercise, exists by the support and good-will of those who elect the members, and endeavours to guide and co-ordinate the work done in the interests of the art, it was only a reasonable request to make, and its reasonableness is proved by the fact that with, as far as we know, only one exception, all the associations have readily accepted the suggestion, and in future will recognise and act upon the Council's rulings. The majority of the associations and guilds have done so for years, and by incorporating the clause in their rules have merely implemented what they had already observed in the spirit. They have appreciated the value of the Council to the Exercise; they have recognised that without it there would be no cohesion of thought or action in many things which go to produce order and progress in the art. But beyond this, the Council serves as the keystone of the arch which binds together all the units that go to make up the structure of the Exercise. It can never be accused of having done anything hurriedly — indeed, it has not moved fast enough for some. It has always been anxious not to interfere with the privileges of associations or individuals, but it could do a great deal to raise still higher the standards of ringing if it had the guarantee that the associations, abiding by decisions arrived at, would carry into effect any recommendations which might result from the collective wisdom of the Council.

It is a pity, therefore, that the Sussex County Association should have failed to come into line with the rest of the leading organisations which send representatives to the Council. At their annual meeting the association declined to adopt the suggested rule. We have only seen one argument adduced in the course of the discussion, and it would be unfair to say that it was solely this which induced the members to come to the decision they did. But for this one argument it can be said, briefly, that there is not the slightest foundation. According to the report the Master, who presided, said that to undertake loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council 'would be like signing a blank cheque.' This is a curious statement to come from a member of the Council. The rules and decisions of the Council are in black and white for everyone to read and no alterations can be made in them without every representative of every

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affiliated association having the opportunity of expressing an opinion, of criticising, and, if he can get sufficient support, of amending the proposals. Where is the 'blank cheque' about this? The argument is blank nonsense. Presumably the Sussex Association expects its affiliated members to observe its rules; why then should not the Central Council expect its affiliated societies to do likewise? It is of little use joining in any organisation if one is afraid to accept the ruling of the majority, and we hope that upon a later occasion the Sussex Association will see its way to follow the example of other societies of like importance.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE E. FEARN 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	JAMES HUNT 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	CYRIL TANSELL 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS 10
FRANK W. PERRENS 5	ALBERT WALKER 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.
 * First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Whit Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	ALBERT H. WARD 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	JAMES HUNT 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	JOHN NEAL 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH
 A birthday peal for C. Hazelden.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWARD JENKINS 8
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WALTER AYRE 10
JOHN PERRY 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
HERBERT KNIGHT 6	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE H. GRAINGER Treble	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER 7
*MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 3	FRANK CORRE 8
ERNEST J. KING 4	HARRY MANCE 9
E. RALPH MACKRILL 5	REGINALD T. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER
 * First peal on ten bells.

PLYMOUTH.
THE DEVON GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*H. FRED S. MYERS ... ..Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
WARREN HORNBRINK ... 2	WILLIAM HAMLYN ... 7
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 3	ALF WILLIAM MYERS ... 8
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 4	G. HARRY MYERS ... 9
†SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 5	THOMAS G. MYERS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. R. LILLEY. Conducted by G. H. MYERS.
* First peal above six bells. † First peal of Royal 'inside.'

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D.

DAVID WRIGHT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 6
BERT N. NEWSON ... 2	FRANK E. DARBY ... 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	*ERNEST DENHAM ... 8
*HARRY E. WILLS ... 4	FRANK JENNINGS ... 9
*WILLIAM BULPITT ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by D. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Arranged to commemorate the opening of the new Parish Hall, which took place prior to the commencement of this peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FRANK HOWE ... ..Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	CYRIL F. HOWITT ... 7
LOUIS ALLEN ... 3	WILLIAM WILSON ... 8
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. ... 4	JAMES HUTCHBY ... 9
HARRY L. SMITH ... 5	WILLIAM L. JACQUES ... ..Tenor

Composed by WM. WILSON. Conducted by WILLIAM L. JACQUES.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. H. J. Blakesley, M.R.C.S.
First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... ..Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 2	*WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* 250th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HERBERT FULCHER ... ..Treble	*CECIL BARRETT ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... 6
ERNEST WHITING ... 3	*CHARLES LOOME ... 7
CHARLES BAKER ... 4	FREDERICK BORRETTTenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK WHITE ... ..Treble	FRANK JENNINGS ... 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... 6
JOHN F. GALYER ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 4	JOHN AVERY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Arranged to enable Mr. Avery to ring a peal at his birthplace.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

SAMUEL WOOD ... ..Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 5
JOSEPH MELLOR ... 2	ALBERT ADAMS ... 6
MISS M. E. THORP ... 3	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 7
JAMES CARTER ... 4	BENJAMIN THORP ... ..Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.
Rung to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the 16,608 in the same method rung at Mottram in 1883. Mr. Wood and Mr. Mellor are the only two surviving members of that band.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... ..Treble	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
REGINALD POSTON ... 2	*ARTHUR ALFORD ... 6
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
EDWIN H. FOSTER ... 4	ALFRED T. POULTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FREDERICK C. WHITE ... ..Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 3	RICHARD WHITE ... 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4	FRED WHITE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal. Mr. G. Holifield, sen., rang his first peal in 1875.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... ..Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... 6
JOHN W. WARD ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
ALBERT G. FLEMING ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... ..Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7
HARRY HOVERD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
First peal in the method as conductor.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD T. BARRETT Treble	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	FREDERICK J. RUSSELL 6
†GEORGE J. BERRY 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
†THOMAS J. FOWLER 4	ERNEST TUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JAMES HARRISON Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	JOHN BROWN 6
JOHN T. BIMSON 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
E. ROGER MARTIN 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (368). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. E. Woodhouse, who was interred at the mother church of St. Leonard at Walton-le-Dale on the 20th inst.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM B. RICHARDS Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDER 4	†JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Composed by the late J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY

* First peal of Major. † 60th peal and 50th for the Devon Guild.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WILLIAM A. WOOLER Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY 2	*HARRY MORGAN 6
*EDWARD DALINGWATER 3	*JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
*ALBERT NASH 4	*ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells, J. R. Brearley's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 5
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal in the method, No. 45 Central Council Collection.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 5
SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	WILLIAM GIGG 6
HENRY NORMAN 3	†PERCY MERSON 7
*HENRY CHURCHILL 4	S. GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal on eight bells. † 100th peal for the association.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
JOHN DENNER 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	JOHN POTTER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	JAMES MELDRUM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells since being recast and rehung.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
*REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	*FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

* First peal in the method.

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LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Francis Xavier,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ARTHUR J. PITMAN 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* 200th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK SMITH Treble	HARRY NUTT 4
*LESLIE DAWSON 2	JOHN E. FIELDING 5
JOSEPH BURGESS 3	HAROLD SHAW Tenor

Conducted by JACK SMITH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor, of Loughborough.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty 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, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Arranged specially for Mr. Beeson. 100th peal as conductor.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY HOWARD Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
WALTER MANSFIELD 2	ALEC WHITMORE 5
*GRAHAM PRATT 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR C. WILSON Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	CHARLES W. COOK 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At Kenwyn Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*HENRY WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 4
†MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY ... 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	T. HENRY WRIGHT 4
ALFRED BALLARD 2	FRED COTTON 5
JOSEPH BEALE 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

An 'all-Conducted' peal.

Each ringer called 120 of the first 720, starting at tenor upwards, then each called a 720 in the same order.

STALBRIDGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	†SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 4
H. JIM RALPH 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	*THOMAS E. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. KNIGHT Treble	CHARLES W. CLINCH 4
BERNARD H. WELLS 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
*JOHN O. WELLER 3	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

ALBERT WRIGHT Treble	BERT JONES 4
WILLIAM JONES 2	THOMAS BAILEY 5
HUBERT SCRIVENS 3	TOM PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOSEPH THACKRAY 1-2	*T. W. STRANGEWAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	*CHARLES E. LAWSON 7-8

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal on handbells.

STOCKPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8

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

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Sunday, May 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 1-2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 5-6
JOSEPH THACKRAY 3-4	HENRY G. GRIMWOOD 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE

First peal in the method by H. G. Grimwood.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.

The second session of the fourteenth Council was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, when 79 members, representing 37 associations, attended.

Splendid arrangements had been made by a local committee, of which Archdeacon Howson was chairman. The details were carried out by Mr. Claude I. Davies and Mr. G. R. Newton, who were indefatigable in their efforts to secure the comfort of the visitors. The week-end was spent by many in ringing at various churches and in visits to places of interest. Several peals were rung.

The Council met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday morning, when the Lord Mayor (Alderman Edwin Thompson) took the chair at the outset, supported by the Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David), the president of the Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Alex. Young).

The Lord Mayor extended a cordial welcome to the Council, and said, to his mind, one of the most beautiful sounds was a really good peal of bells on an English countryside. 'I wish,' he said, 'we had more appreciation of bellringing in this country. I hope that as a result of your meeting the art of bellringing may be a little better

THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL.



MR. GEORGE W. FLETCHER.

known in Liverpool than it is at present, and if you can encourage Liverpool to adopt bellringing more generally I think this city will be well served.'

The Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David) expressed the gratitude of the Church to bellringers for their services in administering 'the sacrament of sound.' It was the privilege of bellringers to maintain a peculiarly English tradition and to adapt and even extend it in the changed conditions of to-day. One of the subjects to come up for discussion was the attitude of churchwardens towards church bells. The Bishop was sure that any suggestion which the conference had to make which would tend to increase the practical care of bells by the clergy and churchwardens would be welcome. 'Some of us feel,' added Dr. David, 'that bellringers stand a little outside the fellowship of what we call church work, and some of us are desirous of taking them into the practical fellowship of the Church. I hope you will encourage that harmonious team spirit which is the very essence of your beautiful art.'

The President said that during the past forty or fifty years the position of ringers had entirely changed, and generally now they could consider themselves as effective churchworkers. It had been said 'church ringers would more often make their appearance in church if the clergy more often made their appearance in the belfry.'

HON. SECRETARY RETIRES.

Mr. Young having intimated that he desired to be released from the office of hon. secretary and treasurer, which he had occupied (in succession to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) for ten years, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, on the nomination of the Standing Committee, was unanimously elected. Mr. Young was cordially thanked for his services.

The balance sheet of the Council was adopted, and for the first time for some years there was a balance on the right side on the sale of publications, there having been a profit of £2 8s. 1d.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was re-elected an hon. member of the Council, and vacancies, two of them caused by death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and the resignation of Mr. J. W. Parker, were filled by the election of Mr. Stephen W. Wood, Mr. E. W. Elwell, and Mr. A. A. Hughes.

On behalf of the Standing Committee, Mr. Young reported that certain work had been carried out for the maintenance of the Carter Ringing Machine in the South Kensington Museum, and it was resolved that Mr. A. A. Hughes be appointed a trustee in the place of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Mr. G. R. Fardon and Mr. Sharman were appointed demonstrators, and thanked for their services in connection with the repair of the machine.

THE COUNCIL RULES.

A discussion took place on the amendment of the rules of the Council—a matter which had been referred to the committee at the last annual meeting.

The committee put forward a motion to add a new sub-clause to Rule 2 providing for affiliation of the associations to the Council.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved, and Mr. G. Grover seconded, an amendment, which introduced a clause providing that affiliated associations should subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council, and providing that the basis of representation of territorial associations and guilds should be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members and resident life members.

Mr. E. W. Elwell, on a point of order, moved that the Council proceed to the next business, and this was agreed to, it being understood that the matter would be reconsidered by the Standing Committee and brought up at the next meeting after due notice had been given.

Subsequently, however, it was resolved to appoint a special committee to deal with the matter.

Reporting on the work of the Peal Collection Committee, the Rev. H. G. T. Richardson said the collection of peals of Treble Bob Major with tenors parted had been completed, but were not yet typed. They were waiting to include the peals of Royal and Maximus.

An interesting report, on behalf of the Literature and Press Committee, was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and the committee was requested to draw up a brief bibliography of works on bellringing, which would be a guide to ringers desiring to form tower libraries.

The Peals Analysis Committee's report, as already published, was adopted, with a few minor corrections, but no action was taken on a suggestion that a peal of Plain Minor methods rung at Isham should be deleted from the analysis on the ground that it did not comply with the Council's definitions, there being divided opinion as to whether or not it conformed to the decisions of the Council.

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

The Methods Committee's report led to a discussion on the subject of the delayed publication of the Collection of Minor Methods. The Standing Committee had come to agreement on the subject, but opposition to their proposal was offered by Mr. J. A. Trollope (a member of the committee). Eventually, however, the Council accepted the suggestion of the Standing Committee that the names of both the committee and the officials of the Council should appear on the cover and title page. The issue of the book will now be proceeded with at once.

It was also resolved that the committee should take in hand the work of revising the Collection of Triples Methods, which will appear as a separate publication.

Reports from the members of the Towers and Belfries Committee were presented, and that by the president, relating to the restoration of the bells at St. Benet's, Cambridge, will be found under a separate heading.

No report was forthcoming from the Record Committee, as the papers—which were in the possession of the late Mr. T. Hervey Beams—had not yet come back to the Council.

On the motion of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the following motion was passed: 'When any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged, happens through unforeseen circumstance to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of the bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.'

SUGGESTED REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.

Mr. G. R. Newton proposed, and Mr. O. E. Sharman seconded, 'That in the interests of the Exercise this Council takes such steps as they deem necessary for the registration of compositions,' but after it had been pointed out that there were great difficulties in the way of what would prove an enormous task, it was resolved that

members of the Peals Collection Committee should prepare a pamphlet on peal variations.

The following motion was carried on the proposition of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling: 'That this Council deprecates the ringing of peals of Minor with a covering bell or bells and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and recommends guilds and associations to discourage this practice.'

A motion by the Rev. H. Drake in the following terms was defeated: '(a) That the words Reverse, Double, Little or Bob be not used as names of methods, and (b) that the terms "shunt" or "hunting backwards" are not approved.'

The Council decided to meet next year at Plymouth, which secured a narrow majority over Bath.

Mr. Faulkner suggested that in future notice of the meetings of the Council, with the agenda, should be sent to individual members of the Council—at present notice is published only in 'The Ringing World.' The proposal, however, did not find favour, and was defeated.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for his welcome, for placing the Council Chamber at the disposal of the members, and for his hospitality; to the Bishop of Liverpool for his presence; to the Lancashire Association for their welcome and hospitality, and especially to Mr. C. I. Davies and Mr. G. R. Newton for the work they had done in connection with the Council's visit.—Canon Elson replied for the Lancashire Association, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president.

The members who had been entertained to luncheon at headquarters, the Stork Hotel, by the Lancashire Association, took tea in the Town Hall at the invitation of the Lord Mayor, who with the Lady Mayoress was present to greet his guests. While tea was in progress selections were given by the Liverpool Police Band. In the evening a social gathering took place at the Stork Hotel.

MASONIC RINGERS AT GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

The annual Masonic service, on Sunday, May 17th, in the Durham Province, was held at Gateshead Parish Church, and the ringing was done by an entirely Masonic band—a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for service and a touch of 252 to ring the brethren out. This was also rung to celebrate the appointing to the Justices of the Peace of the Borough, and his raising to the Master Mason's degree—both occurring on Friday, the 15th—of the treble ringer: A. Payne, M.B.E., J.P. (1626) 1. J. Rowell (3189) 2. G. Pickering (W.M. 406) 3. W. Story (P.P.G.W., 1626) 4. C. L. Routledge (P.P.G. treasurer, 1616) 5. A. Deas (406) 6. Jos. E. Keen (3937) (conductor) 7. W. G. Beardall (3886) 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was held at Saddington, near Kibworth, on Saturday, May 9th. About 25 ringers were present from Leicester, Husbands Bosworth, Kibworth, Anstey, Wigston Magna, Great Glen, Birmingham and Saddington. The nice-going peal of five (tenor 8 cwt.) was raised at 3.30 p.m., and some good ringing was indulged in, various methods of Doubles being rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of at the local hostelry. At the business meeting, two new members were elected, viz., Leonard W. Allen and Alec Arnold, both of Great Glen, and two rejoined. It was an excellent day for a meeting at this rather outlandish place.

BURTON DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting was held at Measham on Saturday, May 2nd, when upwards of fifteen members, representing the towers of Measham, Ashby, Hugglescote, Melbourne, Overseal, St. Paul's, Burton, and four members from Erdington, Birmingham, were present. Excellent use was made of the bells, touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich being rung.

At the business meeting, held in the schoolroom, it was decided to pay a visit to Rolleston-on-Dove for the next meeting, the date being fixed for June 20th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Measham (Rev. J. L. King) concluded the meeting, and also a very enjoyable afternoon.

BOYS BARRED.

In the Kennington (Ashford) Parish Magazine for May the following paragraph appears:—

It has come to the Vicar's knowledge quite recently that one of our boys, aged fourteen, is anxious to learn ringing, and has been permitted, to some extent, to pull the ropes. Bellringing is not an occupation that can be taken in hand quite easily by anyone; a considerable amount of care is needed even by men who are learning. Accidents do sometimes happen to "beginners" getting entangled in the ropes, and the Vicar is naturally anxious that this should not happen in our belfry, especially to a boy. He understands that one or two boys are already learning to ring in neighbouring churches. A promise, however, has been made by the ringers that the greatest of care will be taken by them to see that all goes well with the lad. "In future, no other boys at that age must be allowed to begin ringing"—whatever happens in other parishes. It is a man's job.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Bristol, the city of bells, is to have yet another ring of eight. As the result of a bequest by the late Mr. George Feltham, a former churchwarden, a tower is to be built at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, and a ring of eight bells and an electric chiming clock installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The new hon. secretary of the Central Council (Mr. George Fletcher) began his ringing career before the war at Southgate, and has been ringing at Edmonton for the last ten years.

Thirty years ago to-day the first and only peal ever rung on the sea was accomplished by a band crossing from Dublin to Holyhead. This was a peal of Stedman Caters, rung by Messrs. W. Sharl, W. H. Barber, W. Pye, G. R. Pye and the late Mr. E. Pye. The same day the first Surprise peal in Wales was rung.

A hundred and ninety years ago to-morrow the College Youths rang a 5,000 of Union Bob Royal at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill.

On June 1st, 1912, 14,031 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford.

THE REMOVAL OF CHURCH BELLS.

WHEN A FACULTY IS NEEDED.

BY THE REV. H. DRAKE.

While it is quite right to say that the removal of bells from a church tower needs a faculty, it must be remembered that the word is used of permanent removal, and not necessarily of temporary removal for purposes of repair, or for similar reasons.

If a bell is cracked, it ought not to be left in its damaged condition, and it is the duty of the Parochial Church Council to place it as soon as possible in a proper state of repair. Otherwise it is failing in its duty of maintenance.

A bell (whether cracked or not) should never be recast without a faculty, for recasting involves the breaking up of a bell into fragments, and molting them down with other metal; so that in the new bell little or none of the old metal may remain. Actually it is safest to consider the recasting of a bell as the selling of the old bell to the founder and the buying from him of a new one.

But whichever way we look at it, these are acts, none of which should be performed without a faculty to legalise them.

However, in welding a bell none of such acts are performed. The crack is merely knit together, and this repair no more requires a faculty than does the repair of a crack in a wall or elsewhere. It is the duty of the Parochial Church Council to repair such cracks, and no faculty can issue to enable anyone to do what is already their duty.

At the same time such repairs, and other repairs requiring serious alteration to the bell frames and fittings, or to the walls, or to the chambers in the tower, should not be undertaken without competent advice. They may be referred to the Bishop (or, at least, to the Archdeacon) for his sanction. This would certainly be readily given, if the work was to be entrusted to trustworthy, efficient and experienced workmen. The Church authorities are always properly anxious that repairs should be promptly executed.

Similar remarks apply to ventilation. All parts of the tower, and especially the beams, and the ringing chamber should be sufficiently, but not excessively, ventilated. Unless this is done, the building cannot be said to be maintained in proper order.

LIGHTING AND PROTECTING THE BELFRY.

While the Factory Acts do not directly apply to bells as being machinery in motion, it is possible that the incumbent might be held liable for injury sustained by neglect to have the bells and belfry properly lighted and guarded. The arrangements for lighting and protecting the belfry need not be either elaborate or costly, but it is possible that the Parochial Church Council or other authorities may object to them being carried out. In that case, they should be asked to undertake to indemnify the incumbent against such claims.

Unless the tower is cleaned from top to bottom each year, and birds absolutely excluded each spring (neither of these cost very much) it cannot be said that the Parochial Church Council are doing their duty in caring for, and maintaining, the church.

DEATH OF MR. A. E. WOODHOUSE

The death occurred of Mr. A. E. Woodhouse, who was a well-known ringer in the Preston area, at Walton-le-Dale on May 18th at the age of 52 years. The bells of St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, were rung fully muffled by the local band on Tuesday evening, and prior to the interment on Wednesday, May 20th. A large and sympathetic company attended the funeral service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Benyon, B.A. After the service a 360 Bob Minor was rung with open backstroke, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Samlesbury, where deceased rang most of his peals, on Saturday, May 23rd. Of a genial and unassuming disposition, 'Albert,' as he was popularly known, was a safe ringer and an accurate striker, was always to be found at the heavy end, and his 36 peals include the first by the Preston Branch of Double Norwich, Superlative and Treble Bob Minor. He joined the Lancs Association in 1900, and had been a service ringer since that year at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale. During the war period he carried on the duties of branch secretary. He leaves a widow, son and two daughters.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY. CENTRAL COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE SCHEME.

The Central Council on Tuesday gave its approval and support to the scheme for commemorating the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, on the lines set forth in these columns, which has appealed in so remarkable a fashion to the imagination of the Exercise. By their action the Council have stamped the proposals with the seal of a national scheme, and, in addition to voting a sum of £10 10s. to the fund, have appointed representatives to serve on a committee with the local church authorities to carry out the restoration.

It is essential, however, that the money required shall be given or promised before the work can be put in hand, and we therefore invite ringers individually, or as bands, to send contributions to the fund as quickly as possible. Donations should be sent to:—

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

and will be acknowledged in these columns. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) is treasurer of the fund.

The second list of subscriptions will be published next week.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S VOTE.

The president of the Central Council, speaking on the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee at the Council meeting on Tuesday, referred to the proposals for the restoration of St. Benet's bells.

The Standing Committee, he said, had considered the subject and had recommended that the Council should vote a grant of ten guineas to the commemoration fund; and that they should elect certain members to co-operate with the Parochial Church Council of St. Benet's for the carrying out of the scheme—the Parochial Council, being the people, must get the faculty and be responsible for the work. It was suggested that the selection of members of this committee should be left to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded the proposal.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said, as the instigator of the scheme, the proposals put forward by the president of the Council had his approval, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Willson suggested that two more bells should be added, but the President said that the tower itself made this impossible.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was asked to continue as hon. treasurer of the fund, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith agreed to continue his efforts as 'publicity agent.'

On Monday, the Essex Association voted £5 5s. to the fund, the Devon Guild £5 5s., and the Hereford Diocesan Guild £3 3s.

A COMMON PURPOSE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—From time to time in the past, those who are practised in the noble art of ringing bells have been moved to criticise severely, or even, it may be said, to attack the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings in regard to its interest in the beautiful instruments from which such giant and melodious music is drawn. Again and again the society has endeavoured to show that its interest in the material beauty and history of bells, bell cages, and bell towers is but another aspect of the pleasure that is the proud possession of the men and women who stand at the swinging ropes and by their means turn full circle the swaying metal that voices our common gladness or our common sorrow.

For many years now, some of those who ring, and of those who love to listen to the sound of bells, and to see the true metal hanging silent or in full motion, have recognised that their interests in the matter rest on the common certainty that the whole business that resides in bells is one of art. They have seen that in the fulfilment of all this word embodies, whether in relation to moving and sound-giving bells, or in relation to the bells themselves while resting silent in potential power, there is but one single ideal—to make and preserve beauty. That beauty rests in all aspects of this art is undoubted. In its central object, the making of vast music, there can be no other purpose. In the formation of the substance of a bell art again floods the perspective. In the body and framing of the cage in which bells are hung to swing with even and mighty motion, there is art; and, finally, in the towers, where such frameworks have

their beds, the art of building is pre-eminent. It is an astonishment to those who think of these matters that petty wrangling among men devoted to such art should find any cranny through which to press its evil presence. Yet heated controversy, prejudice, and even anger have been stirred into vigorous life by this poison.

Let us consider how opportunity for dispute arose. As far as members of the ringing fraternity and members of the society, of which I am secretary, are concerned, excuse was found for this almost fierce controversy in some ideas that accompany such words as 'modern methods,' 'ancient beauty,' 'progress,' 'medievalism,' and the like. The mistaken disciples of the 'modern' gave to that work exclusive merit, though in their souls they knew, and by their words they showed, that in the fullness of life they loved the modern of old days as well as the modern of the present moment. They sang the praises of Stedman's 'modern' methods, now old, and by some, no doubt, found 'out of date.' They enjoyed the beauty and full being of Norman castles—the 'modern' means, when they were built, of keeping a subject people in obedience; and they admired the winding lanes shadowed by great elm trees, lanes loved of the modernist, although the many twists and the fallen autumn leaves turned to winter's mud are a hindrance to the means of transit used to-day. None of these modernists, none of these devotees of progress, would have wished all the remains of an ancient modernity to disappear and be no more. And those who stressed the values of antiquity did not fear, or were innocent of, the inconsistency they showed when, on rubber wheels turned by the impulse of refined earth oils, they sped on concrete roads to indulge their sentiment for stones heaped together in old days on mortar beds, or for ploughs and wagons drawn even until yesterday by heavily collared oxen. These people, the one oversteering one aspect of the life they loved, the other insistent that beauty resides alone in works long finished, sought too often no better occupation than to score some verbal point in argument against the theories they themselves assumed held sway in their imagined rivals' minds.

It is the desire of the writer himself to forget all but the art of bellringing, and the bells so rung, and to use his influence that others may be persuaded to forget the poison of controversy, and to put the best of human resources to reach a just appraisal of the noble values that are wrapped up in every ring of bells.

The essence of art and poetry and music lies in sentiment, in an alert sensitiveness for sunshine and shadow, for the transparent green of spring leaves, for the works and thoughts of living men, and of men now dead, for the 'being' of life itself, whether the life of nature uncontrolled by man, or the life that man by his power gives to the product of nature.

I think that none of the readers of these words, even those who are committed to an almost deliberate misunderstanding of the object of the society I serve, will, if they drop their fears that I am laying some controversial trap for them, deny this statement to be true. I do not see how it can be otherwise than true.

Do I venture too far when I express the belief that on such common ground there is no longer cause for petty wrangling; that, in fact, we can leave this heated argument to the past as an evil resultant upon befogged minds, or minds partly inert and only partly used? If I am right, it remains to us, who once perhaps took pleasure in tripping up our neighbours, to use our best powers now to preserve and to create the material bones of poetry.

Fortune has given us the opportunity. In one of the towers most medieval, most out of date, most lacking in the signs of progress—in a word, in the Saxon tower of St. Benedict's at Cambridge are six good bells, all just as they were cast, all but one just as they were rung by the 'father' of the art of bellringing. They hang motionless, and have so hung for too many years. The ringers of England, out of sentiment for their art, and not without sentiment for these very bells and for the tower and the cage in which they hang, desire again to draw music from these metal throats. The men and women who, out of sentiment for old buildings and old crafts, are members of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, desire to hear again from this so English tower the sound of bells once rung aloud by Stedman. Here is common purpose: here is chance for common endeavour. Here is opportunity to give over quarrels. Let us work together for one end. And let us truly hope that in other places and on other occasions a like sentiment and a like sincerity of action may be present. For everywhere, where bells hung and may be rung from towers built in olden time, an honourable sentiment exists. There is no cause for shame in this, but rather cause for pride. In future let our common purposes be served by sanity and no excess; let us do nothing in the false name of progress, nor yet anything in the deceptive name of sentimentality, but with a wise appreciation of the attributes of life in this matter, and not without the proper consideration of a right economy, set about, as occasion arises, the service of bells, bell cages and bell towers. It is the whole 'being' of these that is important—not their looks alone, or their age alone, or their shape alone, or their sound alone, but some common whole, which in the person of a living man is called his soul.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. R. POWYS,

Secretary of the Society for the
Protection of Ancient Buildings.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ITS RELATIONS WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sussex County Association adopted the unusual procedure this year of holding their annual meeting in a town where there is no peal of bells. The gathering took place at Elfinward, Haywards Heath, the residence of the Bishop of Lewes (the Rt. Rev. Hugh Horden), a vice-president of the association, and the service was held in the chapel, the Bishop giving an interesting historical survey of bells, in the course of which he made particular reference to the old bells at the neighbouring villages of Lindfield, Cuckfield and Bolney, upon which the members had the opportunity of ringing later in the day.

At the annual business meeting, which preceded the service, the Master (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman) presided, and members were present from Aldrington, Balcombe, Battle, Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas and the Good Shepherd), Coleman's Hatch, Crawley, East Grinstead, Heathfield, Horsham, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Shoreham, Upper Beeding and Warnham.

The report stated that the association wished to express its appreciation of the deep interest taken by the Bishop of Lewes in it and its work, and of his continued and valued support. The satisfactory financial position of a year ago had been still further improved; and the advantages which the members derived from this, both in allowances for rail fares and other expenses connected with the meetings compared favourably with those offered to its members by any other association. The question of certificate of membership had for some time past been under consideration by the committee, and it was hoped that the issue of a new certificate or a reissue of the old one might be possible. The work of the association went steadily forward, and the average attendance at district meetings had been satisfactorily maintained. While the present situation gave every ground for encouragement, they would welcome a still further increase of younger members, to whom the association must look for the carrying on of its work in the future. All should do their best to enlist new recruits and spare no pains to bring the association to the highest possible degree of efficiency. In conclusion, the report reminded the members that regular and punctual attendance re service ringing should take the first place in their activities.

The accounts showed that the balance in the general fund had been increased during the year from £128 5s. 8d. to £145 8s. 1d., the total receipts having been £74 11s. 7d., and the expenditure £57 9s. 2d. In addition there was in the reserve fund £50, and in the benevolent fund (from which grants amounting to £6 6s. had been made during the year) a balance of £72 2s. 4d.

The report and accounts were approved.

LOYALTY RESOLUTION REJECTED.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone, Brighton; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and F. C. J. Turner, Brighton; hon. peals secretary, Mr. Frank Bennett, Hove; Central Council representative, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman.

The Peals Secretary reported that the number of peals in 1930 was 78—an increase of 24 on the previous year.

The question of a certificate of membership was considered, and the Secretary reported that an effort was being made to discover the old plate. It was decided that a committee, consisting of Mr. F. B. Tompkins, of Chichester (an hon. trustee of funds), Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, and Mr. Stone should deal with the matter.

A communication from the Central Council was read suggesting that the following should be added to the rules of the association: 'This association be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

The Chairman said the real issue lay in the last clause. To agree to that would be like signing a blank cheque. Several other members spoke against the addition, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. J. Cripps, of Shoreham, seconded by Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, to reject it.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, to Mr. R. J. Dave (retiring auditor), and to Mr. Turner, who filled the breach.

Tea was enjoyed in the refectory, and in the evening the three eight-bell towers of Bolney, Cuckfield, and Lindfield were visited for ringing, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

EASTWOOD'S NEW BAND

A new band of ringers has recently been formed at Eastwood Parish Church, near Rotherham, where the bells have been silent except on the occasions when visiting ringers have had the use of them. The belfry is now spick and span, and new ropes have been provided, for which the ringers have made themselves responsible.

On Saturday week, at the invitation of the band, a special meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Eastwood. All the band were elected members of the society, and the Vicar and churchwardens were elected hon. members. Mr. Silvey (churchwarden), in the absence of the Vicar, who was ill, welcomed the visitors, and Mr. J. E. L. Cockey wished the new company every success. Mr. Colin Ryder thanked the ladies for preparing the splendid tea.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening.

YOUNG AMERICA TAKES UP RINGING.

ENTHUSIASM AT KENT SCHOOL.

NEW BELLS OPENED.

The installation of a ring of ten bells at Kent School, Connecticut, one of the public schools of the U.S.A., has led to great enthusiasm among the students. The bells are from the Whitechapel Foundry, and the donor, Mr. Frank G. Humphrey, stipulated that the art of ringing as practised in England should be taught. Mr. Isaac Attwater, of London, was appointed instructor, and as soon as the bells were in order after his arrival he lost no time in selecting the first material to work on. Sixty of the boys handed in their names and twelve were picked out, with the object of getting at least six who would be capable of ringing rounds by Easter, which was only one week ahead. The band was to be made up by Mr. Attwater and Mr. John Thomas, of the Foundry staff, who had been supervising the hanging of the bells.

The instructor had a real stiff week's work, but the youths of 16 to 18 years of age put their enthusiasm, mingled with curiosity, into it, with the result that, after practising with the clapper stays on at any time they could come up to the tower—and they kept Mr. Attwater busy—they were able to practise 'dummy' rounds on the Thursday and Friday evenings following the start, with half a dozen sore hands and three broken stays as casualties. The founders had sent reserve stays for all the bells, and as sore hands and blisters are part of a ringer's glory, the students were all in readiness on Easter Eve to ring at the close of the service, to usher in the Festival in real English style.

The boys came away from the service just before the finish of it, and rushed up into the belfry quite excited, some shaking at the knees and wondering what the result of their week's practice would sound like. As they had never heard these or any other bells in rounds, their feelings can, perhaps, be imagined. Mr. Attwater took the treble, and Mr. Thomas the tenor, and after giving instructions to the boys not to take any notice of the sound of the bells to begin with, but to put their whole mind on following each other by the ropes, as they had in 'dummy' practice, they started when the signal was given, and the bells were heard in rounds for the first time. Although there was room for improvement, the effort was a highly creditable one.

Since Easter the bells have been rung 'open' four half-hours a week, namely, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday morning, 9.30 to 10 p.m. At present the instructor is sticking to call changes on the back eight and front six until really good striking is obtained. Progress is being made every week. Seventeen of the students can now handle the bell allotted to them quite nicely, and twelve take part in the set changes. At any time in the day after 11 a.m. they come up to the belfry in ones and twos for handbell and 'dummy' practice, with some figuring thrown in for the enthusiasts, as several have already caught the 'disease.'

Plain courses of Grandsire Triples 'double handed' on handbells are now an everyday occurrence. With six more weeks to go before the summer recess begins, Mr. Attwater feels confident that when the boys come back in September they will get a real and progressive move on. The ages of the lads at the school are between 12 and 18 years, while the 17 ringers are between 16 and 18 years, but four of these will be leaving in June. The instructor naturally feels the need of a staid ringer or two to help to steady the practice on the tower bells, but he is training the most reliable ones to adapt themselves to any bell, for bell control is the chief weakness to be overcome before good striking can be attained.

The official opening of the bells took place on May 2nd, and was attended by Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Ringers from Grotton and Boston were also present. Afterwards 'The Kent School Bellringers' Guild' was formed, and a letter of congratulation read from the Ancient Society of College Youths. A cable was received from Lord Rothermere, in which he said, 'My sincere congratulations to Father Sill, yourselves, and all at Kent School, and wishes for infinite pleasure from the ringing of the bells.'

CHANGE RINGING IN THREE WEEKS.

Learning to handle a bell at Grundisburgh during Holy Week, Master Christopher and Master Richard Round-Turner made such satisfactory progress that they were given a farewell practice at Burgh Church on Wednesday evening, April 22nd, and each was successful in scoring a touch of three courses of Bob Minor, in addition to ringing plain courses in the same method. They maintained good striking throughout. They are aged 15 and 13 years respectively, and are to be congratulated on their performance.

Their father, Admiral Round-Turner, was very well known as a ringer at Grundisburgh some twenty years ago, as was also the Rev. Harry Round-Turner, their uncle, and these young gentlemen seem to have inherited the art.

Having now returned to school at Sherborne, their progress at Yeovil will be watched with interest by those who know them.

The same evening 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by L. J. Lash 1, F. Crappell 2, F. Clarke 3, J. Bennett, jun., 4, A. Grey (first 720 in the method) 5, G. Bennett (conductor) 6. Kent Treble Bob Minor, with C. W. Pipe taking part, was also rung.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

V. THE NEW COMPANY.

When the split came in the College Youths' Society did the opposition form a new society? The question is important, because if they did the present Society of College Youths was founded not in 1637, but in 1756, nine years after the Cumberlands. Osborn says they did; and Lukis and Ellacombe accepted his conclusions and repeated them. It certainly does look as if it were so. A new band was formed, the majority of which were not College Youths at all. This new company did not meet the old Society; they had, after a little while, if not at first, their own headquarters, their own officers, and their own peal book. The 'Clavis' says twice distinctly that there were two societies of College Youths. Still more significant is the fact that after they had rung a peal of Bob Maximus in 1757, they entered it in their peal book as their 'first peal' (Note 7). And, indeed, it is not easy to see how they could have remained members of the old College Youths' Society.

In early days ringing societies were not like our modern associations, wide and rather loose organisations, which can include any number of independent bands. A society was a close community, consisting of one company only. Its life centred in the meeting room and was largely social as well as for ringing. At the meeting room they kept their property, transacted their business, made up their bands, and went forth to ring at different churches. They had no official connection with any particular church. Some towers were the close preserves of certain societies, some were open to all. It depended, no doubt, on the steeplekeeper. In the College Youths' book of rules, 1894, it is stated that the headquarters of the Society were held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields for about sixty years and were removed to St. Saviour's, Southwark, and then to St. Paul's. I suppose this was to make it look more respectable to modern eyes, but it is not true. The headquarters were 'The Barley Mow,' Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, then 'The Barn,' St. Martin's Lane, then a tavern in Winchester Street, Southwark, and then 'The Goose and Gridiron,' St. Paul's Churchyard. There is nothing whatever to the discredit of the old societies in this. They were frankly secular bodies, they did no service ringing, and the present idea that bell ringers are church workers was quite unknown. Each member of the society was in close personal touch with the rest and was bound to obey instructions when selected for any particular ringing or peal.

Here are some old rules:—

'Imprimis.—That this Society meet at the House of Mr. Hill, the Barn in Saint Martin's Lane, every Thursday evening between the hours of Seven and Eight o'Clock.'

'That the Society do not make it later than Nine o'Clock before they go up to ring.'

'That no Stranger be admitted into the Society without Leave first obtained from either Master or Stewards and, in case the Master and Stewards are not present, then a Majority of Voices from the sitting Members must be had before the Admission of such Stranger.'

'That on any Meeting Night the Society shall think proper to make an Appointment to ring a Peal in any Place in Town or Country, it is desired that no Member will promise to go before he has considered whether he can make good his Promise, a Disappointment of this Nature being the greatest Consequence. And if any Member violate this Rule, unless he can prove that he was indisposed, he must submit to be fined One Shilling to be Spent. It is Expected that this Rule be paid Attention to as no Method of Expulsion can be made use of for this Offence.'

It is true that there were members who lived in the country and could not and did not take any active part in the Society. Now and then there were whole bands in the country who were members. The Norwich band, for instance, in 1777 were all Cumberlands, and there were several College Youths at Twickenham, Isleworth and other places in the Thames Valley. But that was a different thing altogether to a rival band in the heart of London. A London ringer was a member so long as he belonged to the one band. If he went and joined another band he ceased automatically to be a member of the Society. The College Youths have now a rule 'that any member joining the Cumberland Society will cease to belong to this company.'

In the old time there was no such rule; it was unnecessary. No one dreamt that he could belong to two companies at the same time. But they had two stronger rules. One said 'that if any Member of this Society shall meet any other Society with the Intention of becoming a Member thereof, and should be rejected, such Member shall be excluded the Society unless upon his due Submission and acknowledging his Fault, the Society in this Case may think proper to ballot whether he shall continue in this Society a Member as before.' And the other enacted that if a member should revolt and join another society and afterwards want to come back he should not be allowed to do so until he had been balloted for and paid a double fee to the Beadle or Warner of the Society.

These are two of the 'Rules and Orders to be observed by the Ancient and Respectable Society of College Youths, 1735.' As they were in force when the split came, it is difficult to see how the seceders could remain College Youths. And there is this further difficulty that half at least, probably more than half, were Eastern Scholars. How could they be got into the Society, and how could new members be legally elected? In a few years' time there was not one member of the band who had ever been regularly elected by the original Society.

On the other hand, the new band called themselves College Youths, and everybody seems to have looked on them as College Youths. Osborn says they were known as the Junior Society of College Youths. It may be so. People would want some way of distinguishing them from the original—the 'ancient'—society. But I can find no trace of their being so called. On their peal boards and in their peal book they are the Society of College Youths without any qualification. What happened, I believe, was that when the split came they refused to be driven out of the Society and formed a band solely with the idea of getting good ringing and scoring peals. And then later on, more by force of circumstances than by deliberate intention, they assumed the usual organisation of an independent and separate society. Writing in a different connection Osborn says 'they never had any rules, but were guided by a verbal understanding between themselves alterable at any time according to circumstances.' They did not have a peal book until 1773.

NOTE 7.—This is the second peal in the second volume of the College Youths' peal book. There is nothing new about it being the 'first' peal, but the present entry is not original. Osborn had copied the original before it was destroyed. It is, of course, possible that he added the remark about it being the first peal, but not in the least likely. He was very careful to copy old records accurately, and if he had any remark to make he did it by a footnote and signed it 'E. J. O.'

MR. BLACKWELL'S GIFTS TO CIRENCESTER RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—When reading Mr. Trollope's interesting history of the College Youths, I noticed the name of Mr. Blackwell, of Ampney Park, Cirencester, mentioned. It may be of interest to your readers to know that the Cirencester ringers still have in their possession the following interesting articles presented to them by Mr. Blackwell: An old peal of handbells; a handsome oak chair with a bell carved on it; and a silver-mounted ram's horn drinking cup, which bears the following inscription on a silver plate:—

'Prosperity to the Cirencester Ringers. In tactum sileo percutit dulce cano 1785.'

The first peal rung on the bells was a peal of Grandsire Cinques by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on January 7th, 1767, conducted by William Underwood, and the band was evidently invited to come and ring this peal by Mr. Blackwell.

Mr. Blackwell died in 1785, the same year in which he presented the Cirencester ringers with drinking horn.—Yours faithfully,
F. J. LEWIS.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Western Division, at Redbourne, on Saturday, May 9th, more than twenty ringers were present from Berkhamsted, Tring, Flamstead, St. Albans, Hitchin, Harpenden, Hemel Hempstead and local band. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Berry), who afterwards very kindly entertained the visitors to tea, and presided at the business meeting which followed. Mr. H. Bishop deputised for Mr. J. Puplett, the district secretary, who was unable to attend through illness. Hemel Hempstead was selected as the place of next meeting in June, and a very hearty vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. W. Ayre to the Vicar for his great help towards the meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**DISCUSSION ON REPRESENTED TOWERS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Soham on Saturday, when members and friends were present from Burwell, Cambridge, Cherryhinton, Dry Drayton, Fulbourne, Harlow, Keystone, Melbourn, Newmarket, Raunds, Royston, Rushden, Sawston, Stapleford, Trumpington and of the local band. Various methods were rung on eight and ten bells. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. F. Boughiey, assisted by Rev. L. Mason. Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.R.C.O., was at the organ.

Mr. A. E. Austin, District Ringing Master, presided over the business meeting. Mr. E. Cawston, of Cherryhinton, was elected a member. It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Barrington on July 4th. The problem of unrepresented towers was discussed, and as a result it is hoped to hold fortnightly practices at Soham in order to help the local band and ringers from neighbouring towers to learn change ringing. The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his warm welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**EASTERN BRANCH AND THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Swineshead on Saturday, May 9th. Members were present from Alkirk, Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Bicker, Frampton, Leake, Sibsey, and the local band. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Gurnhill). Afterwards tea was partaken of at the Griffin, when upwards of forty sat down.

The usual business meeting followed, the president (Rev. J. R. Trotter) taking the chair. Six new ringing members were duly elected, and Old Bolingbroke was selected as the place for holding the summer meeting.

The matter of the Stedman Tercentenary was brought forward by the secretary in accordance with the decision arrived at at the annual meeting of the Guild in Lincoln in April last. It was unanimously decided to subscribe £3 3s. to fund out of the general funds of the branch.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service concluded the business. The tower was again visited, and ringing in various standard methods kept up until close upon 9 p.m. Friends from the Elloe Deaneries and Southern Branches were present during the afternoon and evening.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at St. Thomas' Church, Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, April 25th. Members were present from Todmorden, Milnrow, Middleton, Baldersstone, Hamer, Friezland and Oldham, the total attendance being 25.

A service was conducted by the Vicar, after which a tablet commemorating a peal of Bob Major rung by the local band was unveiled. Mr. T. K. Driver presided at the business meeting. Ringing then continued until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung during the day including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, June 6th, an attempt will be made at Warnham, Sussex, under the auspices of the Sussex County Association for a record peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major, starting at 10.30 a.m. The present record length in the method is 14,112.

METHOD NO. 67.**FALSE COMPOSITIONS.**

Mr. George Baker writes that the peals in Treble Bob Method No. 67, which were given by him in the article published in our issue of May 15th, are false. Any peal of Treble Bob Major, with tenors together, is true for the method, but in getting out the figures of the peals specially arranged for the article, Mr. Baker overlooked a fundamental point in the composition of peals in this class of method.

HOW BREAGE GOT 'ONE GREATER BELL.'**CORNISH PARISH AFRAID OF 'IDLENESS AND EXPENCE.'**

The following interesting extract is from a booklet now being printed, 'Breage in the 18th Century,' by Canon G. H. Doble, of Wendron, Cornwall. Breage is a coast parish in West Cornwall, formerly famous for smuggling and wrecking:—

'In 1770 there is an entry which must be, I should think, almost unique in the history of our ancient parish churches. "At a public Vestry held this 28th of June after due Notice being given on the Occasion . . . Unanimously agreed—that in Consideration of the Parish being at this time Burdened with a Numerous poor & of the Idleness & Expence which a set of Bells would probably introduce among the Parishioners—application be forthwith made by the Church Wardens to the Honble. & Right Revd. the Lord Bishop of this Diocese that he will grant a faculty for Casting the three present Bells into one greater Bell to be erected in the Tower of the Church of Breage. It is farther unanimously agreed that the present Church Wardens do provide a large Clock to be erected in the upper parte of the said Tower to strike on the said great Bell with two handsome Dyal plates, one on the north & the other on the south side of the said Tower as witness our hands—E. Marshall Vicar." (& 10 others).

'It is hard to see how the possession of 3 bells could occasion very much "Idleness & Expence" in the parish of Breage! (This huge bell was melted down in 1928 and a peal of six, cast by Gillett and Johnston, hung in the tower.)'

AN OLD RINGER'S QUIANT WILL.**DIRECTIONS FOR FUNERAL CHANGES.**

The 'Hertfordshire Mercury' has published the following copy of the quaint will, dated 1809, of John Carrington, a farmer who died in 1810, aged 84, and was buried at Tewin churchyard. He is described as High Constable for the Hundred of Cashio and Assessor and Collector of Taxes for the Parish of Bramfield, and it is stated that his funeral was attended by over one thousand persons:—

'When shall it please God to call me Home let me not be laid out immediately on cold boards but lye in the bed, and James Lawrence or George Hafer to make coffin either as shall be thought, of no plate, no nails, but 6 or 8 handles and good letters J & C ag. 84th year no date and not to be buried under 8 days and to digg down till come to the side of my Dame's coffin, and no lower, and set my coffin on the edge of hers and no lower; no hatbands nor gloves for nobody, except my children choose to provide for themselves and nobody to be asked, but hope all friends and neighbours will come and be made welcome, and to be at church about 3 o'clock afternoon (2 winter) to be carried on the bier, eight persons to be appointed to carry at 2s. 6d. each to have a pall, but nobody appointed to hold up, but if anyone choose so be it. As I have been used to Sing and Ring at Tewin Church give Mr. Pridmore or Singers to sing a psalm at funeral if they choose £10 and Ringers £10 to ring thus

1 2 3 4 5 2 4 1 3 5
O Lord have mer-sey on us when we dye
2 holepools each 2 holepools each
4 2 3 1 5
that we happy be
2 holepools each

and to raise the bells singly and to sink them singly without jangling for one hour.

'To be buried in my shirt and cap no shrowd and no wive except curant or raison wine for the women. If my heer is not good, have plenty from Ware and take care of the poor children as been buried in linen 5s. Shall of bread you will take care be given to the poor of Bramfield at 2 different times and these poor widows if living I leave them 2s. 6d. each

Bramfield	Tewin
Dame Monk H.	Wid. Chalkley
Wid. Molds B.	" Sewill
" Mills	Sall Welch
" Adams	John Squier and his wife
" North and her daughter	
Sake	

30 quarts of beer to the poor in Tewin Workhouse at 3 different times from sons.'

NOTICES.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on May 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hut. All welcome. — H. F. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Leigh, near Reigate, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Post Tea Rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexhill, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Knebworth, Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Lytton Arms at 5 p.m. Kindly do your best to make the meeting a success. — Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 3 till 5 and St. Magnus 7 till 9. Tea at Lyons.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, St. George's, E.1.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, May 30th. Christ Church, 8 bells (tenor 11½ cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged provided not less than 12 applications are received by the undersigned not later than May 29th. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore, near Sheffield.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—A combined practice will be held at Monk's Kirby on May 30th. Bells available 3.30. It is hoped a good number will turn up. All ringers welcome.—T. Pittham.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at nominal charge. Special business meeting after tea. Members, please try and attend.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing at 3 p.m. (8 bells). Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 followed by business meeting.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 30th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Rudgwick on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. — T. Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Braywood (5 bells) on Saturday, May 30th, at 3.30 p.m. —A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The committee meeting will be held in the Vestry of St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be supplied at a cost of about 2s. per head.—J. C. E. Simpson, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on June 2nd and 30th, St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next monthly meeting will take place at Bolsover (bells 8) on Saturday, June 6th. The Cup Contest will also take place at this meeting. Entries for Cup Contest should reach me not later than Thursday, June 4th. For tea notify without fail Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the Memorial Screen at the Parish Church on Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. The rings of ten bells of the Parish Church and the bell foundry tower will be at the disposal of visitors, and, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory Grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall for those who apply for tickets by Thursday, June 4th, to Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. Alec. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, before Thursday, June 4th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, June 6th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 3rd? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Barnet on Saturday, June 6th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 (new caterers), 1s. each. Please advise one of the undersigned by June 3rd. All members and friends of these associations heartily welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.—A monthly practice for Double Norwich and Surprise methods will be held. All ringers invited, first practice commencing at 6.30 p.m., June 6th, and continuing until further notice.—B. W. Pettitt, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringing visitors heartily welcomed. Names for tea by June 2nd.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Canon on June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by May 29th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the new Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle, is fixed for June 6th, and the bells will be opened by a representative band of the association. The Rev. S. Redman, Vicar, invites the members generally on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2.30 to 4.30 and 6 to 8.30. Tea will be provided at St. Monica's Church Hall at 5 o'clock for those only who advise me before Tuesday, June 16th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Capenhurst (6 bells), on Saturday, June 6th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please let me know?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) ready 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.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Madeley on Saturday, June 6th. Tea will be provided for all who notify me on or before June 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, June 6th. Bells open at 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Will those who intend being present let me know by June 2nd and greatly oblige?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 6th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be given by the Rector. Business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Church Room, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.) for those who notify Mr. R. Scott, Westlea House, Westgate, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 9 p.m. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Next meeting at Westerleigh, June 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please note alteration of date from May 30th, as this coincides with the annual outing of the St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth, by the Bishop of Kensington, will take place on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 3.30. It is hoped that members and all ringing friends from other societies will endeavour to be present on this auspicious occasion. A hearty welcome to all. Tea will be arranged in the Church Hall about 5.30 for those requiring same at 1s. Please send card by June 10th. Ringing after tea.—Wm. H. Hoillier, Hon. Sec. to the Bell Fund, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church and dedication of peal board at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) at the Railway Hotel at 5.15. Will all those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 10th. Towers open for ringers during the afternoon and evening: Southminster (6), Tillingham (6) and Bradwell-on-Lea (5). Will members please turn up in good numbers and help to make this meeting a success.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., followed by a short service. Tea and meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed. I trust this meeting will be as well attended as it was last year.—C. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Hillock Villa, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING of the Societies in the Southern Area of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 1 o'clock. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Friday, the 12th? Buses leave Gas Works Offices, Frederick Street, Rotherham, every 35 minutes from 2.20 p.m. and every 15 minutes after 5.30 p.m. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — The annual festival will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Wicken, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will dedicate the bells. 11.30 a.m.: Service and dedication of the bells. 1 p.m.: Lunch (2s. to members of the branch, 2s. 6d. to other ringers). 5 p.m.: Tea (no charge to members of the branch; 1s. to other ringers). Ringers from other districts who wish to have lunch or tea must send their names to the Secretary (Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester), by June 9th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — A meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, June 13th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. Watson, 56, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, not later than Thursday, June 11th. — F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LYDNEY SALMON SUPPER. — By special request, it has been decided to 'resurrect' the once popular event, and to please the crowd it has been decided to invite those who are interested to attend on Saturday, June 20th, at the Swan Hotel. Will all ringers who intend having supper kindly let me know by June 16th, not later? Price, 2s. 6d. per head. — Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

LISTEN! — This is what a ringer writes: — 'A very creditable piece of work. When it becomes known more among the ringers I am sure there will be a great demand.' You can examine a Pokerwork Peal Board yourself if you will send us your address. — H. Gilbert, Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, Kent.

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VERGER (second) required for Sherborne Abbey. Ringer essential. Full particulars from A. R. Trevett, Secretary, Church Council, Lona, Coldharbour, Sherborne.

SEXTON AND CHURCH CLEANER required for Lyme Regis Parish Church, Dorset. Salary £50 per annum. Ringer, if possible. Particulars from the Vicar, or from the Secretary of the Church Council, Rotherfield, Lyme Regis.

SITUATION WANTED.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BUCKINGHAM. — For evening service, on Empire Day, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Pateman 1, L. Smith 2, H. Ridgway 3, F. Walton 4, H. Cashmore 5, T. Roberts (conductor) 6, A. J. Green 7, F. Case 8.

TOTTENHAM. — At All Hallows', on Whit Sunday, May 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, E. H. King 2, W. Dickinson 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, W. Bowden 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

NORTHAMPTON. — At St. Peter's Church, for evensong, on Whit Sunday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. Hopper 1, H. Hoare 2, A. Slade 3, W. H. Austin 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturges 6, T. E. Sibley (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On Sunday, May 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, and in commemoration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Burmingham 1, J. Read 2, C. Edwards 3, J. Beagley (first quarter in the method) 4, C. Wells (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. W. Wells 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET. — At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for Sunday morning service, May 24th (tenor 19 cwt. 1 gr.), in 40 mins.: W. Laver 1, L. Davis 2, J. Laver 3, S. Laver 4, W. Osborn (conductor) 5, J. Kempster 6. This is the first attempt by the band, who have lately learned the art of change ringing.

HEADINGTON, OXON. — At St. Andrew's Parish Church for evensong, on Whit Sunday, 720 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 35 mins.: W. Bock 1, F. Beckett 2, C. E. Wigg (Kemble) 3, R. Post (conductor) 4, T. S. Williams (Kemble) 5, G. Horwood 6.

PLYMOUTH. — At St. Andrew's Church for evening service, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: Charles Holmes 1, J. Gluyas 2, Fred Myers 3, Tom Myers 4, Will Myers 5, Alf Mitchelmore 6, Will Hamlyn 7, Sid O'Shaughnessy 8, G. Harry Myers (conductor) 9, George Marshall 10.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON. — At Emmanuel Church, on Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: J. Woodley 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. G. Hiscott 3, G. Godard 4, W. J. Rundle 5, W. J. Richards 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, S. Symons 8. Also for evening service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Line 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, G. Godard 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. J. Baldry 5, A. Triggs 6, J. Woodley 7, F. Baldry 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN. — On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

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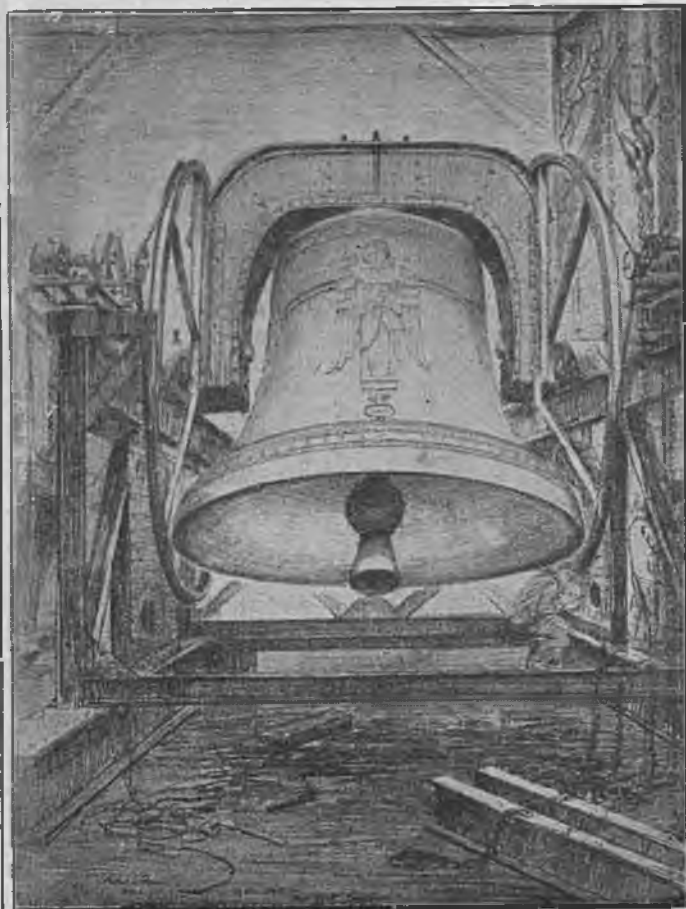
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THE LIVERPOOL MEETING.

Another Central Council meeting has come and gone, and ringers will examine the proceedings to see what has been done. Many of those who read the reports of the meetings are apt to judge the results from the standpoint of their own particular interests. This view often leads to the idea that there has been little business transacted, because only those things which make an individual appeal stand out conspicuously in the retrospect. For this reason there may be a good many ringers, and some members of the Council among them, who will not look upon the Liverpool meeting as one of the most interesting of the series or productive of results equal to some other similar gatherings. And yet, on the broader view, while the meeting lacked any great controversial development, we think it will be found that the proceedings were not entirely devoid of usefulness. For instance, definite steps were taken to come to grips with the question of the Council's constitution and a special committee appointed to go into the whole question, after the Standing Committee's vague and half-hearted attempt at revision had been rather badly muddled in its presentation to the Council. Then the difficulties which had held up the publication of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' were smoothed out by a compromise which the Standing Committee had arranged, although at one point it looked as if their efforts in this direction were to be upset by a member of the Methods Committee. If the compromise robbed the meeting of a certain liveliness of debate, it made possible the immediate completion and the early issue of a long awaited and valuable publication. In addition, steps were taken to put in hand the next book of the series, which is to comprise the Triples Methods, and this, in itself, should prove of great practical use to ringers, and should encourage and extend the variety of seven-bell methods rung. Again, for the benefit of ringers, it was decided to prepare a work on the variation of compositions, which, in the absence of a register of these productions—which was generally considered to be impracticable—will be a guide and help especially to young composers venturing into, for them, an unknown field. And last, but not least, we may mention the action of the Council in setting the national seal to the scheme which has been promoted by 'The Ringing World' for the commemoration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman. Other matters were discussed and decided, and the routine business of the Council transacted, and if these things were humdrum and unexciting, the work done was nevertheless useful. The Liverpool meeting touched the affairs of the Exercise at many points; it may not have been of

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outstanding interest, but it was well worth while. For those of the members, however, who found the proceedings duller than they would have liked, there was ample compensation in the manner of their reception and entertainment both by the Lancashire Association and the Lord Mayor of the city. Rarely, if ever, have the Council been so hospitably treated and their comfort so carefully studied.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
KEITH HART 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS 9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 5	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	*FRED HAWKES 6
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	WILLIAM C. JONES 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
*HAROLD F. MARTIN 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

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

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich Royal by the rest, on the bells, and for the association.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 6
HARRY BAKER 2	THOMAS E. SONE 7
MRS. H. BAKER 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 8
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN 9
WILLIAM BUTTON 5	ALBERT RALFE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Erin Caters for the association and the Guild. First peal of Erin for all the band, and rung without any previous practice.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MAURICE SMITH Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
JAMES BENNETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 8
*GEORGE POPNELL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
JOHN T. KENTISH 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 150th peal. First peal of Royal on the bells, and first peal of Surprise Royal in the county.

BRISTOL.—On St. George's Day, at St. Ambrose's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. C. Worsdell 1, S. Riches 2, A. Knight 3, G. S. Wiltshire 4, A. T. Maggs 5, T. Marsh 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Cox 8. First quarter-peal (in the method) by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 6th and tenor.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK C. WHITE ... Treble	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
†SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
* First attempt at Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung on the eve of Mrs. G. Holifield sen.'s birthday.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
WALTER LAGO ... 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 8
*WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 4	ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 9
EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 5	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.
* 150th peal. Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. H. Hughes, who had been churchwarden for nearly fifty years. The interment took place during the afternoon.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY ... Treble	NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	ALFRED BARRATT ... 8
FRANK BRADLEY ... 4	GEORGE WEST ... 9
SAMUEL PINDER ... 5	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYE. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery from a serious illness of Mr. H. R. Cobbin, the Ringing Master at St. Peter's. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells, and believed to be the first of Bob Royal on tower bells in the county.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*HENRY WILLIAMS ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. MARSHALL ... 6
*MISS LUCY WILLOUGHBY ... 2	REGINALD A. WATTS ... 7
*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 8
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 9
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 5	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First ten-bell peal. Ringers of 4 and 9 are from Plymouth, the remainder are members of the Cathedral company. Rung within the octave of Whit Sunday. It was regretted that Alan R. Pink (Dorking) was prevented from taking part owing to being hurt in a motorcycle smash on Whit Monday.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JACK D. BELL ... Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD ... 6
ROBERT G. BLACK ... 2	FREDERICK J. TITE ... 7
*BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 8
HARRY BAXTER ... 4	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 9
†ARTHUR H. TAYLOR ... 5	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal on more than six bells. † First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the fifth.

WALTHAMSTOW.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	†ADAM DEAS ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... 8
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... 9
*JOHN G. NASH ... 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 5
JESSE GILLET ... 2	GEORGE CONDIK ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... 7
FRED PAULSON ... 4	HAROLD E. AUSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Fred Paulson and H. E. Austin, who were on a visit from Matlock, were elected hon. members before starting the peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CLARENDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 6
LESLIE C. WHITING ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and to the credit of the Suffolk Guild. L. C. Wightman and the conductor have rung a different Surprise peal on each bell in this tower.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
FRED BIGGS ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by W. WELLING.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKASTER ... Treble	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st birthday of E. C. S. Turner.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH Treble	ERNEST BLONFIELD 5
*CLAUDE WOODWARD 2	JAMES ROSE 6
WILLIAM KINSEY 3	GEORGE MORE 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	HARRY WELHAM Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	JAMES BETTS 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

HENRY HARRISON Treble	*FRANK BRADLEY 5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	ALFRED BARRATT 6
*SAMUEL PINDER 3	FREDERICK SALTER 7
*FREDERICK BROWN 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Oxford. First as conductor in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
LESTER GRAY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
JOHN BROWN 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK LORD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
JOHN WALDEN 2	*JACK BRAY 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	HAROLD WALKER 7
†HAROLD MARCON 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, the band being made up by Mr. W. E. Wathen.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*H. JIM RALPH 2	*HARRY J. SANGER 6
JESSE B. TYLER 3	*WILLIAM J. FRY 7
†EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4	EDWARD L. G. COWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First touch of Major as conductor. The ringers of 6 and 7 were elected members of the Guild before commencing the peal.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
FREDERICK JAMES STEELE ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
ARTHUR NEWALL 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. F. J. Steele, of Stretford, Manchester, it being also his 50th peal.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR NEWALL Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
FREDERICK JAMES STEELE ... 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

These two peals were arranged for Messrs. Steele and Peglar.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*ERNEST P. PALMER Treble	†RONALD W. R. PICTON ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
HARRY L. LONG 3	RICHARD G. BELL 7
HERBERT G. MILTON 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal and first attempt. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS ANNIE POTTER Treble	FREDERICK GRUNDY 5
JOHN POTTER 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
NORMAN BERRY 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
WILLIAM JONES 4	BRADSHAW KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER (No. 10).

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Norman Berry, grandson of the late James Henry Ridyard, of Worsley. First peal of Stedman on the bells by a lady ringer and quickest peal ever rung on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday, April 28th, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Manchester, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Potter 1, Miss Annie Potter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, John Denner 5, M. Berry 6, John Potter 7, A. Burton 8.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
THOMAS STEPHENSON 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6
FRANK AINSLEY 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
DAVID VINCENT 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Naisby, the oldest surviving change ringer of Sunderland, who attained his eightieth birthday on the 17th inst.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Bridget.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	JOHN CLARK 6
WILLIAM HEATH 3	EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for W. Heath, of Cardiff, who commenced ringing at Bridstow.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. NORMAN BAGWORTH ... Treble	P.S. GEORGE SHIPP 5
INSPR. WILLIAM BOTIRILL ... 2	P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 6
EX-P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY ... 3	P.C. EDWARD ILOTT 7
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... 4	P.C. THOMAS BANNISTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P.C. THOS. BANNISTER

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Police Sergeant Albert Lawrence, on completing 26 years' service in the Hertfordshire County Constabulary. The remainder of the band are all members of the Metropolitan Police Guild.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE W. SIMPSON Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREW 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	RICHARD SMITH 6
JOHN T. BROWN 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
GEORGE W. MILLS 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on the eve of his 95th birthday.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on May 9th, 1,440 Bob Minor, rung in an attempt for a peal: C. Davis (Blagdon) 1, C. Field 2, E. Tossell 3, G. Gilling (Churchill) 4, J. Tossell 5, W. Webb (Ubley) (conductor) 6. Ringers of 2, 3 and 5 from Compton Martin.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve 120's of E. Morris' arrangement and thirty 120's with ten different callings.

THOMAS WISE Treble	ROWLAND ADAMS 3
*FRED BENFIELD 2	GEORGE PARKER 4
ISAAC BENNETT Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DILLEY Treble	LEWIS BYWATERS 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
STANLEY H. WALLIS 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. J. Adams, on his induction as Vicar of this parish. The tenor ringer's 25th peal.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HUBERT BIRD Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
†FRED MATTHEWS 3	EDWARD BARKER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*FRANK TOFFLEY Treble	*HAROLD BISHOP 4
JOHN PERKINS 2	HORACE TERRY 5
*PHILLIP TERRY 3	FREDERICK KINCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

* Proposed as members before starting for peal.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
JACK TIPPER 3	JOHN WORTH 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	*JACK WADMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a birthday peal to the ringer of the 4th. * First peal in three methods. This is only the second peal which has been rung on these heavy-going bells.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*B. EVERTON Treble	S. L. POCOCK 4
L. WARD 2	L. G. JORDAN 5
T. M. JORDAN 3	E. A. HALL Tenor

Conducted by L. G. JORDAN.

* First peal. All the ringers belong to Peckleton.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in G.

CÆSAR DAVIS Treble	JOHN HOUSE 4
JEFFERY TOSSELL 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	FRANK GOODLIFFE Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* First peal in two methods 'inside.' † First peal and proposed a member before starting. First peal in two methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

ERNEST SIBLEY 1-2	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7-8
FRANK E. PERVIN 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Sibley.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK LORD 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	HAROLD MARCON 7-8
HAROLD WALKER 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witness: H. LESLIE PASK.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK LORD 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	HAROLD MARCON 7-8
HAROLD WALKER 9-10	

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

Witness: MRS. J. BRAY.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

WOOLWICH RINGERS ORGANISE A FETE.

On Whit Monday the ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Woolwich, held a fete and gala in the grounds of the Royal Military Repository with the object of raising the money for the recasting of the church bells.

The opening ceremony was performed by Canon A. M. Pickering (Rector of Woolwich), who was supported by Messrs. B. Aldridge (Master of the ringers), C. Palmer (secretary of the fund) and G. Acott (churchwarden of St. Mary's).

Musical selections were rendered by the Deptford Central Hall band, and displays were given by Miss Cassidy's dancing troupe.

There were various competitions, and the culminating event was a fireworks display by Messrs. C. T. Brock.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEVENTH ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.

The competition organised by the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, which takes place annually on the Saturday nearest Empire Day, was held at the tower of St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, Breconshire, on Saturday, May 23rd. The fine peal of six bells were well rung, whilst the Union Jack flew gracefully at the mast on the tower. The Guild was fortunate in that Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, was once more able to fill the role of adjudicator, and his duties were carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The order of ringing, and the points obtained by the several bands, out of a possible of 240, were as follows:—

Nenth	221
Llanelli, Carmarthen	207
Cadoxton	217
St. Mary's, Brecon	200
Gorseinon	230
Cefn Coed	214
Talgarth	240

Talgarth therefore won the shield, despite the fact that there was a handicap of nine points for the local tower.

There was a company of about eighty ringers present, and all were entertained to a cold luncheon and tea at the Parish Hall. Dr. Gwyn Davies, the Vicar of Talgarth, presided over the gatherings.

Mr. Fussell, in delivering his adjudication after tea, complimented the ringers on such a good muster, and remarked that the standard of ringing was well up to the average of past competitions. The teams were fairly efficient in the methods rung, and kept a fairly good compass. He had much praise for the way the Talgarth band had set about their task in the competition. In the raising of the bells there was no clipping, the changes were rung beautifully with 'hand' leads kept well open, whilst the falling of the bells was well done—the whole a highly satisfactory performance.

Prior to Mr. Fussell's adjudication, Dr. Gwyn Davies extended a very hearty welcome to the ringers to the parish of Talgarth, and expressed the hope that a return visit would not be long delayed. The adjudication over, Mrs. Gwyn Davies very kindly presented the shield to the captain of the Talgarth band (Mr. W. D. Griffiths), also certificates to the captains of Talgarth, Gorseinon (Mr. D. J. Williams) and Nenth (Mr. Harry Boyce) bands. The three captains made suitable acknowledgment, and thanked Mrs. Davies.

The thanks of the ringers were heartily accorded the Vicar, Mrs. Davies, and all the ladies who were responsible for the catering, by Minor Canon H. Gomer Davies (Brecon).—Dr. Gwyn Davies responded on behalf of himself and all who had assisted to make the gathering such a success.

Much credit is due to the parishioners, for through their efforts a sum of £22 2s. 6d. had been collected by various means to meet the expenses connected with the gathering. Warm thanks to Mr. Fussell for the manner he carried out his duties concluded a very happy meeting.

DEPTFORD BELLS HEARD AGAIN.

After remaining silent, with one or two exceptions, for about three years, the fine old bells of St. Nicholas', Deptford, were rung for the Whitsun service on Sunday morning.

The revival of the bells, which came as a surprise to the people living in the neighbourhood, was due in a large measure to Mr. George H. Daynes, of Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, who is a churchwarden of St. Nicholas' and a keen ringer. He has taken over the task of teaching a new band of ringers the art of change ringing, and Whit Sunday was their first attempt with the bells open.

Mr. Daynes is being assisted by two members of the church, Miss Jessie Colgate, a lady ringer, and Mr. William Marriott, of Deptford, and every endeavour will be used to ensure that this historic peal is regularly rung, especially for Sunday services.

GIRL'S FIRST 720.

Miss F. Humphrey, of Folkingham, Lines, who is only 14 years of age, rang her first 720 of Bob Minor recently, when she took part in an extent rung at St. Andrew's Church. Miss F. Humphrey 1, Mrs. P. Humphrey 2, A. Scott 3, H. Gibbard 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUBSTANTIAL GRANTS TO BELL RESTORATION.**

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday, and the proceedings were of an enjoyable and successful character. The Guild service was conducted at St. Peter's Church by the Rector, the Rev. E. V. Martin, who also gave a much appreciated address. Over eighty sat down to lunch at the Plough Hotel. The Master, Mr. F. Wilford, presided, and was supported by the Revs. R. C. Thursfield, J.P., E. V. Martin, C. J. Watkins, W. H. Fearis, C. H. L. Hopper, and E. C. Channer, Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), R. G. Black (secretary), and the following branch secretaries: Rev. R. Howes, Messrs. H. Baxter, T. Tebbutt and W. C. Moore.

The Master gave a hearty welcome to a party of ringers of the Oxford Guild, who were on an outing and ringing in Northampton during their short stay. It was pleasing to see among the other visitors Mr. J. Flint and party from Bolsover, and Mr. O. Sippotts, of Crawley, Sussex.

The report, which was adopted, shows an increase in membership and in funds. There are now 119 towers in union with the Guild, 107 honorary members, 731 ringing members, and 187 non-resident life members, a total of 1,025. There are now nine branches of the Guild. The Central Fund shows a balance on the year of £24 17s. 8d., and was worth at the end of the year £86 13s. 2d.

The Belfry Repairs Fund has a balance of £118 6s. 10d., an increase for the year of £8 2s. 6d. Nine applications for grants from this fund were received, and sums amounting to £62 13s. were granted to Moulton, St. Giles', Northampton, St. Edmund's, Northampton, Harpole, Wicken, Yaxley, St. John's, Peterborough, Corby and Stanwick.

A grant of £5 was also made towards the restoration of St. Benet's, Cambridge, from the Central Fund Account in connection with the Stedman Commemoration.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Northampton.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the various clergy for the use of their bells, and to the Rector of St. Peter's for his address, to the Northampton Branch committee for arrangements made for the meeting, and to the Master for presiding.

All the officers were re-elected with thanks for their past services.

One new rule was passed, viz.: 'That this Guild be affiliated to the Central Council and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

Good use was made during the day of the various bells, and some good ringing was enjoyed by the members assembled up to London and Bristol Major and Cambridge Royal.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**RE-ISSUE OF INSTRUCTION BOOK CONTEMPLATED.**

The 57th annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, when the bells of St. Andrew's, Charles, Emmanuel and Stoke Churches were well employed by members from Bridgerule, Combe Martin, Exeter, Ilfracombe, Kelly, Liffon, Littleham, Marland, Plymouth and Withycombe. A short service was held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Ven. Archdeacon Daukes), who, in an address of welcome, mentioned that St. Andrew's bells, when recast 100 years ago, were said to have been augmented with metal from cannon captured from the Spanish Armada, and he thought it rather a pleasing idea that our own and our enemies' metal should be joined in ringing the message of the gospel of peace.

Following the service, luncheon and the business meeting were held at Goodbody's Restaurant, with the Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Guild) in the chair, and the Bishop of Plymouth, the Revs. E. V. Cox, F. W. Moore, G. T. Trewellha (secretary of Truro Diocesan Guild), the general secretary (Mr. T. Laver), and 120 members present.

The annual report and financial statement for the year 1930, as published, were adopted, and the officers of the Guild re-elected, viz.: Rev. E. S. Powell, president; Mr. T. Laver, general secretary; and Mr. T. G. Bartlett, general treasurer.

It was resolved that the Guild should be officially affiliated to the Central Council of the Church Bellingers, and should subscribe a donation of five guineas to the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration Fund.

A proposal for the issue of certificates graded according to competency of members fell through for lack of support.

A sub-committee of four was appointed to consider the re-issue of an instruction book for six-bell hands, with power to act if deemed desirable.

For the next annual meeting two places were proposed—Bideford and Oltery St. Mary—and on a show of hands Bideford was selected.

The general secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy with Dr. J. Symons (president of Truro Diocesan Guild) on the loss of his wife, also to the relatives of the late Mr. T. J. Stokes, formerly treasurer of the Guild.

The president voiced the appreciation of the meeting at the presence of the Bishop of Plymouth, who was warmly applauded on leaving.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. A. Trollope's next article on the history of the College Youths will appear next week, as will also the report of the annual meeting of the Essex Association, which, owing to pressure on our space, is unavoidably held over.

Mr. Charles Channing, who has been a member of the Pitminster, Somerset, band for 25 years, has rung his first peal at the age of 71. He first learnt to handle a bell, when twelve years of age, at the Church of Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset. Most of his ringing life has been spent with call change bands, but he has ever been a consistent and enthusiastic ringer and a valued member of any company to which he has been attached.

Thirty-nine years ago to-morrow the Norwich Diocesan Association rang the celebrated 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 10 hrs. 32 mins.

On June 8th, 1906, the Chester Guild rang the 16,800 of Kent at Mottram in 9 hrs. 40 mins.

The opening of the bells at Kent School is a reminder that on June 9th, 1850, the first peal was rung on the American continent, when Henry Haley called Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Philadelphia.

ORDERLY RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think it is only fair to the many ringers, particularly in the West Country, who take a delight in raising and lowering the bells in peal, and who aim at a high standard in the practice of it, to submit a protest against the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Richardson that any official pronouncement should be sought to discourage it. Rather, one feels bound to ask why rising and falling in rounds is not more universally studied and practised. There is no more beautiful finish to the ringing than a well-struck fall. But, obviously, however perfectly a ringer may be able to handle his bell in rounds or changes, the raising and falling in peal calls for a special concentration and practice.

I do admit that it is preferable for the bells to be raised and let down singly where the band is only likely to produce an unseemly jangle in peal. My object, however, in writing is to advocate strongly that ringers should be urged to master the art of raising and lowering in peal instead of being given an impression that the Exercise looks upon the practice with disfavour, and officially seeks to maintain it as the exception rather than the rule.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW COX.

RUNG WITH FIVE GENERATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—That a person should ring with five generations of a family must be so rare an occurrence that it is deserving of record. An instance occurred at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Tuesday evening, May 19th, when Mr. Robert H. Brundle rang rounds with Miss Phyllis Tillet, aged twelve, daughter of Mr. John F. Tillet. This makes the fifth generation of the family that Mr. Brundle has rung with, namely, John Nauntou, Sam, Fred J., John F., and Phyllis Tillet. The first Tillet, Sam, was son-in-law of John Nauntou.—Yours truly,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

THE GREATE BELL OF BREAGE, CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your extract from a book, 'Breage in the Eighteenth Century,' which is being prepared by Canon G. H. Doble, regarding the above. This bell was supposed to weigh about 25 cwt., and was, as you remark, dated 1771. It had the inscription, 'The people desire many bells, but one sufficeth God.' There was also a smaller bell of the same date. The statement, however, that this 'Greate Bell' was recast into a peal of six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1928 is not correct, as these two bells were recast by these founders into a chime of eight, tenor 6 cwt. 0 gr. 10 lb., note C. It is a great pity that such an interesting bell should have been lost for ever to be replaced by a chime.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, when upwards of sixty members and friends attended from Beccles, Earl Soham, Stowmarket, Wrentham, Framlingham, Sibton, Bungay, Norwich, Diss, Loddon, Redenhall, Badingham, Ufford, Leiston, Blaxhall, Benhall, Blyford, Henstead, Huntingfield, Wissett, Maldon, Chediston and London, twenty-six towers being represented. The bells were available throughout the day, and ringing also took place at Chediston, Wissett, and Wenhamston, methods from Bob Major and Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major being rung. Tea was provided at the Swan Hotel, when fifty-two sat down, but some difficulty was experienced owing to the fact that only about twenty-six had sent in their names.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Orford, of Halesworth, was voted to the chair, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Beccles on August Bank Holiday. Several new members were elected, and thanks were accorded to the chairman for presiding, to the various clergy for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. C. Lambert, the energetic district secretary, who made all arrangements for the day.—The chairman and Mr. Lambert suitably responded.

Members then again visited the tower, and the bells were going until a late hour.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

FUND NEARLY £275.

We publish below the second list of donations and promises for the furtherance of the scheme to commemorate this year the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman. A sum of nearly £275 has been reached—a magnificent achievement as the result of about a month's work. But at least £350 will be needed—more could be well and usefully expended—and it will require all the effort of the Exercise to raise the balance so that the work can be completed before the summer is out. Time is pressing and individuals and bands who wish to be identified with the scheme should lose no time in sending in their contributions. It is only when the money has been secured that any definite steps can be taken to put the work in hand—that is why we ask ringers to forward their donations *now*. Contributions should be sent to:

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey,

and will be acknowledged in these columns. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) is treasurer of the fund.

The management of the scheme will now be in the hands of a committee, and a letter has been addressed by the President of the Central Council to the Rector formally asking for permission to carry out the proposals and inviting the appointment of representatives to act on the committee with the representatives of the Council.

SECOND LIST OF DONATIONS AND PROMISES.

The following further donations and promises have been received since the publication of the previous list:—

	£	s.	d.
Already published	199	1	6
The Central Council	10	10	0
Devon Guild	5	5	0
Essex Association	5	5	0
Chester Diocesan Guild	5	5	0
Peterborough Diocesan Guild	5	0	0
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	3	3	0
Hereford Diocesan Guild	3	3	0
North Wales Association	2	2	0
Irish Association	2	2	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild, Witney and Woodstock Branch	1	1	0
Arklow Society, Ireland	10	6	
Ely Diocesan Association, Wisbech Branch	9	0	
Mr. E. H. Lewis, Brasted, Kent	3	3	0
Mr. E. P. Thomas, Worcester	3	3	0
Mr. A. A. Hughes, Whitechapel Bell Foundry	2	2	0
Mr. A. J. Wright, Reading	2	2	0
Mr. F. E. Dawe, Woking (further donation, making £3 3s. in all)	1	1	0
Canon H. J. Elsec, Bolton	1	1	0
Major J. H. B. Hesse, Haslemere	1	1	0
Rev. C. C. Marshall, Far Headingley, Leeds	1	1	0
Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Ordsall, Notts	1	1	0
Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, O.B.E., Edinburgh	1	1	0
Mr. W. Yeend, Cheltenham	1	1	0
Mr. Theodore Pritchett, King's Norton	1	1	0
Mr. W. A. Wooler, Wortley, Sheffield	1	1	0
Mr. W. Willson, Leicester	1	1	0
Miss I. L. Hastie, Guildford	1	1	0
Mr. G. R. Pye, Chadwell Heath	1	0	0
Mr. H. A. Hopkins, Whitstable	10	6	
Mr. W. P. Cross, Windsor	10	6	
Mr. W. Pickworth, Southgate	10	0	
Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Clapham, S.W.4	10	0	
Mrs. C. D. P. Davies, Tewkesbury	10	0	
Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby, Lincs	10	0	
Mr. J. Evans, Hughenden	10	0	
Mr. F. W. Perrens, Coventry	10	0	
Mr. E. Howarth, Blackpool	10	0	
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, Gravesend	10	0	
Mrs. Broome, Bath	5	0	
Miss I. H. Roe, Bath	5	0	
Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland	5	0	
Mr. H. W. Wilde, Pulford, Chester	5	0	

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. Bennett, Forest Hill, S.E.23	5	0	
Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake	5	0	
Mr. W. Pye, Leytonstone, E.11	5	0	
Mr. G. Lindoff, Dublin	5	0	
Mr. F. Bennett, Brighton	2	6	
Mrs. F. Bennett, Brighton	2	6	
Mr. T. Fitzjohn, Scarthoe, Lincs	2	6	
Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe, Brighouse	2	6	
Mr. R. Matthews, Stourbridge	2	6	
Mr. W. Melville, Guildford	2	6	
Mr. G. J. Norris, Heene, Sussex	2	6	
Mr. E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon	2	6	
Mr. F. A. Mitchell, Milton-next-Gravesend	2	6	
Mr. C. Glenn, Dieppe, France	2	6	
Mr. S. Burdett, Desborough	2	6	
Mr. A. Tailley, Desborough	2	6	
Mr. E. G. Hibbins, sen., Cambridge	2	6	
Mr. W. Haigh, Etchingham, Sussex	2	0	
'North Notts Ringer'	2	0	
Mr. E. G. Hibbins, jun., Cambridge	1	6	
Mr. H. Barcombe	1	0	
Total	£274	18	6

A SUSSEX DISTRICT'S DECISION.

At a meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, held at Rudge on Saturday, a resolution was unanimously passed that the Division should do all in its power to support the Tricentenary Fund by an appeal to the individual towers.

CHILDREN AND STEDMAN.

At the village church of Kington Magna, Dorset, the custom was established by the present Rector's grandfather of observing Whit Sunday as a Sunday School anniversary, and having recitations and sacred song rendered by the children at the evening service. This year occasion was taken to bring the Stedman Tricentenary to the notice of the village congregation. At one point in the proceedings six boys with handbells took their stand on the chancel steps, three of whom recited in order the following paragraphs:—

(1) England has been called the 'Ringing Isle.' It is only in the British Isles that scientific ringing is regularly practised. Just 300 years ago a famous change ringer was born at Cambridge.

(2) His name was Fabian Stedman. He used to ring at St. Benet's Church. The same bells are still hanging in the tower.

(3) He composed a very musical method. It is called, after his name, 'Stedman's Principle.' On six bells it begins like this.

The opening changes of a course of Stedman Doubles were then rung, a little boy of seven being entrusted with the covering bell, after which the remaining three boys repeated Scriptural references to the golden bells on Aaron's robe.

RINGER'S MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Mr. Alan R. Pink, of Dorking, Surrey, was involved in an accident on Whit Monday in Cornwall. He had attended the annual meeting of the Devon Guild at Plymouth, and was proceeding to St. Merryn to meet the Truro Cathedral ringers, who were on their annual outing, when it appears he ran into the back of a car which pulled up rather quickly. He was unfortunately badly cut and bruised, especially on one leg below the knee, and is at present at the home of his parents, Rosewastis, St. Columb, Cornwall. It will be several days yet before he will be able to return to Dorking.

Mr. Pink was to have taken part in the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Truro Cathedral on May 29th, and the band have to thank Mr. R. A. Watts for filling the vacancy at short notice.

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THE BELLS AT KENT SCHOOL, U.S.A.

RINGERS PRESENT AT THE DEDICATION.

The dedication of the new bells at Kent School, Kent, Connecticut, U.S.A., referred to in our last issue, took place on Saturday, May 2nd, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Fathers' Association. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Sill, headmaster, and was broadcast by means of a megaphone from the belfry.

The bells, a ring of ten, tenor 25 cwt., in the key of D, are hung for ringing in the tower of the School Chapel. They are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Humphrey as a thankoffering for God's blessing on their son. When the family were travelling to England two summers ago their boat ran aground within sight of land. It happened that their son was taken ill, and an operation was necessary that could only be performed if he were taken ashore immediately. The accident made this possible.

The ceremony began with the Lord's Prayer, followed by other prayers for blessing on those who ring the bells and those who hear them, and terminated with the Benediction of the bells themselves.

Immediately following the Benediction, the bells were rung by a band from Groton School, Mass., and Boston, and including Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

The ringing consisted of call changes on the ten, and touches of Grandsire Triples conducted by Mr. Isaac Attwater, who has been appointed ringing instructor to the school. The arrangements for the

moving greater appreciation of the science and art of change ringing. Father Sill, who presided over the first part of the meeting, temporarily appointed various members of the school to positions on the Guild, which, on the advice of Mr. A. A. Hughes, is to be called 'The Kent School Guild of Bellringers.'

Father Sill then left the meeting in the charge of Mr. Sturgis and Mr. Hughes. Mr. Sturgis addressed the meeting on the advantages and attractions of change ringing, and added that if any member of the group should ever visit England and enter a tower where change ringing was practised, he would be certain of a most hospitable welcome, especially if he said he came from America.

Mr. Hughes also spoke, and extended, on behalf of the College Youths, a hearty welcome to anyone visiting London, and also promised to introduce them wherever it might be most convenient.

The Guild afterwards elected the visiting ringers as honorary members.

A school concert was held later in the auditorium, and some courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells were most enthusiastically received.

The following morning a well-struck touch of 840 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells, conducted by Mr. Attwater.

Mr. Attwater's pupils are very keen indeed, and have made wonderful progress in the short time they have had for practice. Everything, so far, points to this installation being a live factor in promoting interest in scientific change ringing in New England.



THE BELL TOWER AT KENT SCHOOL, WITH THE CHAPEL AND CLOISTERS.

ringing were made under the direction of Mr. Warren Sturgis, of Groton School, who is well known to ringers in the City of London. The visiting ringers were: From Groton School, S. Warren Sturgis, Master, J. Bingham, W. Sturgis, S. Kelly and D. Carpenter, students; Boston, W. Bashford, J. Goodhead, J. Laker, J. Henson, R. Newton and A. Matthews; London, England, A. A. Hughes.

The following ringers attached to Kent School were also present: J. Park (Master), I. Attwater (instructor), D. Perkins, O. Hammond, J. Elser, H. Jackson, J. Fuller, W. Pickard, A. Field, S. Towle, W. Langford, E. Cressy, C. Goodbody, I. Frenay, S. Ogilvy, W. Watson, L. Baldwin, B. Hall and D. Damrosch.

THE FORMATION OF A RINGERS' GUILD.

Immediately following dinner, with many guests and parents present, Father Sill held a school meeting, and, after speaking of the special occasion, read a letter of congratulation from Mr. W. T. Cockerill on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The following cablegram from Lord Rothermere was also read:—

'My sincere congratulations to Father Sill, yourselves, and all at Kent School, and wishes for infinite pleasure from the ringing of the bells.'

Subsequently, a meeting of all ringers present was held in the headmaster's study, to organise a Guild to enable them to unite in pro-

The bells are tuned on the five-tone harmonic principle, and are an exceptionally fine peal. They are hung in the most modern type of fittings, and massive steel framework, and perfect satisfaction was expressed by all with the 'tone' and 'go.'

The tower is well and strongly built in stone, and is ideally situated on the banks of the Housatonic river.

The bells were heard by a large audience, and everyone was enthusiastic in their admiration of the tone and the effect in change ringing. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and the erection was supervised by their bell hanger, Mr. John Thomas.

FAREWELL TOUCH AND PRESENTATION.

A 'date' touch of 1,932 Grandsire Triples was rung in the tower of St. Mary's, Tenby, on Thursday, May 21st, by: Miss R. Cecil Williams 1, R. H. Jenkins 2, W. Smith 3, T. Yeomans 4, T. Griffiths 5, Rev. F. A. Oswald 6, H. L. Jenkins 7, J. H. Williams 8. Composed by H. L. Jenkins, conducted by Rev. F. A. Oswald.

After the touch, the captain, Mr. R. H. Jenkins, presented the Rev. F. A. Oswald with a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell on his leaving for the diocese of Monmouth, as a mark of the ringers' appreciation of his five years' association with them in the tower.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.

A CIVIC RECEPTION.

The second session of the fourteenth Council (39th annual meeting) was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Whitsun Tuesday. The business was transacted in the Council Chamber by permission of the Lord Mayor, and the following representatives were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. T. Faulkner.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Hunt.
 Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. A. E. Sharman and A. King.
 Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. M. Atkins.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. G. A. Taylor and H. S. Brocklebank.
 Devon Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell.
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mr. T. R. Dennis.
 Essex County Association: Messrs. G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazleden, G. Grover and A. H. Pulling.
 Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.
 Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge, E. Barnett, sen., and F. M. Mitchell.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.
 Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. W. H. Shaker, G. R. Newton and A. Tomlinson.
 Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Messrs. G. Chester and R. Richardson.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. Phillips.
 London County Association: Messrs. F. E. Dawe and A. D. Barker.
 Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, W. Pickworth and G. W. Fletcher.
 Midland Counties Association: Rev. R. P. Farrow, Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, J. H. Swinfield and W. Willson.
 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 Society: Mr. W. G. E. Collett.
 Oxford University Guild: Mr. H. Miles.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Law, T. Tehbutt and F. Wilford.
 St. Clement's Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross.
 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. C. H. Jennings.
 Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. H. Knight and T. J. Elton.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.
 Surrey Association: Messrs. C. Dean and C. H. Kippin.
 Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Association: Mr. A. J. Pitman.
 Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. F. W. Perrens and H. Argyle.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.
 Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. R. G. Knowles.
 Yorkshire Association: Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. P. J. Johnson.
 Hon. members: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. C. F. Johnston, H. W. Wilde, W. A. Cave, J. A. Trollope, E. W. Elwell, J. S. Goldsmith, A. A. Hughes, and E. A. Young (hon. secretary).

Thus thirty-six associations were represented by 71 members, and ten hon. members were present, making a total attendance of 81.

THE LORD MAYOR'S CIVIC WELCOME.

Precisely at eleven o'clock the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Edwin Thompson), accompanied by the Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David), entered the Council Chamber and took the chair amid applause. He was supported by the president of the Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. Alex. Young) and the hon. librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

The Lord Mayor, in welcoming the Council to Liverpool, said he was brought up to the old saying that small boys were to be seen and not heard. It seemed to him that campanologists were fated always to be heard and not seen (laughter). There was no body of people in the world who, in his opinion, got less recognition for the work they did than campanologists. It was, he admitted, one of the professions about which he knew lamentably little, but whenever he paid a visit to the belfry as a boy the thing that astonished him most was how the people ringing the bells were not pulled up to the ceiling (laughter). It gave him very much pleasure, as Lord Mayor of Liverpool, to welcome them to the Town Hall, and he was glad to have the privilege of being able to lend them that Council Chamber for their deliberations. Continuing, the Lord Mayor said it had been his privilege to see the largest bell in the world, that at the Kremlin in Moscow, and also the other great bell in that city, which weighed 126 tons. One of the most beautiful sounds which one could hear, however, was a really good peal of bells on the English countryside, while another was the chiming of the carillon at Bruges. English bells, well rung, had always struck him as one of the most beautiful

of musical sounds that one could hear, and he wished they had more appreciation of bellringing in this country than they had. He hoped by their deliberations that day, the art of bellringing might be a little better known in Liverpool than it was at the present time, and if they could do anything to encourage Liverpool to adopt bellringing more than it had done in the past, their meeting that day would be well spent. He welcomed them most sincerely, and wished them every success (applause).

ECHOES OF A VANISHED WORLD.

The Bishop of Liverpool said he was grateful for the opportunity allowed him to take a share in the welcome extended to the Council, and at the same time to give some expression to the gratitude that all churchpeople and, indeed, many others, felt to them for their part in the service of administering the 'sacrament of sound.' That gratitude, he felt, was generally taken for granted, and, indeed, in the fellowship of the Church they were not exacting in the giving and receiving of thanks, but there were occasions when it should be recognised, and that, he thought, was one of them. It was in their minds yesterday, when they were listening to the music the ringers were drawing from the tower of St. Nicholas', and which, floating high and strong above the clanging of the trams and the hooting of motor horns, fell upon their battered ears like the echoes of a vanished and quieter world. It was the privilege of ringers to maintain a peculiarly English tradition, and to adopt and even extend it in the changed circumstances and needs of to-day. He was particularly interested in two of the subjects which, he understood, would find places in their deliberations. The first was the care of bells and the education of churchwardens and others in administering that care. Churchwardens were men of goodwill, but they were very busy men, and, for the most part, they were, if he might say so without insult, ignorant in this matter—and so was he, and so were most people. Any suggestions which the Council could make which would tend to increase the practical care of bells by the clergy and churchwardens, he, for his part, would welcome very much and would, in that diocese, draw special attention to them. In the second place, he believed the Council were going to consider the question of making themselves recognised as churchworkers. 'Some of us,' said the Bishop, 'feel that bellringers stand a little bit outside the fellowship of what we call church work, and I and my brother Bishops are anxious to do what we can to improve their status and to take them into the practical fellowship of the Church. I am eager, therefore, to hear what suggestions you have to make to us upon that point. I hope your conference will exhibit that same harmonious team spirit which is the very essence of your beautiful art' (applause).

CHANGED TIMES.

The President thanked the Lord Mayor for his welcome to Liverpool and for the use of that beautiful room in which they had met. That was the first time the Council had met in Liverpool, and they appreciated very much indeed the splendid arrangements which had been made for them and in which the Lord Mayor had taken so noble a part (applause). They were very grateful also that the Lord Bishop should have come there to offer his welcome, although they were beginning to feel that they could demand as a right the presence of the Church authorities at their meetings, because during the last 40 or 50 years the position of ringers had entirely changed. Generally they could consider they were looked upon by the Church authorities as effective churchworkers. If often used to be said in the 'bad old days' that ringers would more often make their appearance in church if the Church authorities more often made their appearance in the belfry. They were thankful that in these days they had quite a number of the clergy who were among their best ringers, and a number were there that day (applause). They felt that they could almost demand as a right that the Church authorities should recognise them and come and look them up in the belfry and at their meetings. They were very grateful to the Bishop for coming among them that day, and felt that he had accorded them a great honour. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he felt very happy that that meeting was in Liverpool, because his own family had been connected with Liverpool for three generations. His greatgrandfathers used to sail their own ships out of the port of Liverpool, and one of them was married in St. Nicholas' Church. He himself had lived in Liverpool for two years. In those days ringing was very dead in the centre of Liverpool. There was no ringing at St. Nicholas' Church, nor was any ringing allowed on the peal of ten bells then in the old pro-Cathedral of St. Peter. What ringing there was was more in the suburbs. The best ringing was probably at Tuebrook and a certain amount in other towers. To-day they were very thankful that that was changed. There was a splendid band ringing at St. Nicholas' in the centre of the town. That was, he thought, largely due to the great strides which Liverpool ringers had made. It was only fitting, therefore, that the Council should visit Liverpool as some recognition of the enterprise of the local ringers (hear, hear). The President concluded by again thanking the Lord Mayor for his civic welcome and the Lord Bishop for his presence.

The Lord Mayor briefly replied, and left the chamber amid applause.

ELECTION OF A NEW SECRETARY.

The president then took the chair, and, prayer having been offered by the Lord Bishop, the business of the agenda was proceeded with. The first item was the election of an honorary secretary and

treasurer. The President said they would remember that last year Mr. Young expressed his desire to retire, but was persuaded to stay on for another year so that there should not be a change of two officials (president and secretary) at one time. They were very grateful indeed to Mr. Young for holding on, but he was anxious now to retire and, although they had pressed him, they felt they could not press him further, and therefore it was their duty to elect an hon. secretary and treasurer in his place. Only one nomination had been received, and that was Mr. G. W. Fletcher (applause). Before putting that to the meeting, he thought they should express their thanks to Mr. Young for the work he had done since the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies retired. They appreciated his work very much indeed. He had been a most efficient secretary, who had done everything he possibly could to further the interests of the Council.

The vote of thanks was carried with applause, as was also the election of Mr. Fletcher as Mr. Young's successor.

Mr. Fletcher thanked the Council for having given him the great privilege of serving them. They must realise that he could do very little unless he had the support of members, and he hoped he would receive the same support as was given to his predecessors. Would they help him to be a worthy successor to them? ('Yes' and applause).

Mr. E. A. Young said it fell to his lot, with the passing of the years, to say farewell to them as their honorary secretary. He had filled the office for ten years, and he had filled it, as far as he was concerned, with great joy and pleasure. That it had received their commendation was a further joy to him. They had always looked upon him as one of their brother ringers, but in spite of his lack of qualifications and skill in the exercise of their art, he had, perhaps, been able to serve them in other ways, and that had been his reward. He extended to his successor a hearty welcome. Mr. Fletcher would have his support as long as he could give it to him. The office had been held by excellent men before them. Their light came down to them, and in it they felt strength and support. He could only conclude by saying 'Farewell and many thanks' (applause).

The minutes, having been printed, were taken as read and approved.

The President referred to the deaths of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a former secretary, Canon Baker, one of the first Council, and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and the members stood in silence for a few seconds as a mark of respect.

Apologies for absence were received from Major J. H. B. Hesse, Rev. W. P. Wright, Messrs. T. Metcalfe, R. G. Black, W. J. Nevard, C. H. Howard, H. G. Bird, W. Storey, W. T. Cockerell, Clark, J. D. Matthews, H. Barton, C. E. Borrett, N. Golden, S. F. Palmer and S. Hillier.

The statement of accounts, presented by the hon. treasurer, showed that the year began with a balance of £54 8s. 11d. The receipts included £14 3s. 6d., contributed towards the cost of publishing the book on 'The Preservation of Bells,' £3 15s. from honorary members, £29 15s. from affiliation fees, £2 8s. 1d. from sale of publications, and £5 from interest. The expenditure, which amounted to £61 15s. 9d., included £52 10s. on account of printing, and £2 14s. 6d. on the Carter Ringing Machine, leaving a balance in hand on general account of £47 14s. 9d.

The accounts were adopted.

THE SALE OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian reported that during the year Mr. A. J. Trollope had presented to the library the result of some of his historical research work. It dealt with the College Youths, 1756-1788, and gave an account of many famous peals and the making of the 'Clavis.' Mr. W. W. Willson had kindly put the matter into typewritten form. There was still a constant demand upon the historical records of the library, and from time to time upon its other possessions. As regards the sale of publications, it had been the best year since 1926-27. For the first time since then he had a profit to show on the year's working, amounting to £2 8s. 1d. Various things might account for that, and he would put first the appearance in the advertisement in 'The Ringing World' of a certain amount of new stock, which people had been waiting for. When orders came in for this, they usually brought an order for one or other of the older books at the same time. The new stock consisted of the revised book 'On the preservation of bells,' and also sheets of certain methods in large type, which were sent to him from the secretary's office with certain other things. These sheets of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge were quickly sold, and with the president's leave he had some more printed. Another reason for their comparative prosperity was the action of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in purchasing outright over two pounds' worth of publications. He trusted this lead might be followed by other societies. It was for members of ringing societies that these works were published, and it was perhaps not realised that, apart from the contents of the library and such things as cards of instruction and methods sheets, his house contained between three and four thousand books for sale. On this point he wished to say that he was approached by the secretary of the London County Association with a view to advertising the Council's publications in the new Rule Book which the association was issuing. He had, of course, to reply that he had no authority to do this. He thought it was a matter that the Council should consider with reference to the future.

The Librarian added that there had been placed in his hands that morning the report on 'The law affecting church bells,' which was

prepared by Mr. Pritchett, the late Mr. Milne and Mr. Elwell. The printing was authorised at the last meeting, and for this they were indebted to the generosity of Mr. Drake. In presenting the statement of account of the sales of publications, showing a profit of £2 8s. 1d., the Librarian said the amount received from the associations who had publications 'on sale or return' was 14s. 3d. With regard to the method sheets, the Librarian said he had been asked by a ringer for Double Norwich printed in the same way. As two plain methods could be put on one sheet, the Standing Committee suggested they should also include Cambridge Court. With regard to the question of advertising in the London County Association's rule book, he did not know what the Council felt about it, but he did not think it was for the Council to advertise in Guild reports; it was rather for the Guilds to help the sale of publications by putting in an advertisement free, as some associations already did. With regard to the action of the Guildford Guild, he hoped it might be generally followed by other societies, because it would enable them to get their publications circulated more than they did and bring out further publications for the benefit of the Exercise.

The President said he authorised the printing of the method sheets, and they seemed to have met with a ready sale.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he spoke with some diffidence, but he wondered why they proposed to print a little known method like Cambridge Court. It was very little practised, and the sheets might become another burden on the Librarian.

The President said it was more economical in printing these sheets to print two plain methods on one sheet, and to add Cambridge Court would probably cost very little more than to print Double Norwich alone, and there was a demand for the Double Norwich. The reasons Mr. Johnson advanced were the very reasons for printing Cambridge Court. It was a method that deserved to be much better known than it was.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith endorsed the remarks of the Librarian with regard to the advantages to be gained by associations purchasing the publications outright. The Guildford Guild looked upon their purchase as an investment of capital for educational purposes. The publications were for the education of ringers, and they would find a more ready sale if they were actually shown to the ringers at meetings. The purchase outright by the associations would reimburse the Council and enable other similar work to be taken in hand. He proposed that a discount of one penny in the shilling be allowed to associations on the purchase at one time of not less than one dozen copies of the Council's publications.—Mr. W. A. Cave seconded, and said the Council would save this in postage.—The suggestion was adopted, and the action of the president in authorising the printing of method sheets confirmed.

The report of the Librarian was then received and adopted.

The Rev. H. Drake said he had written a short article, which was to appear in 'The Ringing World' that week regarding the liability of church authorities to obtain faculties for the moving of bells. If the Council would give him permission, he would like to have these notes reprinted, and he would ask the Librarian to slip them into the copies of the book on 'The law affecting church bells.' He would be happy to hear the cost.

The President said they were grateful to Mr. Drake for his offer, which he was sure the Council would accept with thanks.

This was agreed to.

(To be continued.)

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The circular of the Central Council, dated July, 1930, which was read to the meeting of the Sussex Association, stated: 'Of course, it is not mandatory, and if one or more societies prefer to differ from the majority of their fellows it would not necessarily mean severance from the Council.' It is obvious, then, that the Council acknowledges the right of the members of the Sussex County Association to decide against the suggested addition to their rules if they prefer to do so. Then why should they be taken to task by the editor of 'The Ringing World,' who also styles the Master's remarks as 'blank nonsense.' The editor, as a representative of the Central Council, ought to have more wisdom.

A. D. STONE,

Hon. General Secretary.

[The Sussex Association has, and doubtless will continue to exercise, the right to decide what it shall do, but 'The Ringing World' also claims a right to comment upon matters of public interest to ringers. The 'blank cheque' argument was described as 'blank nonsense' because, in our view, it was—just blank nonsense.—Ed., 'R.W.']

GIFT OF HANDBELLS.

On Whit Sunday, in the tower of St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, Oldham, twenty handbells, formerly belonging to the late Mr. Isaac Schofield, who passed away just twelve months ago in the above tower, were dedicated to his memory by the Vicar (Rev. W. Sellers), who spoke a few appropriate words about Mr. Schofield's life. He hoped the handbells would be a useful asset to the tower, and would be used by the young ringers for years to come.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on June 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next monthly meeting will take place at Bolsover (bells 8) on Saturday, June 6th. The Cup Contest will also take place at this meeting. For tea notify without fail Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

PRYCE TAYLOR MEMORIAL, LOUGHBOROUGH.—The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the Memorial Screen at the Parish Church on Saturday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. The rings of ten bells of the Parish Church and the bell foundry tower will be at the disposal of visitors, and, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Briggs, the Rectory Grounds will be open. Tea will be provided in the Fearon Hall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, June 6th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of these associations will be held at Barnet on Saturday, June 6th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 (new caterers), 1s. each. All members and friends of these associations heartily welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Hon. Secs.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.—A monthly practice for Double Norwich and Surprise methods will be held. All ringers invited, first practice commencing at 6.30 p.m., June 6th, and continuing until further notice.—B. W. Pettitt, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringing visitors heartily welcomed.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Canon on June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Next meeting at Westerleigh, June 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please note alteration of date from May 30th, as this coincides with the annual outing of the St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, June 6th.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The dedication of the new Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle, is fixed for June 6th, and the bells will be opened by a representative band of the association. The Rev. S. Redman, Vicar, invites the members generally on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2.30 to 4.30 and 6 to 8.30. Tea will be provided at St. Monica's Church Hall at 5 o'clock for whose only who advise me before Tuesday, June 16th.—G. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) ready 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.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Madeley on Saturday, June 6th. Tea will be provided for all who notify me on or before June 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, June 6th. Bells open at 3.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 6th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be given by the Rector. Business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, June 6th. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Church Room, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 6d.). Bells (8) available 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 9 p.m. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Litton Cheney on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to A. Gladwyn, Litton Cheney, Dorchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 6th. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—The dedication will take place on Sunday next, June 7th, at 3 p.m., of the ring of 6 bells restored and augmented by Taylor's, of Loughborough.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GUILD.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at St. Hilda's, South Shields, in the afternoon, and at Christ Church, North Shields, in the evening.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Holt's Cafe at 5 p.m. A good company is requested. Entries for Shield Contest held at Crofton on July 4th should reach me not later than Saturday, June 20th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth, by the Bishop of Kensington, will take place on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 3.30. It is hoped that members and all ringing friends from other societies will endeavour to be present on this auspicious occasion. A hearty welcome to all. Tea will be arranged in the Church Hall about 5.30 for those requiring same at 1s. Please send card by June 10th. Ringing after tea.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec. to the Bell Fund, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church and dedication of peal board at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) at the Railway Hotel at 5.15. Will all those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 10th. Towers open for ringers during the afternoon and evening: Southminster (6), Tillingham (6) and Bradwell-on-Lea (5). Will members please turn up in good numbers and help to make this meeting a success. — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — The next meeting will take place at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., followed by a short service. Tea and meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed. I trust this meeting will be as well attended as it was last year.—C. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Hillock Villa, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING of the Societies in the Southern Area of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 1 o'clock. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Friday, the 12th? Buses leave Gas Works Offices, Frederick Street, Rotherham, every 35 minutes from 2.20 p.m. and every 15 minutes after 5.30 p.m. — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. —Next meeting to be held at Louth on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 4.15 and after meeting to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Appleby's, 7 & 9, Aswell Street, Louth, to whom numbers should be sent by June 11th. All welcome.—H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3.45. Tea provided. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Hallaton on Saturday, June 13th. The fine peal of 6 bells will be available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please send names to me by June 11th. A bus can be arranged if I have sufficient names in by same date as tea. Please turn up and make it a good meeting.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 13th. Usual arrangements. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, June 10th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, June 9th.—Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be arranged if members and visitors will send word by June 11th to Mr. F. Justice, Watnall, Notts, or E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, June 13th (not the 20th, as previously arranged). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me by the 10th inst. at latest. Please see that this meeting is well attended.—John Leach, Hon. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Granborough on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. Bells available: Granborough (5), North Marston (6). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gilbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — The annual festival will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Wicken, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will dedicate the bells. 11.30 a.m.: Service and dedication of the bells. 1 p.m.: Lunch (2s. to members of the branch, 2s. 6d. to other ringers). 5 p.m.: Tea (no charge to members of the branch; 1s. to other ringers). Ringers from other districts who wish to have lunch or tea must send their names to the Secretary (Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester), by June 9th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Castle Inn, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 10th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Burghclere, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Highclere Station half a mile from church.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, June 13th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. Watson, 56, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, not later than Thursday, June 11th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, June 10th.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton St. David on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society) **AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—June meetings: On 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m., practices at St. Clement Danes', W.C.; on 9th, at 8 p.m., practice at St. Mary, Lambeth; also service ringing, 10 a.m., Sunday, 7th, St. Clement Danes'.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Station Road, S.E.5.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, at Thaxted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Old Glossop, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready any time after 2 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Bus leaves front of Woolworth's, Piccadilly, every half-hour. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. By kind permission of the Rector, the Rectory garden will be open to ringers during the afternoon. Numbers for tea without fail before June 15th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting, Lloyd's Café, at 5. Please send word by Tuesday, 16th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 17th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Harborne on Saturday, June 20th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 16th?—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3.30. Tea (in vicinity) 5. Business and ringing after. A good attendance requested.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The meeting at Capenhurst (6 bells) will be held at Saturday, June 20th (not June 6th). Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please let me know?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Tea Room at 6.30. Nomination of committee man. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea only to all who notify Mr. J. Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Road, Bury, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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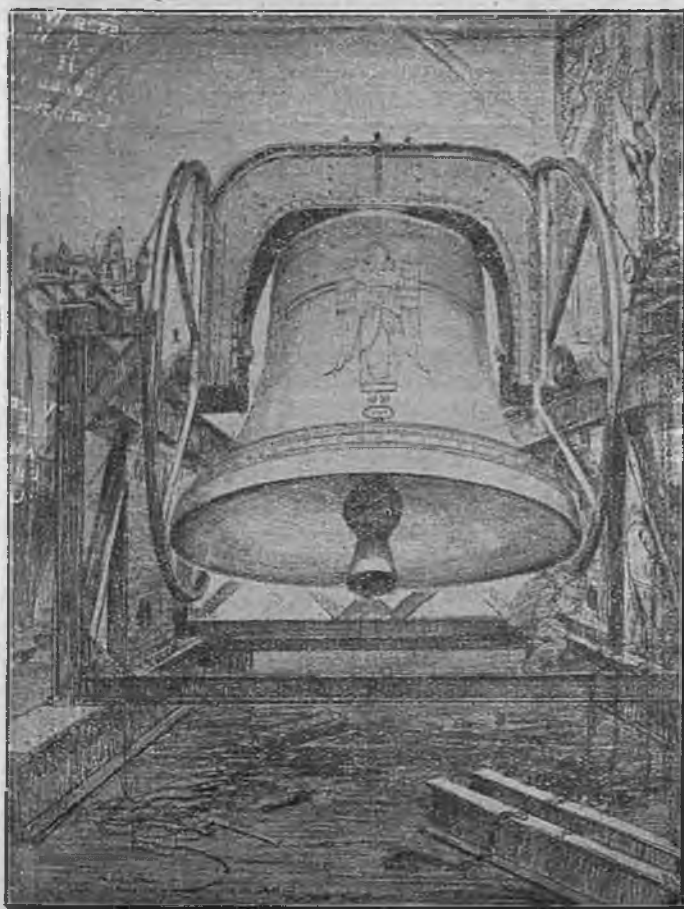
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ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD HELP.

Of all the things in which it is admitted the Central Council has done well for the Exercise that of its publications probably takes first place. The Council has made available for ringers books which it is most unlikely would ever have been produced by private enterprise. Those who have had any experience of the printing of works for ringers have discovered the risks inseparable from such an undertaking, and it is only a body like the Council, with funds at its command, that can afford to publish books of the kind referred to. Much of what the Council has done has been at a loss, and it has a good deal of capital locked up in stock, some of which moves very slowly if at all. But the Council does this work in the interests of the Exercise; it spends its funds in providing for ringers that which would not otherwise be available for them. The work involved in compiling the books is given as a labour of love, no one makes a profit. The only cost passed on to the purchaser is the actual net cost of printing, and ringers cannot expect to get their text books on better terms than these. And yet the Council's publications do not sell as they ought to do. This may not be entirely the fault of the ringing public. People do not care about buying something which they have not seen; if it be only a book they like to get a look inside it to see what it contains before they part with their money.

It is here that the associations can give valuable aid to the Council. Many of them have considerable sums of money held in reserve. A small portion of this might be usefully invested by purchasing some of the Council's publications for re-sale. Such procedure has several advantages to recommend it. Many more ringers are likely to buy the books if they can see them and have not got to go to the trouble of sending by post for them. In this way the associations would be promoting one of their principal objects, that of furthering the art of change ringing. The purchase outright by an association, instead of obtaining goods 'on sale or return,' makes for more pushful methods and the quicker disposal of the wares. But one of the greatest advantages to be gained is that the Council would be more quickly reimbursed, and thus be able to put in hand other publications which from time to time have to wait until sufficient funds have been accumulated to print them. The associations, in the interests of their own members, as well as those of the Council, ought to act as distributors of the publications, and the Council would not then be left, as we recorded last week, with over 3,000 books in the retail department. Two new publications have just been included in

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	† EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	† EDWARD H. SPICE ... 8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 9
EDWIN G. BOESDEN ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5	HARRY PARKES ... 11
HARRY HOVERD ... 6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Maximus on tower bells.
† First peal on twelve bells. It is also the first peal of Bob Maximus by all the band except ringers of 1, 2 and 5, and the first peal of Bob Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 2	JOHN A. WAUGH ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal of Pudsey Royal by all the band, by the association, and the first rung in a consecrated tower.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 6
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 8
TOM WILDE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5
DAVID VINCENT ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*MISS LILLIAN CHAPMAN ... Treble	JAMES C. E. SMIFSON ... 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
JOHN BROWN ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PHILIP J. POCKETT ... Treble	JOHN AUSTIN ... 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
ARTHUR SMITH ... 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... 7
JESSE GILLET ... 4	JAMES POCKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

R. HOWARD ... Treble	W. R. NORTH ... 5
C. RUSH ... 2	J. LADLEY ... 6
S. CARTER ... 3	B. PATMORE ... 7
S. ROCHESTER ... 4	J. WELCH ... Tenor

Conducted by S. CARTER.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSED.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	HENRY W. WILDE ... 5
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 2	WILLIAM HORAN ... 6
LESTER L. GRAY ... 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The conductor was elected a member of the society prior to starting.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At Immanuel Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR ... Treble	*FRED COCKSHOTT ... 5
FRED READ ... 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 3	†JAMES BARNES ... 7
JOHN CAVANNAGH ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Arranged for Mr. J. Barnes, of Oswaldtwistle.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS K. DEACON ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... 2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... 6
C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
LESLIE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN OLDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 2	WALTER WILLIAMS ... 6
*ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
†CECIL E. CARR ... 4	†PERCY BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 42nd peal on his 42nd birthday. † First of Grandsire Triples. This composition is now rung for the first time, and has 340 calls with only 20 plain leads.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE ... Treble	BENJAMIN BOOTE ... 5
HARRY HILL ... 2	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... 6
WILLIAM GREEN ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
ANDREW ROUND ... 4	LESLIE PRESTIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Worcester to dedicate the new church of St. John-the-Evangelist, at Dudley Wood.

CAYTHORPE, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vincent,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Treble	GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 5
HAROLD MARCON ... 2	*H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal in the method.

BROWNEDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	CHARLES HARDACRE ... 5
*HERMON NELSON ... 2	JAMES ARMSTRONG ... 6
*JOHN CHARNOCK ... 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 7
HENRY HARDACRE ... 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged to enable the 'twins' to ring their first peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLIFFORD F. WILSON ... Treble	ALBERT NASH ... 5
MRS. T. C. RYDER ... 2	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 6
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 7
T. COLIN RYDER ... 4	ARTHUR GILL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by A. NASH.

The full peal of 5,664 contains twelve courses each of 478's, 678's, 648's and 468's. It is now rung for the first time.

STAMFORD, LINC'S.—At All Saints' Church, on Ascension Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, viz., 720 Oxford Bob, 360 Single Court and 180 Plain Bob: F. Lipscombe 1, G. Slaughter 2, R. W. Daniels 3, J. R. Nichols 4, J. Bluff 5, J. H. Bluff (conductor) 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
GEORGE BASFORD 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6
FRED R. PALMER 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

J. T. Ward's 100th peal and 51st peal of Surprise Major.

BORDEN, NEAR SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

E. DOBBIE Treble	E. G. BOESDEN 5
S. TAYLOR 2	*W. J. WOOD 6
W. J. SPIER 3	S. J. DOBBIE 7
F. G. BRETT 4	W. GORMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BOESDEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM EDWARD KILBY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 5
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2	WILLIAM BERRY 6
WILLIAM ALFRED MARTIN ... 3	GEORGE HENRY DAYNES ... 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 4	*HAROLD ASHBY MEAR ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

* First peal attempt and elected a member in the tower.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN Treble	JOHN WOOD 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	HENRY WARR 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
HERBERT DEVONISH 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

First peal of Oxford as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Burgess.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN 2	BASIL RIDGWELL 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 5
JOHN BROWN 2	FRED HINDLE 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JAMES HARRISON 7
J. RICHARD TAYLOR 4	J. ROSKELL Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL Treble	*ALBERT PICKLES 5
*WILLIAM BARTON 2	*TOM SMITH 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	†SAM LONGBOTTOM 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
HARRY BAKER 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, this being his first touch in the method.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
HERBERT J. FORD 4	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Caters. Birthday peal for the conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
HARRY L. SMITH 4	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who is a member of the Metropolitan Police.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS POTTS Treble	JACK TIPPER 5
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	WILLIAM GAVES 6
†ALBERT V. REES 3	JOHN WORTH 7
ERNEST BENNETT 4	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from treble in the method.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, May 5th, at St. Peter's, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,931 changes): F. A. Graham 1, F. W. Sharman 2, S. A. Johnson 3, W. A. Skinner 4, G. W. Tillson 5, R. Barrow 6, Ernest Morris (conductor) 7, K. Lawson 8. Rung in honour of the coming of age of H. W. Martin, of the local society.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WORTHY Treble	†A. SPURDLE 5
*SAMUEL YATES 2	JACK REID 6
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3	RALPH JACKSON 7
*WILLIAM JONES 4	WILLIAM WATSON Tenor

Conducted by RALPH JACKSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Melcalfe, secretary of the association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	*RAYMOND PHILPOT 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
*RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday. C. Ernest Smith's 100th peal.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WALTER LAGO 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 6
EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... 3	*BERTRAM L. JONES 7
GEORGE L. HEWITT 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal away from the tenor. The first peal on the bells. Especially arranged and rung, with the co-operation of the Mayor and Rector of this ancient borough, as a token of loyalty and thankfulness on the birthday of H.M. the King.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*MISS VIOLET E. SHORTER Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 5
*L. REGINALD LATHBURY ... 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
WILLIAM MORRIS 3	STANLEY F. CLARK 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the 66th birthday of H.M. the King.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 30.

*WILLIAM H. GUTTERIDGE Treble	†JAMES H. LUCAS 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	†EDGAR G. SWIFT 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	†FRANK CORKE 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	†CHARLES A. NICHOLLS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Easter Day, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Kent Treble Bob; Rev. A. C. Moule 1, K. Willers 2, A. Wilson 3, C. W. Cook (conductor) 4, C. W. Woolley 5, F. E. Haynes 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT A. FOSDIKE Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
CHARLES ELLIOTT 3	JIM HURRELL 7
*CHARLES A. BINES 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the birthday of H.M. the King. * First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
*GEORGE SCHLEUTER 2	WILLIAM MADGWICK 6
THOMAS BANNISTER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*ALFRED BAKER 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
WALTER R. FARROW 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
*JESSE BAKER 4	J. HOWARD R. FREEHORN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. The fiftieth peal on these bells. This composition, containing the 6th the extent in 5-6 and the 5th home, without the 2nd in 6th's place at course ends, is rung for the first time.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HENRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method and first peal as conductor, aged 12½ years. The peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to his grandfather on his 69th birthday.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

HANDBELL RINGING IN GLASGOW.

At 66, Ellilhead Street, Glasgow, two quarter-peals of Bob Major have been rung on handbells. On Sunday, May 10th, 1,344 Bob Major, and on Sunday, May 17th, 1,264 Bob Major by: H. Sargent 1, A. Sargent 3-4, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 5-6, J. Sargent 7-8. First quarter-peals by the three brothers Sargent.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*FREDERICK NEALE Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	*RICHARD A. POST 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	JAMES H. MUSSON 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	CHARLES WILKINSON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY...Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

This was Miss F. Humphrey's first attempt for a peal at the age of 14. First peal ever rung in which mother and daughter have taken part. Quickest peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church with the exception of the 3rd ringer.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. PERCY SPARKES Treble	JACK ROY 4
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 2	HARRY CHURCHILL 5
BENJAMIN J. BURSTON 3	*CHARLES CHANNING Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* First peal and members of the local band. First peal on the bells. The tenor ringer is seventy-one years of age. Mr. Channing has been a member of the local band for 25 years.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Killammarsh, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

W. WATERHOUSE Treble	F. JACKSON 4
*T. LATIMER... .. 2	S. HELLIWELL 5
FRED BLACKRITH... .. 3	J. THACKRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. THACKRAY.

* 50th peal.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BOOKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM E. COLES Treble	CHARLES W. SMITH 4
HORACE P. GILES 2	ALBERT FLEET 5
MISS BETTY COX 3	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT FLEET.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge. Thanks are due to Mr. Coles for standing in at the last minute. It was his first peal of Minor and first attempt. First peal as conductor by A. Fleet, and first attempt. The quickest peal on the bells.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR H. FISHER Treble	ALFRED KETCHEL 4
CYRIL S. WEST 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT 5
ARTHUR NORRIS 3	*ALBERT F. PHILLIPS... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal and first attempt. The tenor ringer was elected a member of the Guild, and is a member of the local band.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

JAMES H. LUCAS Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	*CHARLES A. NICHOLLS 5
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal on six bells.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CÆSAR DAVIS Treble	JEFFERY TOSSELL 4
CHARLES FIELD 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
ERNEST TOSSELL 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The first peal of Minor on these beautiful bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

MOSES BILLINGS Treble	CYRIL H. W. SPEED 4
HERBERT PEARSON 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
*JACK DIXON 3	HARRY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.

* First peal in five methods.

BRUTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES H. LAVER Treble	†WALTER J. TILLY 4
*FREDERICK J. REEVES 2	*WILLIAM A. OSBORN... .. 5
PERCY N. G. RAINEY 3	*WILLIAM LUCAS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER J. TILLY

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal as conductor. Mr. F. Reeves was elected a member before the peal.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
AMOS SMART 2	*JOSH J. PARTRIDGE 5
JOSEPH SHARP 3	ALBERT MINNEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' A birthday peal for the ringers of 4th and 5th.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 4
*E. LESLIE BOX ... 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5
*E. JOHN BERRY ... 3	*SIDNEY PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Messrs. Berry and Kynaston were proposed members of the Salisbury Guild before starting.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS ... Treble	*ARCHIE FITCH ... 4
*GEORGE BLOOMFIELD ... 2	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... 5
*ENO W. AMBROSE ... 3	THEODORE E. SLATER ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SLATER.

* First peal. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal. All are Sunday service ringers.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 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 T. DAY.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

The composition contains the 5th and 6th the extent each way.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds wish to thank the many readers of 'The Ringing World' for the congratulations and best wishes extended to them in their compilation of the third edition of the Directory.

Many useful suggestions have been received, and, while it is not possible to adopt the majority of these, they are carefully filed for adoption in later editions.

The committee are encouraged by the wishes accorded and by the valuable help of Mr. Fussell, who will edit the Empire Section, and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who is contributing 'Short touches for Sunday service ringing.'—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close,
St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The eleventh annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church bellringers was held on Whit Monday, the places visited being Market Deeping, Deeping St. James, Oakham and Melton Mowbray. A start was made at 7 a.m., and, after a brief stop at Sleaford, Market Deeping was reached at 10 a.m. Owing to a service at 10.30, the ringing was of short duration, but at Deeping St. James ringing on the glorious ring of six (tenor 19 cwt.) was kept up in various methods until one o'clock. The next halt was made at Oakham, where most of the afternoon was spent in the belfry, where there is a splendid peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.). At Melton Mowbray tea was served on arrival, after which the ringers climbed the steps to the ringing chamber, and rang touches of Royal and Caters on the peal of ten (tenor 25½ cwt.), while the ladies and non-ringers walked round the gardens and visited the fair. On the homeward journey a call was made at Newark and Gainsborough was reached about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing.

E. D.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

A RINGING COMPETITION TO BE ORGANISED.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, held on Whit Monday at Thirsk, was a great success. Members attended from Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Northallerton, Ripon, Sharow, Kirby Wiske, Felixkirke, and Selby, whilst the local band were in full attendance. Ringing was commenced at an early hour, and continued until eight o'clock at night. Everybody voted it to be a good day from every standpoint—even the weather.

A short bright service, conducted by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, Vicar of Felixkirke, was held before lunch, and in his address Mr. Metcalfe gave some very interesting details of ringing, much of which was new to his hearers. He mentioned, amongst other things, the founders' window at York Minster, dedicated to bell founders, and gave many instructive facts as to the old Yorkshire founders.

Lunch was held in the Golden Lion Inn, and was attended by some forty members. The annual meeting was held immediately after lunch, at which the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard) presided, supported by Vice-Presidents Stott (Thirsk) and Tingle (Ripon), and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough). The company was honoured by the presence of the Vicar of Felixkirke.

The secretary's report on the work of the association during the year was received with acclamation, and the balance sheet accepted nem. con.

The President, in referring to the secretary's report, mentioned the hopes of a better understanding being arrived at with the Yorkshire Association consequent on the Easter meeting at Tadcaster. The report of the Sunday service Ringing Scheme Committee, stating that Middlesbrough had again won the first certificate, and that Whitby had been successful in gaining the second certificate, was read, and the committee were complimented on the enthusiasm with which the scheme had met.

The officers were re-elected, and several new members (including the whole of the newly-formed Kirby Wiske band and Felixkirke band) were elected, and the Vicar of Felixkirke and the Rector of Kirby Wiske were elected hon. members.

The meetings for the next year were reported to have been fixed as follows: September, Kirby Wiske; pre-Lent, Darlington (joint meeting with the Durham and Newcastle Association); Easter Monday, Richmond; and annual Whit Monday meeting, Tees-side.

A discussion took place on the president's suggestion that a ringing competition be held, which was adjourned from the last annual meeting, and it was decided that, at the September meeting of the association, to be held at Kirby Wiske, a ringing competition be held. The arrangements were left in the hands of a committee consisting of the president, secretary Vice-President Stott, and Messrs. Hudson (Sharow) and Pickering (Tadcaster). Several bands intimated their desire to compete.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their very successful arrangements, and to the Vicar of Felixkirke for his conducting the service and his inspiring address, were passed with acclamation. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the president for the expeditious manner in which the heavy business had been disposed of, and the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing.

During the afternoon a party visited Felixkirke, and touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Bob Minor were rung, much to the pleasure of the villagers.

The ringing at Thirsk was of a very high standard, touches of all the usual methods being obtained with very good striking. Everybody got a ring, and many rang their first touches of new methods under the guidance of more experienced ringers. A special feature of all Cleveland-meetings is that the learner is especially catered for, and this meeting was no exception.

A meeting of the Competition Committee was held in the evening, and details were settled as to the method of organising the competition. It is intended to issue particulars to all towers as soon as possible in order that entries may be made and the necessary practice put in. It may be mentioned here that, with a view to encouraging the Felixkirke and Kirby Wiske ringers, the competition will consist of raising, ringing rounds, and lowering the bells. No change ringing is to be done. The judge will be the ever-popular secretary of the association (Mr. Metcalfe).

Altogether, it was a very successful annual meeting, and every credit is due to the officers for their work in connection with it.

J. C. P.

ONE HUNDRED 720's THIS YEAR.

At Over, Cambs, on Monday, May 18th, at the Church of St. Mary, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. W. T. Ginn 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4 A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. The conductor's 100th 720 during 1931, and the 1,020th since January 1st, 1925.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Woodbine: D. Adams 1, G. Whybrow 2, M. Ginn 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. Robinson 6. First in the method by 1st, 2nd and 4th ringers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The 52nd annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when there was a large attendance of members from all parts of the diocese, which again testified to the popularity of Chelmsford as the Essex meeting place. In the morning, service was held at the Cathedral, conducted by the Sub-Dean, Canon W. E. R. Morrow, and Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, read the lesson. The association's form of service, with the special hymns, was used. The address was given by Canon F. W. Galpin, M.A., F.L.S., Rector of Faulkbourne, who, basing his address on the motto in the tower at Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Church (where he was Vicar for 25 years), 'Ears open, eyes wide, feet steady, tongue tied,' spoke in appreciation of the work of ringers.

Luncheon was afterwards held at the County Hotel, the Master presiding over a company of eighty ringers, and being supported by Canon Galpin and Canon Morrow. The annual business meeting followed. The Master reported that Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden, the hon. secretary and treasurer to the association, was unfortunately too ill to attend the annual meeting, and the members would regret his enforced absence very much. Mr. E. J. Butler read the minutes, and, with the assistance of Mr. F. Ridgwell, discharged the secretarial duties of the meeting in the absence of the hon. secretary.

A SUCCESSFUL AND PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

The Master then presented his report for 1930 as follows: Again I am able to report a very successful and progressive year's work. Our membership has increased beyond the record of last year to 1,167, showing an increase of twenty-seven after removing a very considerable number of names from the list for various causes such as deaths, removals and lapses. This steady increase has been general for several years, and is due to the persistency of our district secretaries in their endeavour to extend the influence of the association to all the towers within their areas. Notwithstanding the very frequent meetings, in every district the attendances have been exceptionally good. Castle Hedingham, Ingrave, Little Bromley, Terling, Wickham St. Paul's, Great Totham and Chirshall have affiliated, making a total of 110 towers in union. After referring to the losses by death, the report proceeded: In bell restorations we have to record the ring of eight at Earls Colne, and the musical peal of six at Greensted Green have been rehung. At Coggeshall the once noted tower for peal ringing, the eight bells are to be rehung at an early date. The Cathedral bells have been rehung with ball bearings, and are now in excellent peal ringing order. At Woodford the tower has been strengthened, the bells rehung in a new steel frame on ball bearings and augmented from six to eight. The five bells at Ingrave have been completely overhauled and rehung with new wheels and fittings, and a promising young band has been formed there. The memorial bells at Great Holland, erected to the memory of the late Miss Emma Barron, founder of the Barron Bell Trust, are a very musical peal of eight. The total number of peals rung for the year is 110, exceeding all previous figures. Of these 97 were rung on tower bells and thirteen upon handbells. The peals were rung in thirty-six parishes, and with one exception all in the county. Thirty-four members acted as conductors; four acted for the first time as conductors; eleven rang their first peal; and in 62 cases it was the first peal in the method. Special mention should be made of the peals of Spliced Major in two and four methods; these are the first of their kind by the association and are very fine performances. The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in twenty-three methods is the largest number of Surprise methods ever rung in one peal. To accomplish such a feat enormous concentration of mind is needed, and the fact that it was rung at the first attempt demonstrates the abilities of all those who took part in it. Mr. W. Keeble, who conducted 45 peals, rang in 54 peals during the year—52 of which were under the heading of our association. Every attempt for a peal by him was successful except one, which was stopped owing to illness near the church. This is certainly a most remarkable achievement. We owe to him a debt of gratitude for his services so freely given. The long list of peals is largely due to his exceptional abilities as a conductor. The peal book has again been written up by Mr. E. J. Butler, the district secretary of the South-Eastern Division. This voluntary work on his part is a considerable financial saving to the association, and we extend to him our warmest thanks.

The statements of accounts shows a very satisfactory financial position. The income from subscriptions and booking fees amount to £71 19s. 4d., and expenses to £54 5s. 4d., leaving a credit balance on the year's working of £17 14s. We commenced the year with a balance in hand on the Bell Restoration Fund of £27 12s. 5d. The church collections at the annual and district meetings amounted to £7 2s. 10d., and interest on War Loan £7 12s. 6d., making a total income of £14 15s. 4d. Grants have been made of £3 3s. each to Boeking and Earls Colne, and £5 5s. towards rehanging the Cathedral bells, leaving a balance in hand of £30 16s. 9d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Master said the association had had a very satisfactory year's working. The membership had increased, exceeding the record number last year; there were more towers in the union than ever before, and the accounts were in a very satisfactory position. There was a

credit reserve fund from which the bells restoration fund was being assisted, and, after making grants of eleven guineas to assist various restorations, a balance of £30 16s. 9d. remained in hand on that account. But in years to come there might be applications which would exceed the income.

RESTORATION GRANTS.

Mr. Butler presented the report of the general committee, which recommended the following grants to bell restorations: Great Coggeshall and Ford End, three guineas each; Woodford, a further grant of two guineas, making a total of five guineas. It was also recommended to make a grant of five guineas from the general fund to the proposed restoration of St. Benet's bells at Cambridge in connection with the commemoration of Fabian Stedman.

The committee also recommended that the following founder members of the association be made life members: Messrs. B. Keeble (Romford), T. Edwards and T. Watson (Braintree), and W. E. Bearman (Bocking). The Master explained that when the association celebrated its jubilee two years ago, two founder members were made life members, and the names of the above four founder members were overlooked. The committee also recommended that Messrs. H. E. Hammond (Braintree), F. Dale and H. Ewers (Kelvedon) and W. Hobbs (Harlow), who have been members for a long period of years, should be made life members. The report was adopted.

For the election of Master, Canon Morrow took the chair. Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Great Baddow, proposed, and Mr. F. G. Ringe, Brentwood, seconded, that Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., be re-elected Master of the association. There was no other other nomination, and this was carried unanimously. The Master thanked the members of the association for the honour done him, and said he would do his best to carry on the duties of the office for another year. Since the last annual meeting he had accepted another responsible position at Braintree, but that would not in any way interfere with his duties as Master.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow, in his absence, was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The Master said Mr. Pitstow had suggested a readiness to retire, but the association could not afford to lose his services. Mr. Pitstow belonged to a noted family of ringers at Saffron Walden, and he had made a very efficient officer of the association.—It was decided to send a letter to Mr. Pitstow, regretting the cause of his absence, and hoping he might soon be restored to health again.

The following officers were re-elected: General committee, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, E. Dench, with the Master, secretary, District Masters, secretaries and auditor; Peal Committee, Messrs. G. Joyce, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble; auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner.

The Master proposed that Canon Galpin, Rector of Faulkbourne, be elected an hon. member of the association, and this was carried, as was also the election of Messrs. R. Plumber and N. Belcham, Shenfield, ringing members.

SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL MOTIONS.

Mr. Butler raised the question of the motion to be brought before the Central Council the following day re the ringing of peals of Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and asked for an expression of opinion from the meeting, as a guidance to the representatives.

After considerable discussion, they were requested to record their votes in favour of discouraging such practices.

It was unanimously decided to incorporate the following in the rules: 'That this association be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

Mr. Ringe (Brentwood) suggested there should be again printed in the report a list of towers of five bells and upwards in the country, and times of practice and ringing for divine service of all affiliated towers, which was discontinued owing to the excessive cost during the war.—This was agreed to.

The Master proposed thanks to Canon Galpin for his helpful address, and mentioned that he had heard 45 out of the last 46 addresses at the annual meetings of the association. He said the ringers would go away fortified and encouraged by the Canon's words.—Canon Galpin suitably replied.—Thanks were also accorded the Cathedral authorities for the service, and the various incumbents for the use of the bells.—Mr. Butler proposed the closing vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

The bells at the following churches were at the disposal of the association: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), and Boreham (8), and excellent touches were rung in all the standard methods.

WILTON'S OCTOGENARIAN RINGER.

At St. George's Church, Wilton, Taunton, on Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Wyatt 1, A. W. Hayward 2, S. G. Coles 3, H. E. Causley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, D. F. Sheldon 6, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 7, H. J. Mogridge 8. This was rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. John Wyatt, who is the oldest member of the Wilton Guild, and father of the ringers of the treble and 7th, and grandfather of the ringer of the 5th.

LINCOLN GUILD'S GAIN.**FIRST RING OF EIGHT IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH.**

Edenham, a picturesque village in South Lincolnshire, had a red-letter day on Saturday, May 23rd, when the augmented peal of eight bells were dedicated by the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. In the presence of a large congregation, including the Earl of Ancaster, the people of Edenham, and ringers and friends from the surrounding district, the service opened with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The lessons were read by the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Rowlands), after which the Rev. H. Law James, accompanied by the Rural Dean, Canon J. Grinter, and Rev. J. S. Rowlands, proceeded to the west end of the church, and the dedicatory prayers were said, after which two whole pulls were rung on the two new trebles and recast tenor, followed by a few well-struck rounds by the local band.

In the course of his address, the Rev. H. Law James congratulated the people of Edenham on the big work they had completed, and went on to explain the real use of church bells, and said they were not merely hung in our towers to remind us when it was time for service, but chiefly they were put there to remind us of our Lord's resurrection Sunday by Sunday.

During the singing of the last hymn, 'The Church's one foundation,' a collection was made, and amounted to £5 12s. 7d., which went towards the expense of recasting the tenor bell.

The work of augmenting the peal to eight by the addition of two new trebles has been carried out by the Loughborough firm, and they are to be congratulated on the excellent splice they have made. The two new bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—'Come hither and harken all ye that fear God.' Given by the Parishioners, 1931.

2nd.—'Ring we merrily unto God our strength.' Given by the Parishioners, 1931.

The tenor, which was cast by Thos. Norris in 1636, was unfortunately found to have a small crack in the crown, and has been recast with a quantity of new metal added, and now weighs 16 cwt. It bears the following inscription: 'Thos. Norris made me 1636. Recast 1931.'

It was certainly a great day for the Southern Branch of the Guild, as this is the first peal of eight that the branch possesses.

Tea was served in the Vicarage grounds, but was somewhat spoilt by the continuous rain, although it was estimated that over eighty ringers were present, including Mr. J. O. Oldham, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., and Mr. D. S. Collins. During the evening the bells were again heard to good advantage, and a variety of methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise Major. The bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m., when a very happy day ended.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The May meeting was held at Bickenhill, and was well attended, members being present from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, King's Norton, Lillington, Solihull and Warwick. The six bells of the old 12th century church were kept going in various methods until 5.30 (720 of London Surprise being the longest length), when a halt was called for tea. This was a sumptuous meal prepared by ladies of the parish.

The Vicar (Rev. G. Hood) presided over a gathering of some 25 members and friends, and after tea said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild once more, as the last visit encouraged the local ringers to progress. He expressed the wish that the Guild would provide an instructor to enable them to gain an insight into the art of change ringing.

Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his splendid welcome, and to the ladies for the tea they had provided. Referring to the request of the Vicar for an instructor, he said he felt he could not undertake the task himself, but he had no doubt that the Guild would arrange for a younger man to visit Bickenhill weekly or fortnightly to instruct the ringers, but he stressed the point that all the ringers must turn up for practice unless prevented by illness, in order to make the visits worth while for both instructor and instructed.

Upon returning to the belfry, ringing was resumed until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal, thus ending a very pleasant meeting.

An incident of the afternoon will not be forgotten by those who witnessed it. One of the visiting ringers endeavoured to enter the churchyard on a motor-cycle, up a few steps and through a latched gate, the latter, by resisting, suffering most. Memories of Bickenhill will return to him when the bill for repairs arrives.

HONOURING A CENTENARIAN.

On Tuesday evening, May 19th, in honour of the birthday of the Rev. D. R. Norman, a former Rector of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, who on that day attained the great age of 103 years, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, by the following members of St. Mary's band: W. Cowan 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, A. E. Garbett 4, W. H. Jones 5, G. Booth 6, H. F. Evans 7, W. G. Curtis 8, J. Warrilow (conductor) 9, W. A. Riddington 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Although the size of 'The Ringing World' is increased by four pages this week, we regret that the appearance of Mr. Trollope's next article on the College Youths has again to be postponed. Other contributions are also unavoidably held over.

Work on the restoration of Yeovil bells has been begun. The frame is to be strengthened and partly reconstructed, and the bells are to be retuned. They are now at the Whitechapel Foundry.

There will shortly be a new ring of eight bells in Guildford Diocese. A faculty has been granted for the provision of a light peal at Grayshott, in the picturesque Hindhead district, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank now have the work in hand. Up to the present Grayshott has had three bells only.

The attempt for the long peal of London Surprise Major at Warham, on Saturday, came to grief through a trip in the 12th course, after an hour and 40 minutes' ringing.

The earthquake shock which occurred early on Sunday morning damaged the tower at Hemmingford Abbots, Hunts, and consequently the meeting of the Ely Association, which was to have been held there on Saturday, has been cancelled.

Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, who is so well known in Suffolk ringing circles, last Saturday rang his first peal as conductor. He called a peal of Minor from the tenor at his parish church, and is the third generation of his family to ring this bell to a peal.

The Early English Parish Church of Kilsby, near Rugby, has just been saved from collapse. Cracks and fissures appeared in the walls, the pillars began to lean and plaster fell from the roof. The diocesan architect was called in, and expressed the opinion that the church would collapse in three weeks unless something was done. The walls have been shored up with stout timbers set in concrete, and it is estimated that the restoration will cost £4,000. Kilsby has a ring of five bells.

What is believed to be the first peal ever rung in which mother and daughter have taken part together was scored on Whit Monday at Folkestone, Kent, when Mrs. Phillis Humphrey and her daughter Frances (aged 14) rang in a peal of Minor in four methods. Miss Humphrey only learnt to handle a bell four months ago.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung on May 23rd, and recorded as having been rung at St. Barnabas', Liverpool, was actually rung at St. Barnabas' Church, Bromborough, Cheshire.

BRISTOL RINGER'S CAR SMASH.

FAMILY OF FOUR TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Mr. Percy Williams, of 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol, who was last year's Master of Bristol United Guilds, and members of his family were involved in a serious motor accident on Saturday. Near the Fairland Hill cross-roads, between Bristol and Portishead, the car he was driving was run into by another coming out of a side turning. Mr. Williams' car was struck in the rear wheel, causing it to spin round and topple over on its side. Mr. Williams received injuries to his head, ribs, right arm and right leg. Mrs. Williams was seriously injured about the head, left arm and shoulder, and Mr. Donald Williams, their 18-year-old son, and Miss Esme Williams, aged 20, their daughter, received cuts and bruises about the legs, and suffered from shock. All were removed by ambulance to Bristol General Hospital. Mr. Williams and the son and daughter, after careful medical examination and attention, were allowed to go home, but Mrs. Williams' injuries necessitated her detention.

Mr. Williams' car was wrecked. The occupants of the second car escaped serious hurt.

The injured are progressing satisfactorily, and Mr. Williams desires to express gratitude to the many friends who have made kind inquiries.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH AND MARSHLAND BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Wisbech on Saturday, May 23rd. Despite the inclement weather, a large number of ringers attended from Shouldham, Finesham, Wallington, Marham, Long Sutton, Over, Willingham, Leverington, Newton, Elm, Somersham, March, and Chatteris. The members also visited the towers of Leverington and Newton, where very good ringing took place, the methods rung being Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble and Cambridge Surprise.

Service was held at Wisbech, the Guild's special form being used, and an inspiring and eloquent address given to the ringers by Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, general secretary of the association.

At the business meeting, over which the general secretary presided, the following officers were elected: President, Archdeacon Ward (Rector of Kilgay); Ringing Master, Mr. Alfred E. Bacon; committee, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Messrs. Buckenham, Croft, Abrams and Smith.

Several new members joined the association, and Ely and Littleport were proposed for the next meeting.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. ST. BENET'S CHURCH COUNCIL ACCEPT THE SCHEME.

With the admirable response which is being made to the appeal, promoted by 'The Ringing World,' for funds for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth, preliminaries are now in hand for the carrying out of the scheme.

The formal application, addressed by the President of the Central Council to the Rector, for permission to carry out the work, has been considered by the Parochial Church Council, and the offer has been gratefully accepted by them. The matter has now gone forward to the Ely Diocesan Advisory Committee.

In the meantime four members of the Parochial Church Council have been nominated to act with the committee of the Central Council to carry out the details of the scheme.

The raising of the money remains to be completed. Time is the essence of this part of the project, if the work is to be finished by the end of the summer. No order can be placed until the necessary funds are forthcoming, and ringers who wish to be personally associated with this national memorial to the real founder of their art, and bands who desire to make collective contributions, should send in their donations at once to:—

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

All contributions will be acknowledged through these columns, and the third list will appear in our next issue.

Last Saturday the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, at a meeting at Sleaford, voted ten guineas to the fund. Other associations who have made grants, since the last list was published, are the Sherwood Youths, the Halifax and District Association, the Dudley and District Guild, the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, the North-West District of the Surrey Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild. The last named also made a collection on the occasion of the ringers' party held to celebrate the 94th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby, the oldest member, and a sum of £2 was the result.

THE USE OF GUILDS' FINANCIAL BALANCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At a certain district meeting held recently the restoration of a peal of bells in a small village was discussed. The tower is unaffiliated; in fact, very little ringing has been done there for years, and, consequently, it follows that there is no band of ringers. However, the parishioners have been working hard for some years to raise funds to restore the peal of five bells, and to add an additional one. A motion was carried that the Central Committee of the Guild should be asked to assist, and as a gesture of practical sympathy it was proposed that a guinea should be sent from the district funds, which have risen substantially every year, but it was finally decided that the guinea should only be subscribed on condition that the Rector gave the assurance that his band would join the Guild if and when the band is formed. This, considering that the parish had never sought help from the Guild, and probably did not know of its existence, seems to me a most niggardly and humiliating way of showing sympathy, and it has forced upon me the thought of what can be the purpose of building up unnecessary balances in Guild finances in general. It is well known that some associations have accumulated hundreds of pounds, and even use it for investment, but I am completely at a loss to understand what the ultimate aim can be. This is a plain simple question, honestly propounded. It affects the well-being of every Guild in the kingdom, and it would be extremely helpful if some experienced officials could be induced to offer a little enlightenment. For myself, I cannot think the limit has been reached in propaganda methods, and certainly a more lively interest ought to be taken wherever restoration work is contemplated.

—Yours faithfully,
PLAIN BOB.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT BARNET.

The first meeting at Barnet after the underpinning of the tower and the rehanging of the bells, took place on Saturday last, and, appropriately enough, was jointly held by the two associations of which the local ringers are members. The moving of the bells so that the ropes of the 7th and 8th are now away from an inconveniently placed clock case, make it a much easier job to ring these bells, and is an improvement much appreciated by ringers.

Ringing commenced a few minutes after the advertised time, and throughout the afternoon was in charge of the District Master of the Middlesex Association (Mr. A. W. Coles), who, as usual, gave everybody an opportunity of ringing just what they wanted from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major of the four methods variety.

Owing to the absence of the Rector on holidays, no service was held, consequently tea was served at 5 p.m. Mr. W. Pickworth presided, and was supported by Messrs. W. Nash and C. T. Coles (secretaries), W. Pye, A. W. Coles, G. R. Pye and a good company.

Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association), in welcoming the many ringers present, explained that it had been the original intention to hold this meeting at Hadley, in Middlesex, but as that tower was at present under repair, a quick change had to be made, and Barnet was chosen for the meeting. Thus he was placed in the position of being able to welcome Hertfordshire ringers to Hertfordshire. There was something appropriate in this, however, as Barnet was virtually the birthplace of this district of the Middlesex Association. It was in 1899 that a deputation waited on the then Rector of Barnet (Dr. Barrett), and as a result the Middlesex Association was formed. This association, by amalgamation with the S. and W. Middlesex Guild, ultimately became the present county organisation.

Mr. W. Nash (Hertfordshire Association) said that they of Hertfordshire were glad to be present, and he thanked Mr. Coles for his welcome. He added that they were all working with one object, and the two associations would always work together for the good of ringing. As regarded next year's joint meeting, he suggested that this should be held at St. Albans. If it was decided to hold a meeting there in the summer of next year he was sure they would have a good time.—Mr. Nash's suggestion, being taken as a proposal and duly seconded, was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. Pickworth (Middlesex Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. W. E. Moll) for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Eldred, and friends for arranging an excellent tea. This was carried with acclamation.

Some handbell ringing, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne and Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, followed, and afterwards a further visit was made to the belfry. The attendance during the afternoon and evening reached well above fifty, a few arriving after tea to help swell the total.

BUGLERS OF THE CHURCH.

Addressing the spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Eynsham, the Vicar of Tackley (Rev. E. J. Lee) described bellringers as the buglers of the church.

At the business meeting, when among those present were four undergraduate members, the Rev. F. R. Marriott, who presided, thanked the Vicar of Eynsham and the organist (Mr. W. Bond) for their help in the service, and the ladies of Eynsham (under Mrs. Owen) for providing tea.

The Secretary reported a balance in hand of £19 4s., out of which it was agreed to contribute £1 1s. to the Fabian Stedman memorial.

Three honorary and five ringing members were accepted, and Mr. Everts, appealing for more hon. members, pointed out that their subscription was devoted to the Diocesan Bell Restoration Fund.

Replying to a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. John Monk, the Rev. E. J. Lee said that in his address he had tried to emphasise that bellringers should always do all they could to second the efforts of the priest.

During the afternoon and evening the towers of Eynsham, Freeland, Cassington and Handborough were visited.

The autumn meeting was fixed for October 3rd at Northmoor.

THE PEAL OF BOB ROYAL AT NOTTINGHAM.

Several correspondents have written pointing out that the peal of Bob Royal at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was not first in the method in the county on tower bells.

Mr. Harold Walker, the conductor, says he has now been advised that two peals of Bob Royal have been previously rung at St. Mary's, one of them as long ago as 1786. Apart from the peal being the first of Bob Royal on the bells, the band, therefore, claim no further credit.

The peal in 1786 was called by W. D. Crofts. The other was rung in 1912. In addition to these, Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksope, points out that a peal of Bob Royal was rung at East Retford on November 9th, 1900, conducted by J. B. Joyes, by a band born in the borough of East Retford.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. PRYCE TAYLOR.

RINGERS' CHAPEL AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

DEDICATION OF SCREEN AND PAVEMENT.

In Memory of Pryce Taylor,
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Erected by his widow, Kathleen, 1931.

This simple inscription, cast in bell metal, adorns the gateway of a handsome wrought-iron screen which now encloses the space at the foot of the tower of Loughborough Parish Church, and sets it apart for all time as a ringers' chapel.



THE RINGERS' CHAPEL AND MEMORIAL SCREEN.

Pryce Taylor's death in Canada in 1927, while on a business tour, robbed the bell founding industry of one who would have been destined to play a great part in its future progress and development and the ringing Exercise of a well-known and popular figure. Loughborough, which to ringers is synonymous with Taylors, where Pryce

was born and where he was laid to rest, now possesses a noble memorial to this young spirit, cut off on the threshold of his prime, and while the church has been beautified, the art which was part of Pryce Taylor's life will be elevated by the existence of a hallowed spot which ringers may call their own through all the time to come.

It was, indeed, a happy thought which inspired the conception of this unusual yet singularly appropriate memorial to one whose whole existence had been inextricably associated with bells; its development was artistically worked out by Mr. A. Herbert, a Leicester architect, and its execution is a lasting credit to all the craftsmen employed.

The memorial screen in wrought iron is 15ft. in height and 12ft. wide, formed in three panels, there being a central gateway surmounted by coats of arms in heraldic colours, one being the foundry mark of the Newcombes, predecessors, in the long line of founders to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the other the arms of St. Neots, where Robert, the first of the Taylors who became bell founders, born in 1760, succeeded to the business of Edward Arnold, with whom he had been apprenticed.

The floor of the chapel has been decorated with some beautiful work cast in bell metal. The foundry mark of the Newcombes occupies the centre, and round it is the text, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' Surrounding this and having a diameter of ten feet is a richly ornamented broad riband of metal covered with a design, of which the most conspicuous feature is four medallions representing the book of seals, the crosskeys and sword of SS. Peter and Paul, to whom the church was originally dedicated, the fisherman's boat, and the arms of St. Augustine, the first missionary to England.

On one wall of the chapel hang the bronze plaques of John William Taylor, who died in 1906, and John William Taylor, the younger, who died in 1919—the grandfather and father respectively of Pryce Taylor. The opposite wall is reserved for ringing memorials, and already the tablets relating to the 18,027 Stedman Caters, rung on the bells in 1909, and the Victory peal rung on July 26th, 1919, find a place of honour there.

The dedication of the memorial took place on Saturday at an impressive service, when there was a great gathering of ringers and other friends of Pryce Taylor. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Leicester. Mrs. Pryce Taylor, the widow, and Mr. Denison Taylor (uncle) were present, and other members and friends of the family who attended were Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Taylor (uncle and aunt), Mr. Owen Taylor (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. Mears (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Backhouse (sister), Miss Margaret Taylor (step-sister), Mr. Paul Taylor (step-brother), Mr. Crofton, Mr. and Mrs. Statham, Mr. Lea and Miss Lea, Mrs. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. A. Herbert, Miss Herbert, and the Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Jones. Members of the 'Howe and Charnwood' Lodge of Freemasons, of which Mr. Pryce Taylor was a member, were present, and ringers came from many parts of Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and from as far away as London, Birmingham and Lincoln, to do honour to the memory of one whom they were proud to have known and to call a friend.

The service was conducted by Rev. F. W. Pratt (curate), owing to the Rector's ill-health, but Canon Briggs was present, and with the churchwardens attended the Bishop as he moved from the chancel to the west end of the church to offer the dedicatory prayers. As soon as these had ended there fell upon the hushed gathering the

sound of the glorious bells in the tower ringing half-muffled to a perfect beat, the measured rounds being followed by three leads of Grand-sire Triples, while the procession returned to the chancel. The ringing was done by the Loughborough Parish Church band.

The Bishop of Leicester, in his address, first referred to the origin and development of bells and their introduction into the Christian

Church, quoting many interesting facts which, he said, he had culled from the book of a Leicestershire campanologist, Mr. Ernest Morris, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' In bell founding and bellringing, said Dr. Bardsley, England had always in the past been, and was to-day, far ahead of other countries. In no part of England had there been a greater love of bells and bellringing than in the county of Leicestershire, and in connection with bells no place had become more world-famed than that town of Loughborough. It was a happy and noble proposal that, just as in the past, parts of their cathedrals and parish churches had been associated with different crafts and trades, so there in that Parish Church there should be set apart under the great tower a part of the church which in all the coming days would be associated with the craft of bellringing. They greatly appreciated the generosity of those who had made this possible, and the skill and art of those who had carried out the work. Members of the Taylor family had been famous not only as bell founders, but as bellringers. Their name was known throughout the world, and their bells, founded there in Loughborough, not only throughout the length and breadth of this country, but in many other lands. He thanked Mrs. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Denison Taylor for the offering they had made, and which it had been his privilege to dedicate, and he was sure there were many present who, in their hearts, associated themselves with him in thanking these two benefactors.

A BIG GATHERING.

After the service, the ringers and Masonic brethren were the guests of Mr. Denison Taylor, who entertained them to a sumptuous tea in the Fearon Hall, where a company numbering over 260 sat down, with the Bishop presiding, supported by Mrs. Pryce Taylor, Mr. Denison Taylor and the other members of the family. The tea was admirably served by a band of ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Hickling (wife of one of the churchwardens).

During an interval, a bouquet of carnations was handed to Mrs. Pryce Taylor by little Miss Mitchell, the daughter of one of the foundry employees.

Afterwards, the Bishop explained the absence of the Rector from the gathering and, amid applause, wished Canon Briggs a speedy restoration to health. Proceeding, he thanked Mr. Denison Taylor for the hospitality extended to that large company. One of the characteristics of those who were interested in bells and bellringing was, he said, their enthusiasm, and another was their spirit of comradeship. Some of them, however, might not know the extremely interesting story of Mr. Taylor's firm. Its history must be almost unique in the history of firms. The story of this concern went back to the fourteenth century, to the year 1336. All down the centuries since then this firm had been carrying on the work of bell founding, and it was about the middle of the 18th century that the name of Taylor became associated with it, while in the middle of the last century the foundry was started in Loughborough. This was a record of which the firm might well be proud, and of which he ventured to say those who were associated with Loughborough and with Leicestershire were proud, too (applause). There was a good sound to the name of Taylor all over the world (laughter and applause). Having extended a welcome to all the visitors to Loughborough, the Bishop went on to refer to the special purpose of the service and of that gathering. Mr. Pryce Taylor, he said, passed over quite a young man. He had already become associated with that firm, and was full of promise to maintain and carry on with others the traditions of the firm. But that was not to be, for he was taken ill in America and died. The very beautiful gate and the very beautiful pavement which they had dedicated that day had been given by Mrs. Pryce Taylor, his widow, and his uncle, Mr. Denison Taylor, in his memory, and the Rector, with a very happy thought, had arranged that the bottom of the tower should be set apart to be always associated with bells and bellringing. That seemed to him to be peculiarly suitable in Loughborough, which was the very Mecca of their craft. He was sure it would be appreciated by all of them, and it had been made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Denison Taylor. There was in his own heart, and he was sure in the hearts of all present, sympathy with those who had made those gifts because of their sacred character, and when they acknowledged with thankfulness the gift, they did so with true sympathy and sincere respect. That was the true purpose of their gathering in Loughborough that day, and he would like to say that they appreciated the presence of so many ringers, especially of those who came from a distance to be with them. He also thanked personally Mrs. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Denison Taylor for the privilege which they had given him that afternoon (applause).

CHARACTERISTIC TRAITS.

Mr. Denison Taylor, who was received with applause, said they were met that day, as the Bishop had reminded them, to do honour to the memory of his very dear nephew, Pryce Taylor. The beautiful service and the dedication of the tower screen had indeed been most impressive to all of them, and especially to those who knew the dear lad. They all were very honoured and were grateful to the Lord Bishop for his kindness in being present with them and for performing the dedication. He hoped that his lordship's kind words with reference to the firm were well deserved; they were certainly very kind, and he appreciated them highly. He felt that this service

must have been very touching to Mrs. Pryce Taylor, whose very happy but distressingly short married life was brought to an end by the death of her husband. It was most touching to himself also. He was associated with Pryce in business for many years, and he still felt, and always would feel, the loss of his cheery and optimistic outlook and his bright and encouraging presence. His heart and soul were in his work, and he was ever studying how to make a better and still better job. He had a fine business personality, which ensured him a welcome wherever he went and made him welcome on every occasion. He possessed the spirit which characterised the men who fought in France; he called it the N.E.I. and the N.E.D., the first meaning 'Not easily impressed,' the second 'Not easily depressed.' Whatever the reports, whether good or bad, they just said, 'Oh, yes,' and carried on. The same imperturbable spirit was characteristic of Pryce Taylor. Another slogan which he brought back with him from France was 'Don't grouse,' and he wondered whether some of them might not take a lesson from the fine spirit which was manifested by those who won through. Of course, there was no place like England—it was a wonderful country; but when some super-optimist made claims such as one Englishman being as good as ten foreigners, he thought the response was a bright 'Oh, yes.' On the other hand, when the super-pessimist said England was played out, gone to the dogs, done for—again they could say, 'Oh, yes' (laughter and applause). That was the attitude of the men who won through by ceaseless hard work and dogged determination. Pryce Taylor was of this type, and England would not go far wrong while this spirit pervaded her young men. In conclusion, Mr. Taylor said Mrs. Pryce Taylor wished him to express her thanks to Mr. Herbert for his most artistically conceived design for the memorial, and to those craftsmen who had so ably carried out the architect's plan, and he would also like to add his own word of thanks for the decorative work in the tower chamber. Mr. Herbert had spared no time or trouble to bring to a satisfactory conclusion the whole of this beautiful work, and they were deeply indebted to him. After expressing regret at the absence of the Rector from that gathering, Mr. Taylor said they thought it was very kind of so many of Pryce's ringing and other friends to attend on that occasion, and they were proud to see them there in such goodly numbers to honour his memory (applause).

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Pryce Taylor and to Mr. Denison Taylor for the hospitality, and to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea, and the proceedings terminated with a brief speech by Mrs. Pryce Taylor, who gracefully thanked those who had come there that afternoon, many of whom knew her husband and were his friends.

IN THE FOUNDRY.

The ringing visitors afterwards made good use of the Parish Church and Foundry bells, and found a great deal to interest them in the works. Chief among the attractions was the great carillon of 48 bells, with tenor of 5 tons, for the Duke University Cathedral, Durham, North Carolina. This carillon can be operated by a piano keyboard or by means of electrically controlled music rolls, as simply as a pianola. It is the last word in carillon perfection, not only in the tones of its bells from the smallest to the largest, but in its ingenious operation. Another carillon in process of manufacture was one of 66 bells with a 5 ton tenor for the World War Memorial tower which is being built at Richmond, Virginia, and yet another set of 30, with 50 cwt. tenor, for Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

Waiting in the foundry for removal to their new home on Monday last were the eight bells, recast from the old six, which came to grief in the disastrous fire at Eaton Socon Church, Bedfordshire. Among other numerous and interesting jobs, which could be seen passing through the works were the ring of six for Great Budeaux, Cornwall, which are to be rehung in a new frame, the peal of eight for Bollington, Cheshire, the ring of six for Moulton, Northants, which are to go into a new frame with space for eight, the five for Fobbing, Essex, which are likewise to be provided with a frame for eight, and the ring of five for Culworth, near Banbury, which includes two of Newcombe's old bells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A CITY MEETING.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, May 30th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. at the eight-bell tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, and continued until 5.30 p.m., when the company present adjourned to a nearby Lyons for a well-earned tea. This important item having been disposed of, a move was made to the ten-bell tower of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, where a short business meeting was held. One new member was elected, and Woodford chosen as the place of the next meeting. Votes of thanks to the Rectors of St. Dunstan's and St. Magnus', and also to Mr. W. D. Grainger for having everything ready at St. Dunstan's, brought the business to a close, and ringing was then resumed until 8.45 p.m.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Major and Royal, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The attendance at this meeting was comparatively poor, and it is hoped that the next meeting will draw a much larger number.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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NEW HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the election of honorary members, the President said the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker retired this year. In addition, they had lost the Rev. C. D. P. Davies by death, while the hon. secretary had received a letter from the Rev. E. W. Carpenter saying that, although he had not been able to attend any meetings for some time, he had hoped to attend one more meeting to say a few words of farewell, because he felt he must give up the work. Mr. Carpenter had not, however, been able to come to that meeting, and he (the president) thought they must regretfully accept his resignation. Mr. Parker had also expressed a wish not to be re-elected, as he found it difficult to get to the meetings. They had thus four vacancies altogether. As they knew, it had been the practice of the Council to leave one position vacant in case they desired to elect anyone in a hurry. The Standing Committee had considered the question, and there were four names which they wished to put forward, and, in view of the fact that they would all be very useful to the Council, the committee thought the four places should be filled. The names suggested were Mr. Stephen H. Wood, Mr. E. W. Elwell, who had dropped out from the representation of the Chester Diocesan Guild, on account of resigning the secretaryship, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, who did not now represent the College Youths, with, of course, Mr. Richardson. They would all regret the severance of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's connection with the Council, as he was one of the founding members.

Replying to a question, the President said it was not absolutely necessary to accept Mr. Carpenter's resignation that day, but if they did not do so they would have no vacancy for emergencies. The resignation could be left over for another year.

Mr. Newton said in view of a notice of motion standing in his name he had been going to suggest the election of one or two names as hon. members, but he would be quite satisfied with one. If all the places were filled, it would preclude his proposing any other name later.

The President said it would be in order to accept Mr. Carpenter's resignation later in the day if they found it necessary; in the meantime they need take no action.

On the motion of the Rev. Canon Elsee, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sharman, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was re-elected, and vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. S. H. Wood, E. W. Elwell and A. A. Hughes.

THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The reports of committees were then considered by the Council, the hon. secretary first making a verbal report on behalf of the Standing Committee, which had met earlier in the day. The committee were given authority at the last meeting, he said, to go into the question of the rules and make recommendations. This matter would come before the Council later. In his (the speaker's) absence from the country, Mr. Cave had done what he could towards getting cheaper travelling facilities for the members of the Council, but had met with very little success. It was a story twenty years old, and he had come to the conclusion that it would be wise if the Council only made an effort for reduced fares for the members on the occasion of the London meetings, when they had more members travelling. With regard to the Carter ringing machine, of which the Council were trustees, the Standing Committee thought it would be a graceful act if the work of the two gentlemen, Mr. Fardon and Mr. Sharman, who had been overhauling the machine at a great deal of expense of time to themselves, were recognised by some little gift, such as one or other of the new books on bells and ringing that had recently been published. They had made probably 15 or 20 journeys to South Kensington in connection with the work, and they had charged for nothing except the actual material that they had used. These two gentlemen now probably knew more about the machine than anyone since Mr. Carter himself, and it was suggested that the Council should appoint them as demonstrators, and that they should be allowed to charge a fee for demonstrating the machine of, say, half a guinea. By the death of Mr. Davies, they had lost one of the two trustees who were appointed by Mr. Carter's own desire. There was only himself (the hon. sec.) left, and it was for the Council to appoint a colleague to act with him. The Standing Committee thought it should be someone living in London, and they unanimously recommended Mr. A. A. Hughes, who had kindly given the set of bells which were now operated by the machine.

The President suggested that the Council should pass a resolution to present to each of the two gentlemen who had recently overhauled the machine a copy of Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' or a book of similar value, as a mark of their appreciation, and with the thanks of the Council for what they had done; also that they appoint them officially as demonstrators of the machine; and, thirdly, that the Standing Committee's action be confirmed in appointing Mr. Hughes as trustee.

This was agreed to.

THE REVISION OF RULES.

The Hon. Secretary said just before he left for South Africa the Standing Committee considered the question of the rules, referred to

them from the last Council meeting. It arose out of some suggested amendments put forward anonymously in 'The Ringing World,' in which the idea of having the associations in affiliation with the Council was apparently the chief notion. The committee came to the conclusion that this could be done by the addition of a sub-clause to Rule 1 and an alteration to Rule 2. The existing rules were as follows:—

1. That the Council be known as the 'Central Council of Church Bellringers.'

2. That the Council consist of:—

(1) Representative members from all recognised societies, associations, and guilds of church bellringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'Societies'), numbering not less than seventy-five members. The representation to be in the following proportion:—

For a society the number of whose members exceeds:

75, but does not exceed 150, one representative.

150, but does not exceed 300, two representatives.

300, but does not exceed 450, three representatives.

450, four representatives.

Four representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one society.

The committee proposed that Rule 2 should be amended by the insertion of sub-clause:—

1. (a) That any recognised society, association or guild (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'societies'), numbering not less than seventy-five members, should be eligible for affiliation to the Council.

2. That the Council consist of representative members from all affiliated societies. The representation to be in the following proportion (as set out in the original rule).

On behalf of the committee, he moved the adoption of the recommendation.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett suggested that in 1 (a), instead of the words 'should be eligible for affiliation,' there should be substituted the words 'shall on application be affiliated.'

The Rev. H. Law James asked how many copies of 'Rules and Decisions' there were at present unsold.

The Librarian: Ninety-five.

The Rev. H. Law James: And if we proceed to make these alterations we may as well put these 95 copies on the fire; they will be unsalable.

The Hon. Secretary said that had been considered by the Standing Committee, and it was decided that, if any alterations were made, they should be printed on slips and inserted in the books.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith raised the question as to what procedure the Council were to adopt with regard to amendments to this report, and whether the alterations could be moved without due notice having been given.

The President said he was doubtful whether, without notice in writing, they could alter their rules, but he thought there was no reason why they should not thrash out the question of these suggested alterations.

Mr. W. Willson pointed out the inequality of the representation under the rules, by which a society of 75 members got one vote, but a society with a thousand or even two thousand members got only four votes. Under such conditions there must be occasions when the minority ruled.

OTHER SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who had circulated a series of suggested amendments among the members, moved that Rule 2 should be altered as follows:—

That any recognised society, association or guild of church bellringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'society'), numbering not less than seventy-five members, shall be eligible to apply for affiliation to the Council, and, upon admission, shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

That the Council shall consist:—

(1) Of representative members elected by affiliated societies.

(2) Of honorary members, not exceeding fifteen in number, elected by the Council.

Affiliated societies shall be entitled to elect representatives in the following proportion:—

A society, the number of whose members is 75 or over, but does not exceed 150, one representative; exceeds 150 but does not exceed 300, two representatives; exceeds 300 but does not exceed 450, three representatives; exceeds 450, four representatives.

Four representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one society.

For the purpose of this rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members and resident life members, the figures to be those presented to the society at its last annual meeting.

He said, in support of the principle that the associations should be directly affiliated to the Council, instead of merely having the duty of electing the members of which the Council was constituted, that last year the Council asked the associations to pass a resolution to include in their rules one under which they should be affiliated to the Council and loyally abide by the Council's decisions. The Council

must, therefore, make provision for accepting that affiliation, and, in his view, it was only right that the Council should be entitled to ask the associations to give an undertaking of loyalty. With regard to the paragraph relating to the basis of calculation of membership, this would to some extent prevent overlapping in representation, but the proposal excluded such societies as the College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild and the Cambridge University Guild, which, from their nature, seemed to require special treatment.

Mr. G. Grover, who seconded, said there was a strong feeling in some quarters that the Central Council was a sort of misty body which wished to dictate to the associations and guilds and yet did not want the associations to take a direct interest in the constitution of the Council. The alterations to the rules, as drafted by Mr. Goldsmith, would give the associations a more direct interest in the business of the Council, because they would give associations the right to send in motions in their own names. In the Guildford Guild they felt that if they were going to ask associations and guilds to loyally abide by the rules and decisions, they must amend their rules to give the associations a more direct interest in the Council.

The Rev. E. S. Powell asked whether the single alteration proposed by the Standing Committee would give the associations the right to send in motions to the Council.

The President said they could get their representatives to put on the agenda any motion they wished to have considered.

Mr. W. A. Cave said he had every justification for his decision to support Mr. Goldsmith's amendment, because the alteration put forward that day on behalf of the Standing Committee was not correct. In committee he made a strong point that, in any alterations, the constitution should provide that the Council consist of associations. In the rule, as drafted on behalf of the committee, the members were placed first and the associations second; the associations should have been named first and the representatives second.

The President said it was certainly their intention that the name of the association should be mentioned first, and that was largely why they included the suggestion under 1 (a), so that first the recognised societies should become affiliated, and then the Council should consist of elected members.

Mr. J. Parker asked whether, without returns as to membership, it was possible to know what number of members a society was entitled to elect?

The Hon. Secretary: No, sir.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said the propositions as now brought before them were not in accordance with the rules of the Council as they at present stood, and it was most undesirable that the Council should place on its minute book any decisions obviously abortive or on which it could not possibly act. He, therefore, moved that the Council proceed to the next business.

The President: Because of not giving notice?

Mr. Elwell: Yes.

One or two members suggested that the feeling of the Council with regard to the alterations should be obtained, but the motion to pass on to the next business, on being put, was carried, the President remarking that the whole matter would now have to stand over until next year.

A member asked what became of the Standing Committee's report? Mr. Willson moved that it be referred back on the question of the rules, and this was agreed to.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Canon Elseo said the Standing Committee were present that day, and he suggested they should meet in the evening to consider the list of amendments so that they would have something to put before next year's meeting.

The President said he thought that would be rather difficult, but they could try.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he would like to know whether Mr. Goldsmith's suggestions would be likely to satisfy the Council on this eternal question of the relations between the Council and the guilds and associations, and did they think if the Standing Committee proceeded along these lines they could settle the question once for all?

Mr. C. T. Coles drew attention to what he termed as an anomaly in the amendment submitted by Mr. Goldsmith. He was seeking to prevent overlapping in representation, and yet, if a person belonged to the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the Ladies' Guild or the Cambridge University Guild, as well as a territorial society, he or she would get double representation and thus get an advantage over the person who belonged only to a territorial association. Mr. Goldsmith was creating an anomaly which he was seeking to get rid of.

The President said this point could be considered by the Standing Committee.

At the end of the day's sitting the President said the members would recollect that the question of the rules was left in a rather unsatisfactory position, and during the lunch interval members of the Standing Committee had discussed it and suggested that a small special committee should be appointed to go into this question of the revision, draw up something to satisfy all parties if possible, and give due notice in time for next year's meeting. The committee suggested was Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, E. W. Elwell, with the now hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded, and the motion was carried.

(To be continued.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held on Saturday week at Dore, between 25 and 30 ringers of both sexes assembling from Bakewell, Cresswell, Dore, Eyam, Exeter, Killamarsh, London, Norton, Old Whittington, Retford, Sheffield Cathedral and Tideswell. The beautiful peal of eight bells at Christ Church were kept going at intervals from 3 to 8 p.m. in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Double Norwich Major, some good striking being accomplished, the most interesting touch of the day being 168 Stedman Triples by the following: W. Bugar (Sheffield) 1, J. Thomas (Edmonton) 2 and 3, M. Wilson (Sheffield) 4, A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) 5, W. Alexander (Bakewell) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore) (conductor) 7, Miss J. Davenport (Dore) 8. Mr. Thomas received a well-deserved round of applause at the close of his feat of mental and physical dexterity, the striking of his two bells being perfect. The feat is the more remarkable as both Mr. Thomas' arms were badly damaged during his service in the war. This is the first time that such a peal has been accomplished at Dore.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, two parties had to be made up for tea, one going to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Kilmar, nearby, and the other to the Schools.

A short business meeting was held in the vestry after tea, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hathersage, probably on June 20th. A cordial invitation had been received from Mr. Newbery, in which he stated his intention of providing tea for all, and it had been intended to arrange this meeting for May, but to suit his convenience Dore was substituted and Hathersage arranged for June.

A cordial welcome was accorded to the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Devon Guild, and to Mrs. E. S. Powell, who was formerly a valued member of the Dore branch, the Rev. E. S. Powell being elected a life member of the M.C.A.

After the meeting further ringing was indulged in till 8 p.m. Mr. E. Morris' wonderful 'History' was on view in the tower during the day, and was scanned with interest by most of those present.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AND THE STEDMAN FUND.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, May 30th, about 33 members and friends attending during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beckenham, Beddington, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Dorking, Erith, London, Mitcham and Streatham. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and tea was served in the White Post Tea Rooms, and 24 sat down to a very enjoyable meal.

At the business meeting that followed, the general secretary of the association (Mr. C. H. Kippin) read a letter from the editor of 'The Ringing World' re the proposal for commemorating the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman. He explained that his reason for bringing the matter up at the district meeting was because the next annual meeting of the association would be too late for this scheme, and he put forward a suggestion that the association subscribe £3 3s., to be paid in equal proportions out of the two district funds.

This suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and the meeting voted one and a half guineas out of that district's fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. H. Kippin for making all necessary arrangements. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock. The methods ranged from Grandsire Triples and Caters to Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and also included a touch of Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major. A feature of this meeting was that the majority of the company were Surprise ringers, and though this is very encouraging, the officers would like to see more beginners at these gatherings, so that as much help as possible might be given to them.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Leigh on Saturday, May 30th. There were a good number of ringers waiting for the tower to be opened at three o'clock, from which hour touches in the standard methods were indulged in, members taking part from Buckland, Reigate, Limpsfield Chart, Westerham, Turner's Hill, Swindon, Horley, Charlwood, Redhill, and the local band. A short and interesting service was conducted in the church, the Vicar of Leigh (the Rev. H. T. Kane) officiating. The company then adjourned to the Plough Inn, where 29 members partook of tea.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. H. T. Kane presiding. The next meeting is to be held at Burstow in July, and the next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Godstone, the method being Stedman Triples, to be conducted by Mr. Geo. F. Hoad.

Two ringing members were elected, viz. Mr. Frank Burnell, of St. John's, Redhill, and Mr. Wm. Cullen, of Leigh.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for presiding at the meeting. Votes of thanks were also accorded Mr. E. Pescud, the local captain, for his assistance in the arrangements for the meeting, and Mr. Bashford, jun., for his services at the organ.

This concluded the meeting, the ringers returning to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock, all agreeing that it was a good meeting in spite of a wet afternoon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**AN IMPROVED RING AT MUCH WENLOCK.**

One of the most successful meetings of the Bridgnorth District was held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, May 30th. The Rev. J. W. Isherwood and the Rev. J. M. Wale met the visitors and gave them a most hearty welcome. The Rev. J. M. Wale conducted the service in the beautiful old church. The towers represented were St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, including Mr. John Overton, whom all were delighted to see, Coalbrookdale, Malinslee, Stockton, Sutton Maddock, Glaverley, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, also Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and Mr. W. Short. About seventy sat down to a substantial tea at the Stork Hotel.

At the business meeting, the Rev. J. M. Wale presided, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. W. Isherwood.

About fifteen new members joined the Guild from Much Wenlock tower, the Rev. J. M. Wale acting as local secretary for them. They have fixed Monday evenings for practice. It is hoped in the near future to get a good change ringing band there. The bells are now one of the finest peals of eight in the county, having recently been completely restored. The old six were by Rudhall, and two new trebles have been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the whole of the work most successfully. The old six still have their cannons, and have been very nicely retuned, but not on Simpson lines. The two trebles were cast to match the old six as near as possible. Ringers interested should make a point of visiting Much Wenlock and compare this ring of eight with some of the modern eights, weight for weight.

The bells were kept going in the four standard methods with rounds and set changes for learners. The Rev. J. W. Isherwood (Vicar) very willingly gave permission for a peal to be attempted on Wednesday, June 3rd, for the King's birthday. If successful, this will be the first peal rung at Much Wenlock, which is the second oldest borough in England.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed to all concerned for making arrangements for such a record meeting. The ringers also expressed a wish that the Rev. J. M. Wale would convey to Alderman T. Cooke, the donor of the trebles, and who had also borne the whole cost of the bells' restoration, etc., their gratitude and thanks for such a handsome gift, making another glorious peal of eight in the county of Shropshire and the Hereford Diocese. Wonderful restoration work has been carried out to the grand old twelfth-century tower. An eighteenth-century spire had been erected on the tower. Expert advice was sought, and it was found absolutely necessary to do away with the spire to save the tower. The whole work has been most successfully carried out, and an improved louvre roof added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The acoustic result is wonderful in the immediate vicinity of the church. The bells have now a very soft effect. There is room for improvement in the ringing chamber, as the lowering of the bells in the tower has rather increased the noise in the ringing room. Mr. J. P. Fidler explained how this could be easily and cheaply improved by felting the floors above.

**ENTHRONEMENT OF A NEW BISHOP.
IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT GLASGOW.**

Pictureque and impressive ceremonial marked the consecration and enthronement in the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Glasgow, of the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, Archdeacon of Sheffield, as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.

All the Scottish Bishops took part in the solemn service of consecration, which was conducted by the Primus of the Church, the Most Rev. W. J. F. Robbards, D.D., and they were assisted by the Right Rev. L. H. Burrows, D.D., Bishop of Sheffield.

The enthronement of Bishop Darbyshire took place in the evening, when he was inducted into all the rights and privileges of the Cathedral by the Very Rev. A. G. Seymour, Provost of the Cathedral.

Every seat in the Cathedral was occupied, and large crowds gathered outside the building to watch the picturesque processions of the Bishops and clergy, who had come together to welcome Bishop Darbyshire to his new diocese.

It is pleasant to record that the bells played their proper part in the proceedings, especially in a city where there has been so little ringing in the past, and in which the only peal of bells hung for ringing has until recently been for so many years silent.

The Cathedral bells were rung both before and after the consecration service by the young band which has recently been formed there, and prior to the enthronement service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins. by the following: J. Adam (Edinburgh) 1, Stephen H. Wood (Glasgow) 2, H. Mann (Edinburgh) 3, R. F. G. Thom (Paisley) 4, W. C. G. Jinks (Edinburgh) 5, A. E. Wrecks (Paisley) 6, W. C. S. Heathcote (Edinburgh) 7, J. Marshall (Edinburgh) 8. Conducted by Stephen H. Wood and believed to be the first quarter-peal on the bells.

FAREWELL TO LADY RINGER.

At Harrow Weald, on May 31st, 1,440 Bob Minor for evensong: F. Wilcox 1, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 2, Miss Freda Clayton 3, Miss Elsie K. Fulton 4, H. O. Holmes 5, W. Horrod 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Freda Clayton, who is leaving the district to take up hospital work at Margate.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**NEW RINGING MASTER APPOINTED.**

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Hope, near Caergrwle, on Whit Monday, there being about thirty members present, representing Portmadoc, Llandudno, Wrexham, Rhyl, Gresford, Buckley, and the local band. A most enjoyable service was conducted by the curate, who extended a hearty welcome to the members.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar of Tryddyn, who, although not having a peal of bells in his own church, takes a keen interest in the work of the association.

The president officers were re-elected, with one exception, namely, that Mr. A. E. Pegler, Bangor, was elected Ringing Master in place of Mr. W. Jones, Wrexham, who expressed his regret at having to resign.

The following new ringing members were elected: Mr. S. Randler, Gresford; Mr. J. Hapgood and Mr. A. Hapgood, Rhyl; Mr. E. Millington, Wrexham; and Mr. Goodwin, Flint.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Buckley and the annual meeting at Llandudno.

Sympathy was expressed with the Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones (president of the association) and the Rector of Hope, who were unable to be present at the meeting owing to indisposition.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. Williams for presiding at the meeting, also the curate for the service and his address, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and their helpers for arranging such a splendid tea.

The tower was afterwards visited, and some good practice was obtained in various methods.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

On June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ashford Parish Church, Kent: E. S. Ruck 1, H. C. Castle 2, W. Nicholls 3, J. Parsons 4, G. Swaffer 5, P. Page 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, T. Tahrett 8.

His Majesty's birthday was celebrated at St. Mary's, Lewisham, with two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, one begun at 6 a.m. This was rung by H. Warnett (conductor) 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Goodwin 8. The other quarter-peal was rung in the evening by: H. Warnett 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. James 3, A. E. Darvell 4, W. W. Fox 5, J. Bennett (conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, C. Manton 8.

At Tattenhall, Cheshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, in honour of the 66th birthday of His Majesty the King, 120 each of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and 'Grandma' Doubles: G. Jones 1, R. Sperring 2, J. W. Clarke 3, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 4, J. Morgan 5, A. E. Richards 6. Also a touch of London Surprise Minor, being the first in the method on the bells.

At Loughton, Essex, on June 3rd, in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Rann, jun., 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, P. S. J. Thorpe 6, G. Carter 7, W. Clark 8. This was also the 43rd anniversary of the weddings of E. A. Bacon and J. Rann, sen., and the 14th of J. Rann, jun.

At Croydon, Surrey, on Wednesday, June 3rd, in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 50 mins.: H. J. Skelt 1, J. E. Cooper 2, A. W. Clark 3, R. Davies 4, H. G. Pratt 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, A. J. Cawley 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of the 5th, 6th and 7th. All the band are regular service ringers at the above church.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 17th, before evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Holfield 1, H. C. White 2, G. Holfield 3, H. J. Balcombe 4, R. G. Rice 5, C. G. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holfield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, C. G. White, jun., 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, E. H. King 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, E. A. Hull 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

NEWBURY, BUCKS.—For evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. J. Whittle 1, C. Poole 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, H. T. E. Curtis (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 4, E. W. Smith 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. Arranged for Miss Robinson, of Wokingham.

LATE NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 1/- per head for those who advise Mrs. Leece, Crow Tree Farm, Melling, via Carnforth, before June 17th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on June 30th, St. Magnus' on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at Holt's Cafe at 5 p.m. A good company is requested. Entries for Shield Contest held at Crofton on July 4th should reach me not later than Saturday, June 20th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The dedication of the two new bells at Isleworth, by the Bishop of Kensington, will take place on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 3.30. It is hoped that members and all ringing friends from other societies will endeavour to be present on this auspicious occasion. A hearty welcome to all.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec. to the Bell Fund, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church and dedication of peal board at 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) at the Railway Hotel at 5.15. Towers open for ringers during the afternoon and evening: Southminster (6), Tillingham (6) and Bradwell-on-Lea (5). Will members please turn up in good numbers and help to make this meeting a success?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — The next meeting will take place at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., followed by a short service. Tea and meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed. I trust this meeting will be as well attended as it was last year.—C. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Hillock Villa, Aylesbury Road, Tring.

THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING of the Societies in the Southern Area of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 1 o'clock. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at a moderate charge. Buses leave Gas Works Offices, Frederick Street, Rotherham, every 35 minutes from 2.20 p.m. and every 15 minutes after 5.30 p.m.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Hallaton on Saturday, June 13th. The fine peal of 6 bells will be available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. A bus can be arranged if I have sufficient names in by same date as tea. Please turn up and make it a good meeting.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, June 13th. 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 at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available 3.45. Tea provided. All ringers are welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, June 13th (not the 20th, as previously arranged). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Please see that this meeting is well attended. — John Leach, Hon. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Granborough on Saturday, June 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. Bells available: Granborough (5), North Marston (6). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gilbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — The annual festival will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Wicken, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will dedicate the bells. 11.30 a.m.: Service and dedication of the bells. 1 p.m.: Lunch (2s. to members of the branch, 2s. 6d. to other ringers). 5 p.m.: Tea (no charge to members of the branch; 1s. to other ringers).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Crondall on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Castle Inn, 5 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Burghclere, Saturday, June 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Highclere Station half a mile from church.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, June 13th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available from 2.30 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barton St. David on Saturday, June 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — The meeting advised in 'The Ringing World' last week to be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, June 13th, has been cancelled, owing to the tower receiving damage in the earthquake on Sunday morning last.—D. Clarke, St. Neots.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th, at Thaxted. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Old Glossop, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready any time after 2 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Bus leaves front of Woolworth's, Piccadilly, every half-hour. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. By kind permission of the Rector, the Rectory garden will be open to ringers during the afternoon. Numbers for tea without fail before June 15th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting, Lloyd's Café, at 5. Please send word by Tuesday, 16th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 17th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Harborne on Saturday, June 20th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 16th?—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The meeting at Capenhurst (6 bells) will be held at Saturday, June 20th (not June 6th). Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please let me know?—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3.30. Tea (in vicinity) 5. Business and ringing after. A good attendance requested.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Yelvertoft on Saturday, June 20th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

LYDNEY RINGERS' SALMON SUPPER. — The above supper will take place on Saturday, June 20th, at 6.15 p.m. sharp; Swan Hotel, Lydney. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Bells (8) open from 2.30 p.m. Ringers who intend to be present at supper must let me know certain on Tuesday, June 16th, so that arrangement can be made for them. — Oliver Thomas, Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 20th. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please let me know as early as possible?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathersage on Saturday, June 20th (Church of St. Michael). Six bells (tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea free to those only who notify Mr. H. Newbury, Cannonfields, Hathersage, not later than June 19th. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea on the lawn at 5 p.m., at 1s. each, for those who notify me by the previous Thursday. All ringers welcome.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. W. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, June 17th, for tea. A bus will start from Newbury Wharf at 2.45 p.m. Please notify me by June 18th for bus service.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Green-hirst Hey, Todmorden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston on Saturday, June 20th (6 bells). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know on or before the 17th inst.?—R. D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

A JOINT MEETING of the Chesterfield District of the M.C.A. and the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held at Morton on Saturday, June 20th. Will those members requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Knowles, Main Road, Morton, near Alfreton, before Thursday, June 18th? Will members please note that subscriptions are now due?—J. P. Tarlton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. —The next meeting will be held at Lydd on June 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The hon. secretary hopes that members will make a special effort to attend this meeting, and a card for tea would help.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Ten-terden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Fylde Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. —C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Swinderby (5), Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to follow. Notify Mr. J. Tickle, Rosebank, Rupert Road, Huyton, by Wednesday, June 17th. A really good attendance is requested. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Tea Room at 6.30. Nomination of committee man. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea only to all who notify Mr. J. Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Road, Bury, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

WHETHER you hike or cyke, train or plane, you will be welcome on July 2nd at Aldenham. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at Village Club 5.30. Nearest stations: Bushey and Radlett. Buses to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. —The general quarterly meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, July 4th. Full details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD. —The annual general meet-ing will be held at Leicester on Saturday, July 4th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

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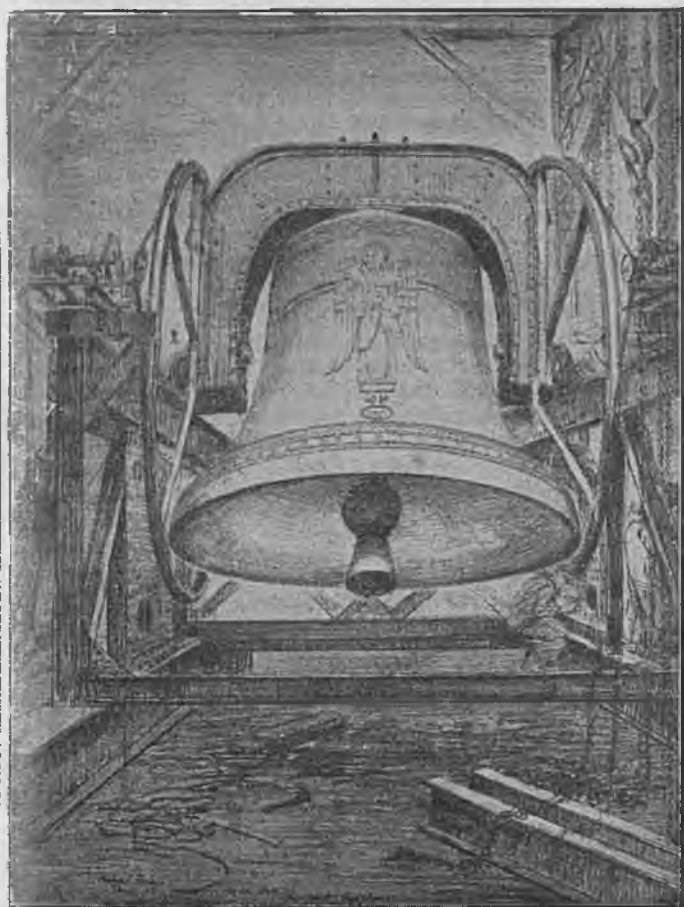
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Probably one of the strangest texts from which a sermon to ringers has ever been preached was that upon which the honorary secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild addressed the members on Saturday, but, unusual as it was, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella drew from it some very pointed lessons applicable to ringers. It was the basis of a sermon in striking contrast to the sort of thing to which ringers are so often compelled to listen when they attend a ringers' service—a sermon which those who have striven to keep a company, and particularly a Sunday service band, together will applaud. The 'bats,' the 'birds' and the 'cats' of the belfry are types which are frequently met with—the ringer who is half-hearted and neither one thing nor the other; the ringer who flits from tower to tower if he thinks he may gain some personal advantage; the ringer who, by his lack of tact or by objectionable manners drives others away. It is not often that these are so frankly described as they were by Mr. Trehwella, and if any there be who feel a pricking of conscience when they think over the preacher's application of his text, let them take to heart the lessons and resolve in future to think more of the ringing and its main object; more of their fellow ringers and less of self; more of the feelings and susceptibilities of others and less of their own importance.

Only a preacher closely acquainted with the difficulties of the belfry could have delivered this sermon, and coming from such a one it will have a great deal more weight and influence than the platitudes which frequently fall from the pulpit wherever ringers are gathered for a service. Incidentally, it would be well if preachers would realise that the subject of churchgoing among ringers has been flogged to death; that ringers have grown somewhat tired of hearing a rehash of the history of the church bell, as outlined in the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' and similar works—but that by the way. When they attend their association services ringers appreciate something off this well beaten track and real home truths, however unpleasantly they may strike some people, come as a welcome and refreshing breeze to those whose work has been constantly hampered by the 'bats,' the 'birds' and the 'cats.' Ringing without team work is almost, if not quite, impossible; and team work is out of the question where men cannot be depended on in attendance, in effort, or in demeanour. The Secretary of the Truro Guild's apt application of his text is one which ought to be taken to heart by ringers everywhere, and if it leads to a greater appreciation, among the classes to which he referred, of the duties which they owe to the church and to the other members of their particular towers, his sermon will certainly not have been preached in vain.

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ALFRED H. PULLING 2	RAYMOND OVERY 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	JOHN H. B. HEFSE 8
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* MRS. K. PATTENDEN ... Treble	ALBERT RELFE 6
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 7
MRS. H. BAKER 3	CYRIL W. A. BROWN ... 8
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	WILLIAM BUTTON 9
HARRY BAKER 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* First peal of Royal and first attempt. First peal of Bob Royal by all except ringers of 2 and 7. First touch of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*W. G. W. WARREN (Oriol) Treble	*R. EMLYN HAVARD (Keble) 5
*WILFRED THOMAS (Lincoln) 2	*Rev. J. F. RUSSELL (Pem.) 6
JOHN B. HOWES (Keble) ... 3	H. MILES (St. Catherine's) 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR (Merion) 4	†C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble) Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. All the above are at the present time active members of the Oxford University Society. In this tower, on February 2nd, 1882, was rung the first University peal by the Oxford University Society.

KINVER, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*THOMAS FIELD ... Treble	†HARRY BOSWELL ... 5
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 6
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON ... 4	JAMES SHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ Seventy-fifth peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	†HENRY TOOKE ... 6
*F. W. CECIL CURTIS ... 3	GEORGE H. MOORE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WALTER R. FARROW ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First 'inside.' † First in method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5264 CHANGES

Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD FINDLAY ... Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
HERBERT MARKWELL ... 2	*ALBERT RELFE ... 6
WILLIAM LATTER ... 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... 7
ALEX RICHARDSON ... 4	†CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 50th peal of Major. † 250th peal. Mr. Richardson has now completed the 'circle.' A birthday peal for Mrs. Richardson. This composition (No. 37) has the 6th 23 times wrong and 24 times right, and is now rung for the first time.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	JAMES POWELL ... 5
*ARCHIE STEVENSON ... 2	HAROLD WANT ... 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 7
*ALBERT E. BEANEY ... 4	FRANK CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* Birthday peal. Ringer of 4th is aged 21. The treble man is 75.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON ... Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... 6
JOHN CLARK ... 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 7
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... Treble	ALFRED W. FROST ... 5
ERNEST GARSIDE ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
JACK TIPPER ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
THOMAS JONES ... 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Stockport and Bowden Branch.

CHADDESLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSION,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	JOSEPH H. COX ... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 3	JOHN BASS ... 7
*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY, N.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GRAINGER ... Treble	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4	†HAROLD W. W. GANE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MAURICE N. HAINES ... Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 3	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	*LEONARD A. HARPER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble was proposed a life member of the association. Rung on the eve of the 92nd birthday of Lord Halifax, wishing him 'God-speed' in his pious work for the reunion of Christendom, 'that they may be one.'

ROCK FERRY, BIRKENHEAD.—A 720 of Kent and Oxford Spliced Treble Bob Minor was rung on Thursday, April 30th: G. Battle 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, W. Battle 3, F. Banton 4, W. Dean 5, I. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent and Oxford Spliced by the ringer of the third, and rung at the first attempt.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	CECIL NICE 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SYDNEY T. HOLT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	*CYRIL TANSELL 6
HECTOR G. BIRD 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. First peal of London on the bells.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY Treble	RICHARD LONGDEN 5
NORMAN HEAPS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
JOHN POTTER 3	CHRIS GUDGEON 7
JOSEPH SLATER 4	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by CHRIS GUDGEON.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret, Lee, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE H. DAYNES Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	HAROLD BRASHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal by the ringer of the tenor, who was re-elected a member of the above association prior to commencement.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
*CYRIL BARBER 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John, Longton,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

PHILIP KELSALL Treble	FREDERICK CRAWLEY 5
WILLIAM P. DEANE 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
ARTHUR W. HALL 3	THOMAS HURD 7
HENRY CARNWELL 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by T. HORD.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Wade and also in honour of his having recently completed forty years' service as ringer at the above church. It is also Mr. Page's 80th peal and Mr. Hurd's first peal of Major as conductor.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt. in C.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGEWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
WALTER ARNOLD 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ridgewell, of Earls Colne, who kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to Frank Claydon.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
*A. OLIVER LEWIS 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' W. Short's 800th peal and S. T. Holt's 250th.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
*WILLIAM J. CROSS Treble	HARRY PAGE 5
†JOSEPH LOVETT 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
*E. GEORGE PALMER 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
WALTER J. NURTON 4	GEORGE WINES Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung after meeting short for Erin Triples owing to one of the band being ill. Mr. W. J. Nulton kindly took the spare rope at the last minute. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and tenor are from Pentre, the rest local.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	†WILFRED EDWARDS 6
*FRANK BUCKLAND 3	THOMAS J. FOWLER 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	†HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE	Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
FREDERICK J. SMITH	2	GEORGE WILSON	6
*MISS KITTY WILLERS	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	JAMES M. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to J. G. Rumsey. J. G. Rumsey and J. M. Bailey have now completed the circle in this tower.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JACK M. CRIPPS	Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	CECIL NICE	6
KRITH HART	3	ALFRED J. BULL	7
ROBERT SWIFT	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.	Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL	5
ALBERT E. LOCK	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	3	RICHARD WHITE	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	FRED WHITE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL THOMPSON	Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4
*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON	2	HAROLD V. COOPER	5
WILLIAM H. COOPER	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Bass.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 complete six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

ERNEST H. BAGWORTH	Treble	GEORGE HOLICK	3
*FRANK JOHNSON	2	*EDWARD BOSWELL	4

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal. Rung for the birthday of H.M. King George V.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR LARGE	Treble	CLARENCE R. STEED	4
WALTER LARGE	2	HORACE LL. TERRY	5
PHILIP G. TERRY	3	FREDERICK KINCHIN	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

Rung to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the birth of Mr. Walter Large, who has been a ringer for nearly sixty years.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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 23 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
CYRIL TANSSELL	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LEWIS.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

ARLESEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings.

*KENNETH F. A. JORDAN	Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN	4
HERBERT L. HARLOW	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	5
†JOHN TAYLOR	3	*HERBERT V. STREET	Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-one of A. J. Pitman's 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 gr. 8 lb.

*ALFRED JOHN	Treble	WALTER J. NURTON	4
†CHARLES H. PERRY	2	ERNEST STITCH	5
MISS LUCY THOMAS	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member before the peal. † First of Doubles.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY HOWARD	Treble	ROBERT HOWARD	4
WALTER MANSFIELD	2	SIDNEY CARTER	5
WILLIAM TACK	3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

OXFORD.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thursday, June 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SYDNEY TAYLOR (Merton)	Treble	*W. G. W. WARREN (Oriol)	4
†FREDK. DICKINSON (Merton)	2	*C. ELLIOT WIGG (Kemble)	5
*WILFRED THOMAS (Lincoln)	3	JOHN B. HOWES (Kemble)	Tenor

Conducted by J. B. HOWES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. The first peal rung by junior members of the University.

BOTUS FLEMING, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 gr. in G.

*H. J. JEFFERNEY CLARKE	Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY	4
*HOWARD MILES-BROWN	2	†SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY	5
†ALLEN WEATHERLY	3	*W. FRANCIS OATWAY	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. H. J. J. Clarke was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN ROSE Treble	*C. BERT CHESTER 4
*WALTER TOMLINSON 2	*WILLIAM BETTLES 5
ROBERT H. HORST 3	HERBERT LOWMAN Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LOWMAN.

* First peal in six methods. First peal in six methods as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter-at-Gowls' Church, Lincoln, the ringer of the 2nd being an ex-Tibshelf member.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. EVEREST Treble	CHARLES W. CLINCH 4
†GEORGE EDWARDS 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
JOHN O. WELLER 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor and rung at first attempt. † First peal of Minor 'inside' and first attempt. E. H. Everest and G. Edwards were elected members before the peal.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

STANLEY JOYNER Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 4
HUBERT SCRIVENS 2	TOM PRICE 5
FRANK COLE 3	*EPHRAIM HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal.

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

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One 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.

*VICTOR NEAL Treble	JOHN NEAL 4
*DENNIS A. RAXTER 2	WALTER H. RAXTER 5
†MICHAEL A. MATTHEWS 3	HUBERT SPARKS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. All the above ringers are members of the St. Mary de Wyche Ringers' Guild, Wychbold. It is the first peal on record by a band consisting entirely of members of that Guild.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, June 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
 AT NO. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WM. J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WM. H. BARBER 3-4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7-8
ADAM DRAS 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band except the conductor.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE BATS, BIRDS AND CATS OF THE BELFRY.

A splendidly attended meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Manaccan on Saturday, in connection with the Penzance District. There were present Dr. J. Symons (president), Major C. F. Jerram (Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trowhella (secretary), and ringers from St. Keverne, Zennor, Illogan, Ludgvan, Gulval, Helston, Phillack and Truro Cathedral, as well as the local ringers of Manaccan and St. Anthony, the total number present being about ninety. The livings of these two parishes are held jointly by the Rev. E. Ormerod, M.A., and each church contains six bells cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The six at Manaccan (tenor 8 cwt.) were cast in 1902, and were at first only hung for chiming, but in 1912 the present Vicar had them hung for ringing, when they were tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle. Incidentally, these were the first ringing peal that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston tuned on this system. St. Anthony's Church, about 1½ miles distant, is situated on the edge of Gillan Creek. The tenor of the six bells is 12 cwt., and they are a beautiful ring, which were hung in 1924. Needless to say, during the afternoon and evening there was plenty of ringing, and the bells were made full use of. It is through the enthusiasm of the present Vicar that these two rings were provided.

The usual service was held and was conducted by the diocesan secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trowhella, who based his address on Baruch vi. 22, 'Upon their bodies and heads sit bats, swallows and birds, and the cats also.' The preacher said his text was no doubt strange, and was taken from one of the books of the Apocrypha. It referred to the things which came and sat upon the idols. He compared some ringers with bats, swallows, birds and cats. The bats—of the belfry—were neither one thing nor the other, and were half-hearted, the bat being neither mouse nor bird. The swallows were birds which were with us for a season and soon departed. There were ringers who often depleted a band, for instance, during the summer, through the call of a motor-bike, tennis, bathing and even through courting. Then the birds—those ringers who were never satisfied. As birds move from place to place, so some ringers go from tower to tower. But when the cats come and sit on the idols, everything else flies away. Was it not true that when certain bells were silent one would ask, 'Why are the bells not ringing?' and the answer was, 'Because so-and-so has come; they don't get on.' All these things were true.

It was a splendid address, and very much to the point.

A bountiful tea was provided, and on the proposition of Dr. J. Symons, seconded by Major Jerram, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and lady helpers.

A business meeting followed, and Mr. W. Wood was elected district secretary and Mr. A. Hitchens (Ludgvan) chairman for the ensuing year. Ludgvan was selected for the next meeting on September 26th, with Gulval (eight bells) tower also open.

After the branch meeting, a general meeting was held, when it was decided to forward £5 5s. to the Stedman Perpetual Fund.

As two vacancies for vice-presidents had occurred, Major Jerram proposed that the Rev. R. Hocking (Pillaton) and Mr. W. H. Southard (Truro) be elected to fill the vacancies, and this was carried.

Mr. W. Wood, the smiling secretary of the branch, is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid gathering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints' Church, West Lavington, on Saturday, June 6th. The weather was fine, and there was a very good gathering when ringing commenced at 3 p.m. This was the first branch meeting to be held at West Lavington since the repairs to the tower and the rehanging of the bells have been completed. The ringers were delighted with the 'go' of the peal, which are a musical ring of six with a tenor about 13 cwt. The Vicar, the Rev. P. Sexty, conducted the Guild service at 4.40, and gave a short address of welcome to the branch. Tea, in the school, was followed by the usual business meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. E. F. White, vice-chairman (as Mr. Heginbotham was away on holiday). The Rev. P. Sexty was elected an associate member of the Guild.

It was announced that arrangements had been made with Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, for the 'second' of the branch 'lectures' on ringing to be given at the half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who had so kindly prepared the tea, brought the meeting to a close.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, Bishops Cannings, Market Lavington, Potterne, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham and Warminster.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and, on the return journey, ringers from Devizes and Melksham visited Urchfont tower and rang a touch of 480 Grandsire Triples.

DEATH OF VETERAN M.C.A. RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas A. Meredith, of Barton-under-Needwood, at the age of 72. He died after only a few days' illness from heart failure following bronchitis. He was for about thirty years a postman at Barton, and in the earlier part of his life he used to walk to Alrewas every day carrying the mail. He retired about seven years ago.

The deceased was also a well-known change ringer in the district, and was captain of the local band. He was highly respected in the village, and will be greatly missed. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

Mr. Meredith's membership certificate to the M.C.A. dates back to 1884. He had rung 26 peals for the M.C.A., the last being on the occasion of the reopening of the bells at Barton-under-Needwood after being rehung on May 21st, 1930.

He was buried in Greenhill Churchyard, Lichfield, amongst the bells he used to ring as a boy of eight or nine, the funeral service being conducted by the Vicar of Barton-under-Needwood (Rev. W. Quibell).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Rudgwick on Saturday, May 30th. Although a difficult place to get at, and only a six-bell tower, quite a good number were present, the following towers being represented: Heene, Horsham, Kirdford, Billingshurst, Itchingfield, Slinfold, Pulborough, Warnham, Wisborough Green, Woking, and members of the local band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Wynn).

Tea was partaken of at the local inn, where between 20 and 30 put in an appearance, although only about a dozen had notified their intention of being present.

A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar presiding, the following new members being elected: J. Tansom (Heene), W. Holden (Billingshurst), Norman Hedger (Rudgwick), C. Stevenson (Itchingfield), and Norman Harding as a non-resident member. The question of the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed to support the fund.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, for his address and for presiding at the meeting, and the members wish to thank Mr. S. D. Secretan (churchwarden) for contributing towards the cost of the tea. The belfry was again visited and the bells kept going to rounds and plain courses for the young members, and Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor for others.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' JOINT MEETING.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the area of the Southern Division of the Yorks Association was held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, when members were present from Sheffield Cathedral, Ranmoor, Ecclesfield, Wortley, Conisborough, Arksey, Rotherham, Eastwood, Handsforth and Killamarsh.

Tea was served in the Village Institute, and the business meeting of the Southern District was held in the same place, Mr. G. Lewis, vice-president, being in the chair. An apology for non-attendance from Mr. Halksworth (Ringing Master) was received. Owing to illness, the Rector was prevented from joining the ringers, and a vote of sympathy with him was passed, and hopes entertained for his speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bolsterstone in September, if the necessary permission can be obtained.

Eight new members were elected, viz., Mr. E. C. Kettell, of Rotherham, and Messrs. A. G. Measures, J. Harvey, E. Williams, L. Parkin, G. Lee, J. Coad and A. Coad, of St. Stephen's, Eastwood.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens and to the local company for the excellent arrangements made were heartily carried, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting.

WESTERN DIVISION AT EAST ARDSLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at East Ardsley on Saturday last, when members from the following towers were present: Birstall, Leeds, Pudsey, Armley, Queensbury, Keighley, Ripon, Bradford, Holbeck, Headingley, Far Headingley, Batley, Rothwell, Earlsheaton, Shipley, Drighlington, Denholme and the local company. During the afternoon the bells of St. Michael's were rung to Plain Bob. Treble Bob and Stedman. Tea was served in the schools, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. J. Broadley (Ringing Master) was in the chair. Seven new members were elected: W. L. Toogood, A. Teale, W. Burgess, R. Clark, W. Draper (Holbeck), G. Bromley (Birstall), W. Jackson (St. Chad's). The place of the next meeting was discussed, and it was decided to endeavour to arrange a joint meeting with the Northern District at Knaresborough. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse.—Canon Young in responding said he had been waiting two and a half years for the association to hold a meeting there, and he would be very grateful for any help that could be given to the band at East Ardsley.—A vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent tea provided was also passed.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The pilgrimage to Menin Gate is maturing well. Twenty-four ringers are pledged to go to Belgium on Saturday, August 1st. They will leave Victoria, London, by the Dover boat train at 11.30 a.m., and should be 'over there' by 6 p.m. The burgomaster of Ypres has given permission for the handbell service at Menin Gate on Monday, August 3rd, and Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C., will be chaplain.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who is as skilful with a rifle as he is with a bell rope, has just won the Donegal badge at Bisley which qualifies him to compete for the famous Donegal Cup at the forthcoming rifle meeting at Bisley.

Mr. William Short, one of the best known ringers in the Midlands, rang his 800th peal on Saturday. For some years he has been living in Worcestershire, and his activities have been largely confined to that county. His 800 peals have, however, been spread over 22 counties in England, Ireland and Wales, and one was rung on the sea. The peals have been rung in 197 towers, and 389 of them have been rung in 50 towers in Worcestershire, where he has conducted 135 in 36 towers. Altogether he has conducted 319 peals in 132 towers.

The Rev. Noel E. Hope, of Hastings, has been ordained priest.

The death watch beetle has been discovered in Saffron Walden Church and has attacked one of the main supporting beams of the bell frame. It has been thought advisable to put in steel girders to take the weight from this beam, and Saffron Walden's annual 'Great Ringing Day' is postponed until the work is completed.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are restoring the bells at Stratton St. Margaret, near Swindon, and adding two trebles to complete the octave. They are also rehanging and augmenting to five the three bells at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.

Last Saturday, two treble bells, added to the existing ring of eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated at Isleworth, Middlesex, by the Bishop of Kensington. They make an excellent ring of ten. A report of the opening will appear in our next issue.

It is interesting to find a peal recorded by the Oxford University Society, who on May 30th rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Draxton, where in 1882 the society scored the first University peal, also Stedman Triples.

ASSOCIATIONS' FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the enquiry in last week's 'Ringing World,' may I present a few figures to your correspondent. If an association has, say, £200 invested at 5 per cent., thus bringing in £10 per annum, it can, in the course of thirty years, spend £300, and still have the £200 invested. This is surely more prudent than spending the £200 capital in a short period.

Take, for instance, the Sussex County Benevolent Fund for 1929. The income to this fund was £3 5s. 9d., but as interest on War stock was £2 12s. 7d., grants totalling £6 6s. were made, and the balance on hand reduced by 7s. 8d. only. In 1930, the Middlesex County Association (North-East District) balance sheet shows a donation to the Isleworth bell fund of £5, but here, again, interest on War stock brings in £3 13s. 8d., and on treasurer's account 6s. 5d., so with satisfactory subscriptions the balance remaining is increased by 13s. 9d., but had there been no capital from which interest could accrue, it would have decreased by £3 6s. 4d., or the grant not made at all. Now refer to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild treasurer's balance sheet, 1929. With no special items of expenditure and no interest on capital, the balance decreases by 3s. 7d. There is a special purposes fund of £23 16s., but as this is probably earmarked already for a Guild certificate, there appears to be little funds to raid here for bell restoration work and propaganda as suggested.

Apart from being good finance, however, I think a good bank balance commands respect for any kind of society, and this is particularly necessary to ringing associations, who must have the moral support of Church authorities when any criticism of ringing activities comes from the public.

I write this, not as an experienced official, but merely as one of the many who, although holding no office whatever, either in tower or association, take an appreciative interest in the work done by our honorary officers.—Yours faithfully,

Shoreham-by-Sea.

JACK M. CRIPPS.

EAST HERTS MEETING AT BENINGTON.

The spring meeting on June 6th, at Benington, was again well attended, and much enjoyed by all. The old-world village was at its best in the lovely spring sunshine, with the historical church amidst the leafy elm trees that have cast their shadows around for many a year, whilst the old bells have sent out their music for generations. London Surprise was rung here for service 60 years ago.

The Rector kindly provided tea and extended a warm welcome to the ringers, with an invitation for another year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his generosity.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

WITHIN SIGHT OF THE GOAL.

The third list of subscriptions to the fund for commemorating the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, by restoring the bells at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, where Stedman learned to ring and first introduced method ringing as we know it to-day, is published below. The total has now reached £335, so that the goal at which we aimed is now within sight. It has to be remembered, however, that £350 was only a tentative figure and it may be that more will be wanted. In any case, apart from the actual restoration of the bells, a commemorative tablet, worthy of the event, and incidental expenses, such as faculty fees, have to be provided. There is therefore still room for all who desire to be associated with this national memorial, whether as individuals or as bands, to have their share in the scheme, and contributions should be sent at once to

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

All subscriptions will be acknowledged in these columns. The Hon. Treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THIRD LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	274	18	6
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Northern Branch	10	10	0
Truro Diocesan Guild	5	5	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild, North Bucks Branch	3	3	0
Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Southern Branch	3	3	0
Dudley and District Guild	2	2	0
Romney Marsh and District Guild	2	2	0
Surrey Association, North-Western Branch	1	11	6
Society of Sherwood Youths, Nottingham	1	1	0
Halifax and District Association	1	1	0
Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Peterborough Branch	1	1	0
East Grinstead and District Guild	1	1	0
St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Society, Edinburgh	2	2	0
Ringers of Farnham, Surrey	1	15	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex	1	5	0
St. Laurence's tower, Reading	1	1	0
Dunmow Parish Church ringers	1	1	0
Ringers of Ottershaw, Surrey	12	0	0
Ringers of St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs	10	0	0
Tring Parish Church ringers	5	0	0
Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Loughborough	5	5	0
Mr. F. White, Cranbrook, Kent	2	2	0
Mr. G. Warren Sturgis and his two sons, Groton, U.S.A.	2	0	0
Mr. C. Slingsby's 94th birthday party	2	0	0
Mr. E. Bishop, Swindon (second donation, making £2 2s. in all)	1	1	0
Rev. W. C. Pearson, Henley, Suffolk	1	1	0
Capt. and Mrs. Linter, C.A., Bath	1	1	0
Mr. S. H. Wood, Glasgow	1	0	0
Mr. G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans	10	6	0
Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs.	10	6	0
Mr. W. Knight, Bristol	10	6	0
Mr. W. Pole Routh, Reading	10	0	0
Mr. F. C. Turner, Newmarket, Suffolk	10	0	0
Mr. F. Horace E. Stubbs, Loughborough	5	0	0
Mr. E. P. Duffield, Lexden, Essex	5	0	0
Mrs. P. Humphrey, Folkingham, Lincs.	5	0	0
Miss F. Humphrey, Folkingham, Lincs.	5	0	0
Mr. W. Lincoln, Chelmsford	5	0	0
Mr. C. T. Coles, Highams Park, E.4	5	0	0
Mr. B. W. Pettitt, Sible Hedingham, Essex	2	6	0
Mr. J. S. Hutchby, Loughborough	2	6	0
Mr. G. W. Steere, Sutton, Surrey	2	6	0
Mr. W. G. Oakley, Badgeworth, near Cheltenham	2	6	0
Mr. C. E. Smith, Godalming, Surrey	2	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. G. Allen, Frindsbury, Kent	2	0	0
Total	£335	15	6

FABIAN STEDMAN'S CAREER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is long since I trespassed on the attention of the Exercise, but if you are kindly disposed to allow me the privilege, I should like to offer some observations on Stedman's career as it seems to me. I still think, as I did when a contribution of mine appeared in 'The Bell News' of November 7th, 1903, that Fabian Stedman, the ringer, was the same person as Fabian Stedman who made his will on October 17th, 1713, and was shortly afterwards buried at St. Andrew Undershaf, in the City of London. The will appears to be that of an old man, of a kindly nature and in comfortable circumstances, who held an appointment in the office of the auditor of Excise.

Of course, I accept Stedman's connection with Cambridge, and Mr. Morris' discovery of the accounts of the visits to Leicester carries on that connection till 1669.

I have not said that Stedman was a civil servant. As the institution we now know as the Civil Service is not yet a hundred years old, no man in the seventeenth century could be a member of it or subject to its regulations and restrictions.

But to indicate the standing of a man who held an appointment in a Government office in Stedman's day, I said, 'He was what we should now call a civil servant.' The nature of his service to the State was the same as that now rendered by those whom we now call civil servants.

In Stedman's day each Government office worked independently. All appointments were made by patronage; that is, by nomination by the head of the office or some other highly placed personage, who nominated whom he would. There was no age limit for appointment, and men were nominated at any age. So Stedman could have obtained an appointment at any time after 1669.

There is no reason why, under these conditions, Stedman should not have obtained an appointment as well as any other man. Indeed, judging by the characteristics he displayed at Leicester, he would seem specially qualified to secure friends and backers and good introductions.

There was no age limit for retirement. The appointments were usually held for life. If, then, Stedman obtained one, we need feel no surprise that he should still be holding it at an advanced age.

The pay of these appointments was satisfactory. They were considered desirable positions to obtain, and active efforts were made to secure them. The diary of Samuel Pepys survives to show us, among other things, that in Stedman's day a conscientious and hard-working Government official could give himself a very good time and enjoy to the full his intellectual and social interests.

As the desire to settle in London was common enough among able and energetic men in the last forty years of the seventeenth century, it does not seem worth while to speculate about Stedman's probable motives. But if the chance of a comfortable Government appointment opened before him, which would free him from all financial anxiety for the rest of his life, he may well have welcomed it, especially as it would settle him at the headquarters of change ringing.

Now as to identity. It must be remembered that the identification of Fabian Stedman, the ringer, with 'Fabian Stedman of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaf, London, Gent,' who made his will in 1713, was no haphazard guess of mine or of any member of the Exercise. This identification was made by Mr. Owden Stedman, as a result of his genealogical researches. As such it is entitled to our attentive consideration, and if we are to reject it we should have some sufficient reason for doing so. What reason have we? I do not see any.

We cannot say that it was impossible for Fabian Stedman, the ringer, to live to a ripe old age. We cannot say that it was impossible, or, indeed, unlikely, that he should, after 1669, obtain an appointment in the office of the auditor of Excise, and hold it till his death. We cannot contradict Mr. Owden Stedman by such a device as the invention of a second Fabian Stedman, for whose existence we have no evidence. How long after 1669 did Fabian Stedman continue a printer at Cambridge? We don't know. If he was not in his later life connected with the office of the auditor of Excise, what was he doing? We don't know. If he was not the Fabian Stedman, who, on November 16th, 1713, was buried at St. Andrew Undershaf, in the City of London, when did he die and where was he buried? We don't know.

If we reject Mr. Owden Stedman's identification, we know nothing about Fabian Stedman after 1669 except the publication of 'Campanologia' and the Mastership of the College Youths.

If we accept Mr. Owden Stedman's identification, we have a satisfactory outline of the full career of Fabian Stedman, consistent with the customs of his time, which conflicts with nothing, so far as I am aware, that we otherwise know about him.

R. A. DANIELL.

A SUGGESTION.

Dear Sir,—As the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, will, in all probability, soon be removed from the tower, may I suggest that when they are at the foundry and have been cleaned, sandblasted and refitted, some close up photographs may be taken of them, so

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

Only a brief report was presented on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he reported last year that they had dealt with the peals of Major with the tenors purged. The reason why these had not yet been typed and placed in the library was that they were waiting for the peals of Royal and Maximus to be included, and this he hoped would be done soon.

The report was accepted on the motion of the president.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Literature and Press Committee was presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as follows:—

The outstanding literary event of the period under review is naturally the appearance of Mr. E. Morris' great book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' This treatise, the result of 25 years' labour and research, is in truth a monumental work. Nothing approaching such a complete history of our art has ever been attempted before. While on the one hand the mass of technical information brought together in such compendious form renders it an invaluable work of reference for ringers, on the other hand it abounds in such a wealth of interesting facts with reference to bells and bellringing in all parts of the world, that it cannot fail to make a wide appeal to the general public. The book has been extensively reviewed in a large number of journals. In the 'Church Times' it occupied the place of honour on 'The Editor's Table'; the 'Morning Post' and several other newspapers allocated to it a considerable amount of space. It is admirably illustrated and most attractively produced by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, and should find a place in every public library.

Both Mr. Morris and Mr. J. R. Nicholls have also contributed numerous articles, both to the religious and the secular press, including even trade journals. Special interest attaches to two valuable articles in the 'Musical Standard,' one on 'The Music Bell of Oxford,' published on August 23rd, 1930, and another on 'Musical Aspects of Changeringing,' which appeared on September 6th.

Another book of considerable value to ringers is a volume produced by Mr. H. C. Andrews, of the East Herts Archaeological Society, on John Briant, the celebrated Hertfordshire bell founder. This work is published by Messrs. Cartmel and Sons, of St. Albans, and brings to light many facts of great interest with reference to the life and work of this master craftsman.

A report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, issued last autumn, is of more doubtful value, so far as ringers are concerned. It recommends that 'in all cases where alterations to bells, bell frames or their supports are concerned... 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.' On the face of it this is a perfectly sound recommendation, but experience scarcely warrants the assumption that the supply of architects 'skilled in work of this kind' would be equal to the demand.

The broadcast of a harvest thanksgiving service from a Somerset church occupied a whole column in the Bristol 'Evening World,' in which prominence was given to the delight of an invalid parishioner on hearing the eight fine bells by wireless.

The 'Southport Visitor' had a full report last December of a lecture on 'Bells and Carillons' given by the well-known Liverpool musician, Mr. W. A. Roberts, to the Southport Organists' Association. Referring to the English practice of change ringing, the lecturer said: 'Bellringing is certainly a healthy exercise and gives pleasure to a great number of worthy ringers.' He added that he would desire it to be encouraged, though he regarded the music of a carillon as on a higher plane.

Just recently there has been evidence in more than one quarter of journalists looking upon the subject of bellringing as one likely to afford 'good copy.' In 'John Bull,' on April 25th, a full-page article appeared under the imposing headline, 'Fifty Thousand Rope-pullers'—quite an illuminating article, written with accuracy and intelligent appreciation. It was probably due to a typographical error rather than to poetic fancy that the name of a familiar method assumed the romantic form of 'Cambridge Sunrise.'

In regard to that aspect of their duties, which concerns the defence of ringers' interests, the committee have not been inactive. Some months ago an agitation was raised in a Surrey village for the discontinuance of the bell customarily tolled on the death of a parishioner. The agitators seemed to have the incumbent's sympathy. The church possesses a peal of eight bells, and a well-known change ringer, sensing the thin end of the proverbial wedge, took the wise course of applying to this committee for advice. Fortified with due information and references to ecclesiastical authority, he was able to prove, much to the surprise of the Church Council and, apparently, of the parish priest, that the suppression of this ancient use of the bell would be a direct violation of the canon law. At the same time, useful suggestions were made with a view to mitigating the cause of the complaint. A satisfactory conclusion was reached, and a dangerous movement thus nipped in the bud.

During last summer the correspondence column of the 'Daily Mirror' was the scene of one of those periodic complaints against church bells. A member of the committee took a hand in the corre-

spondence, but the editor gave the advantage of the last word to the author of the original complaint, whose concluding argument was to the effect that it is unchristian to do anything that causes annoyance to any person. This argument would tend to prove rather too much. It would, at any rate, put the Chancellor of the Exchequer, permanently out of action.

Last Christmas it was observed that, while the programmes of very many foreign stations included broadcasts of bells, the B.B.C. had no mention of bells whatever. Several members of the committee wrote to Savoy Hill calling attention to this anomaly, and a favourable reply was received.

A LIBRARY LIST.

The President proposed that the report be accepted with thanks. It was, he said, an excellent report showing what was going on. He would like to make one suggestion to the Literature Committee which had been put up to him by a Cheshire ringer. It was this, in view of the fact that tower libraries were catching on, it would be very desirable if the Central Council would take steps to publish a short bibliography of ringing books in such a form that any tower who thought they would like to start a library could see from the list which books it would be most desirable to spend their first £1 on, and the second £1, and so on. He thought it was rather a good suggestion, and perhaps the Literature Committee would undertake the work of preparing such a list.

Alderman Pritchett, in seconding the acceptance of the report, suggested that the bibliography should relate purely to ringing books, and should not include books on bells, apart from the use that could be made of them for the purpose of ringing.

The report was accepted and the suggestion adopted.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report of the Analysis Committee, which has already appeared, with the analysis tables, in 'The Ringing World.' She pointed out that there were two slight corrections to the published tables. In the peals rung by the Middlesex Association, the figure 7 was omitted by a printer's error under the heading of Cambridge Surprise Major, and in the footnote relating to the eleven-method spliced Surprise peal, Lincolnshire Surprise Major was omitted from the details of the methods rung.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded.

Mr. J. Hunt referred to the decline in peals of the ringing of such arrangements of Doubles as Morris' 240's of Grandsire. He thought it showed plainly that the views of that Council had some influence among ringers. After their discussion on the subject, there was only about one society that had rung peals in which this type of calling had been used. Another thing to which he would like to draw attention was to the so-called spliced peals, in which, say, half a peal of Bob Royal and half a peal of Grandsire Caters were rung. His view and that of hundreds of ringers in his part of the country was that that was not spliced ringing at all. He was pleased to see that these things were dropping out, and that ringers were not taking part in such performances.

Mr. Trollope said Morris' arrangement of Doubles was not discouraged by the Council, and he hoped it would not go out that it was. The figures would be included in the collection that was shortly to be published without any expression of opinion as to whether they should or should not be rung as part of a peal. When the matter was discussed at least half the Council was not in favour of discouraging them.

THE ISHAM PEAL.

Mr. A. H. Pulling asked if the Analysis Committee had included in the analysis the peal rung at Isham, in which seven Plain Minor methods were rung in 360's, repeated after a single, and brought round at the end by another single.

Mrs. Fletcher said the analysis included every peal the report of which had been published, except those which were afterwards reported false.

Mr. Pulling said had he known that before he should have brought forward a motion to exclude all peals which did not conform to the rules of the Council. This peal did not, in his opinion, conform to the rules, and he was surprised that a member of the Council should have conducted a peal of this kind. The rule definitely stated that a peal of Minor should be rung in complete 720's, and the peal at Isham was a direct challenge to the Council. It was time the Council recognised in the analysis only those peals which conformed to its rules, and next year he would give notice of a motion to this effect.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher (a member of the committee) said he thought they could say the committee endeavoured to carry out the rules of the Council. He was not aware of any rule which debarred the Isham peal from the analysis. There were certain decisions of the Council with regard to peals, but they were only decisions, and he did not think they could take them as rules.

The Rev. H. Law James said that peal came within the rules absolutely as seven 720's. Years ago, when he used to ring peals of Minor, he invariably tried to reduce the number of singles to the smallest possible, and he never called more than two in a 720. He must admit that it never occurred to him to be content with two in the whole peal; he only wished he had (laughter). What was there to be said against it? There was this: Great-grandfather never did such a thing, therefore I mustn't. What was to be said in favour

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT KINGSWINFORD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, June 6th, at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford. There was a very good muster, and the peal of eight bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar of Kingswinford (the Rev. A. H. Messiter), who also gave an interesting address, and extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Guild to his church and parish. After the service, a bountiful tea was served in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and, later, the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. John Goodman, jun., and Mr. S. J. Hughes, hon. treasurer. After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. S. J. Hughes, representative to the Central Council, gave his report on the business transacted, and was heartily thanked.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Tipton, subject to the usual permission being obtained, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Kingswinford, the Ringing Master, Mr. John Goodman, jun., being asked to make the necessary arrangements.

On the proposition of Mr. Colclough, seconded by Mr. Holloway, the secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy from the members of the Guild to the family of the late Mr. Fred Evans, of Sedgley, one of the auditors.

Mr. Hughes brought forward the circular from the editor of 'The Ringing World' regarding the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, and after a pleasant discussion it was unanimously decided to send a donation of two guineas to the fund.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, for his kindness shown in many ways, to those who had provided and served the tea, to the assistant organist (Mr. Frank Dodd), and all who had helped to make that meeting a success.

The Vicar briefly replied, and closed the meeting with prayer. Further ringing then took place and closed a very enjoyable gathering.

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of it? A great deal. In every plain method on six bells, when they called a single, four of the six stand still, and that was a hideous blot, and anything that was going to remove that was a move up and not down.

At this stage the Council adjourned for lunch, at which they were the guests of the Lancashire Association.

On resuming, the President said, whether or not peals of the kind referred to should be actively discouraged, there was nothing definitely to rule them out so far as the Analysis Committee was concerned.

Mr. P. J. Johnson asked whether the peal in question was or was not rung in complete 720's.

The President said as far as he could make out it was rung in twelve 560's, one 719 and one 1 (laughter).

Mr. Johnson said there were mathematicians who told them in regard to Doubles they could get 240 changes where they knew there were only 120, and he believed it was in the rules, or in their decisions, that a peal must consist of complete 720's, and the Council ought not to be asked to accept that report containing a peal of the description referred to. He would suggest they accept the report with the omission of that peal.

Mr. E. M. Atkins (who was the conductor of the peal in question) said it was true, in a way, to say that this peal was rung as a challenge to the Council. The reason it was rung was because it came within the terms of the Council's decision which said that a peal must contain seven true and complete 720's. The 720's might not have been continuous; nevertheless they were seven true and complete 720's. The 720's were each cut into two halves, and the two halves of each 720 were rung in the two halves of the peal.

The President said he did not think there was any rule which would bar the Analysis Committee from accepting this particular 5,040.

The report, on being put, was adopted with several dissentients.

RIGHTS TO METHOD NAMES.

Mr. E. Barnett raised the question of the title of 'Double Little Bob,' under which a peal had been included in the analysis. This method had been named Erith Little Bob. He said the committee had no right to alter the name of a method. It had always been a rule that the people who rang the first peal in a new method should have the privilege of naming it. That had been so with the Minor methods. If other people were to be allowed to alter the names, he did not know where they would stop—some people would be wanting to alter the names of the standard methods if they allowed this kind of thing to go on.

The Rev. H. Law James said the method referred to could not be Double Little Bob.

Mr. G. Cross said he published in 'The Ringing World' a letter in which he stated that the method had been properly named 'Erith Little Bob.' There had been no reply, and he thought the Analysis Committee would have put the matter right.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said they had the same difficulty in the Yorkshire Association in deciding whether a method had been properly named.

The President said these were doubtful points, which would probably right themselves, but he did not think they could discuss them that day. (To be continued.)

TRURO CATHEDRAL. COMING-OF-AGE OF THE BELLS.

Sunday, June 21st, is the 'coming-of-age' of Truro Cathedral bells—that is, the ringing peal of ten. The jubilee of the Cathedral was celebrated last year, the foundation stone having been laid on May 20th, 1880. The choir and transepts were consecrated on November 3rd, 1887, the nave on July 15th, 1903, the central tower and spire on January 22nd, 1904, and the two western towers and spires in 1910. The ring of ten bells, tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C sharp, were dedicated on June 21st, 1910, and are in the north-west tower. They were an entirely new ring, cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and were given by various donors. The legend from a canticle is inscribed on the first band of each bell, the name of the saint to which it is dedicated on the second, the date, A.D. MCMIX., and donor's name on the 'waist.' In three cases there is a special motto added.

The bells were opened by a life members' band from Plymouth and a representative band of Cornish ringers. Some of the noteworthy ringers present were the Revs. J. F. Hastings and E. V.



TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Cox, Messrs. J. R. Newman, C. H. Hattersley, B. Prewett and R. Stavert. The methods rung on that occasion were Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Bob Royal.

The small tower on the south side of the Cathedral contains the clock, with Westminster chimes, and six bells. The hour bell, cast in 1770 by Pack and Chapman, is a good bell weighing 17 cwt., and is hung for ringing. The four-chime bells were cast in 1904 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The other, cast in 1771 by Pack and Chapman, is unused.

The peals to date at Truro are as follows:—

- Boxing Day, 1910. Grandsire Caters, 3 hrs. 45 mins.
- Sept. 17th, 1926. Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3 hrs. 31 mins.
- April 27th, 1927. Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 19 mins.
- November 11th, 1927. Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 26 mins.
- May 3rd, 1929. Grandsire Caters, 3 hrs. 22 mins.
- May 29th, 1931. Grandsire Caters, 3 hrs. 22 mins.

The present Cathedral company is very keen, and is setting a lead to other bands in the county of Cornwall in change ringing. They are backed up by a Dean and Chapter ever willing to assist and encourage the furtherance of the art.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 13th, when 27 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening from Braintree, Broomfield, Great Baddow, Galleywood, Great Totham, Maldon (All Saints'), Springfield, Rettendon and the local band.

A peal board in the tower was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Williams), who also conducted a service and gave a most helpful address. The lesson was read by the Master of the association (Mr. C. H. Howard).

An enjoyable tea was served at the Railway Hotel, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master and District Master.

At the business meeting which followed it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 15th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address and for presiding at the tea. Votes of thanks were also accorded the organist for her services, and to the local band for their assistance in arranging for the meeting and tea.

The ringers afterward returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till nine o'clock.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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VI. PEAL RINGING.

If the new company were formed for the purpose of ringing peals, it was not long before they accomplished their intention.

'S. Saviour's, Southwark, April 19th, 1757. This Society of College Youths rang their first peal, which was 5,280 Changes of Bob Maximus, in 4 hrs. and 21 minutes, and was call'd by Mr. Geo. Meakins.

William Griffiths	1	Williams Lovell	7
James Coxon	2	Stephon Pickhaver	8
Edward Powell	3	Robert Mortimer	9
Geo. Meakins	4	Robert Bly	10
James Darquitt	5	John Lokis	11
Thomas Bennett	6	Joseph Monk	Tenor.

What strikes us at once is the preponderance of Eastern Scholars in this band. Meakins, Darquitt, Lovell, Bly, Lokis, and Monk were all ringing peals with that society only a short time before, and it is difficult to see how they could have become legally College Youths. Bennett, after belonging to both societies in turn, had joined the Cumberlands and rang peals with them in 1757, both before and after this peal of Maximus. Coxon (1752), Powell (1751) and Pickhaver (1749) were College Youths, and had rung in John Holt's two peals in 1752. Griffin (1749) and Mortimer (1750) were also College Youths. Coxon had been an Eastern Scholar and Pickhaver and Mortimer Union Scholars.

A month later the company rang a peal of Treble Bob at Ealing on the present ring of bells, but in the old tower. Bennett called this. During 1757 they rang six peals mostly Treble Bob Major. They began the next year with 5,280 Double Bob Maximus at Southwark, and in March of the same year they rang the first peal of Treble Twelve ever accomplished. Ten of this band had been Eastern Scholars.

Up to 1771 seventy-six peals were scored, the majority of which were conducted by George Meakins. They included, besides common methods, Plain, Double, and Reverse Bob Maximus, Reverse and Double Bob Royal, Grandsire Cinques, Double Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques; Morning Exercise Major; and College Exercise Major. There are several six thousands and one ten thousand. Bennett called a few of these peals; Monk and Roberts and John Underwood each one or two. All the while William Underwood seems to have been watching for the opportunity to supersede Meakins. Once he got his chance. In 1764-6 he called nine peals straight off (all the society rang), nearly all of them Grandsire Caters.

In 1759 we come across a peal of Grandsire Caters at Fulham, called by George Partrick with Samuel Muggeridge on the tenor. 'What the devil are they doing in this galley?' Partrick was the virtual founder of the Cumberland Society, the first master, and for many years the conductor and leading member. Samuel Muggeridge was not the afterwards famous College Youths' tenor ringer, but his father. He had belonged to the Union Scholars, and afterwards was a leading member of the Cumberlands.

Was this a friendly visit to the rival company, or does it mean that there had been trouble and dissensions among the Cumberlands? It looks like the latter. Partrick had dominated the society and called almost every peal from the start until 1757. Then his name disappears from the peal book, and we do not find it again till 1761. It was Annable's case over again.

EASTERN SCHOLARS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the last paragraph of the fourth of his most interesting articles, Mr. Armiger Trollope makes reference to 'a Society of Eastern Scholars who rang at Greenwich and neighbouring towers.' Through the kindness of the friend of a former 'set change' ringer at Greenwich Parish Church, who died many years ago, there has recently come into my possession, bearing evidence of time's ravages, but intact, the original

'Minutes of the several peals of changes rang by the Society of Eastern Scholars of Greenwich.'

I append a list of the 29 performances, which are neatly recorded, some in colour by T. Smythers, who took part in several of them. In due course I shall have pleasure in asking the Central Council's acceptance of same for preservation in the Council's library.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

Greenwich, October 11th, 1800. Maidstone Bob Major Royal, 5,760 changes.
Greenwich, January 18th, 1801. Grandsire Caters, 5,111 changes.
Greenwich, February 17th, 1801. Maidstone Royal Ten-in, 6,900 changes.
Deptford, February 1st, 1802. Oxford Treble Bob, 5,440 changes.
Greenwich, May 2nd, 1802. London Court Bob, 5,040 changes.
Hertford, June 7th, 1802. Maidstone Royal Ten-in, 5,500 changes.
Greenwich, June 22nd, 1802. Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes.
Beckenham, March 29th, 1803. Court Bob, 720 changes.
Deptford, October 28th, 1803. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Greenwich, November 20th, 1804. Bob Major, 5,568 changes.
Greenwich, November 14th, 1810. Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes.
Greenwich, December 4th, 1810. Bob Major, 5,376 changes.
Greenwich, May 15th, 1811. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Greenwich, November 1st, 1812. Grandsire Caters, 5,219 changes.
Lewisham, December 13th, 1812. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Shoreditch, January 9th, 1813. Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes.
Greenwich, January 24th, 1813. Bob Major Royal, 5,040 changes.
Greenwich, November 21st, 1813. Grandsire Caters, 5,003 changes.
Greenwich, October 8th, 1815. Grandsire Caters, 5,219 changes.
Woolwich, November 13th, 1821. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
(First peal on 'the new bells'.)
Greenwich, December 11th, 1821. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Camberwell, October 13th, 1823. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
(The 'new church'.)
Greenwich, October 21st, 1823. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Greenwich, November 12th, 1823. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Lewisham, February 5th, 1824. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Greenwich, February 18th, 1824. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Lewisham, October 13th, 1825. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Lewisham, January 26th, 1826. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
Woolwich, November 13th, 1826. Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.
The various conductors were G. Gross, E. Taylor, J. Marllon, F. Male, S. Wade, W. Herbert, G. Cole, J. Ladley, H. Symondson and C. Atkins.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins., in honour of the visit of the Rev. N. E. Hope: W. J. Ladd 1, H. D. Whyte 2, G. Lanibot 3, G. F. Tizzard 4, Rev. N. E. Hope 5, J. Wren 6, E. G. Ladd 7, R. Stredwick (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by H. D. Whyte, G. F. Tizzard and W. J. Ladd.

ALGAKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins.: W. E. Clarke (conductor) 1, J. Carratt 2, J. Leeson 3, C. Burrell 4, H. Barsley 5. Longest length by all the band except the conductor. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and tenor have only just started change ringing, and are making good progress.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On June 14th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Carter 1, H. Harris 2, J. Gibbons (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, J. E. Moreton 4, H. Wright 5, A. Haswell 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, G. Veasey (first quarter-peal) 8. Arranged for H. Wright (Oswestry), who is on a visit to his 'native' tower.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Robinson 1, M. Ginn 2, F. C. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. After service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Ginn 1, T. Chinery 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, T. R. Dennis 6. Will intending visitors note service commences at 6 p.m.; ringing, morning 9.50 a.m., evening 5.20 p.m. Kindly drop a card when coming, if possible, to A. J. Ginn, captain, or F. Warrington, vice-captain, Over, Cambs.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on June 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; both at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Old Glossop, Glossop, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready any time after 2 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Bus leaves front of Woolworth's, Piccadilly, every half-hour. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. By kind permission of the Rector, the Rectory garden will be open to ringers during the afternoon. —Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and general meeting, Lloyd's Café, at 5.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells from 3.30. Tea (in vicinity) 5. Business and ringing after. A good attendance requested.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Yelvertoft on Saturday, June 20th. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 20th. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please let me know as early as possible?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathersage on Saturday, June 20th (Church of St. Michael). Six bells (tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea free to those only who notify Mr. H. Newbury, Cannonfields, Hathersage, not later than June 19th. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The June meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea on the lawn at 5 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome. — S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

A JOINT MEETING of the Chesterfield District of the M.C.A. and the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held at Morton on Saturday, June 20th. Will members please note that subscriptions are now due?—J. P. Tarlton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on June 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The hon. secretary hopes that members will make a special effort to attend this meeting, and a card for tea would help.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Swinderby (5), Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 1/- per head.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to follow. A really good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Henbury and Westbury on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, 4.30, at Henbury Church. Tea and meeting to follow. Westbury bells available in the evening. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify for tea by the 23rd.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Hughenden (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 5.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Tea Room at 6.30. Nomination of committee man. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea only to all who notify Mr. J. Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Road, Bury, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45. I trust this meeting will be attended as it was last year. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Summer Festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 27th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Woburn is an ideal spot to spend the afternoon, so we hope to see a good attendance.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The third meeting of the year will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 27th. The bells will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. P. Morris, Sycamore Lane, Barlborough, Chesterfield, before June 25th. Please note there is special business at this meeting. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday next, June 23rd.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Horsell (instead of Worplesdon) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. See other notice for times. Members requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 23rd.—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (8) available early. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. All welcome. For tea kindly notify me by June 24th.—L. N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 23rd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Budsworth (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at a small charge. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know before June 25th?—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, near Northwich, Cheshire.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Great Ringing Day, June 27th. Owing to church repairs this year's meeting is postponed until a later date. — Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise me, certain, by July 1st. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be held on the Vicarage lawn (weather permitting) and the business meeting will follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 30th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Summer Festival will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 4th. Farnham bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m.; Aldershot (8), Frensham (6) and Bentley (6) from 3 p.m. Frequent bus services between these towers. The grounds of Farnham Castle will, by special permission, be open to ringers and their friends. Service in Farnham Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome. It is essential that numbers for tea should reach Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by first post Wednesday, July 1st.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. —

A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Neuth Hall, by invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. All wishing to be present at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, July 1st.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eserick, near York, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn, weather permitting, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. J. W. Steel, Eserick, York, by Thursday, July 2nd, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will

hold their annual meeting and a 6-bell contest at Elland on July 4th. Draw 2.45 p.m., Parochial Hall. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, send word not later than Monday, June 29th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly

meeting, Syston, July 4th. Bells (8, recently rehung) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting; each in Church Hall. Those requiring tea (moderate charge) must advise Mr. E. F. Payne, 18, High Street, Syston, not later than July 2nd, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will

be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 1st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will

be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting, at the Turkey Café, Granby Street. All ringers welcome. Will those desiring tea kindly advise Mr. W. Willson, 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester, before Wednesday, July 1st?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

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OLD RINGER'S DEATH.

The Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association have recently lost their oldest ringing member in the person of Mr. Richard Rigbye, of Eccleston.

Mr. Rigbye, who passed away on June 4th, at the ripe age of 83, was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, members in the association. He began to ring at Eccleston when he was seventeen years of age, and had rung there ever since, except for the last twelve months or so.

The funeral took place at Eccleston on June 8th, when Mr. Rigbye's brother ringers bore him to his last resting place. Amongst those present were ringers from Leyland St. James and Chorley.

Amongst the floral tributes was one from the ringers in the form of a bell.

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that the quaint inscriptions, etc. (particularly on the 3rd and tenor) may be read by those who are interested in such things? I well remember some years back trying to decipher them in a bad light, and, incidentally, getting in a terribly dirty state as a consequence, but I quite enjoyed it all the same. I also hope the actual weights of the bells will be noted. I was told the tenor was about 18 cwt., but this may be exaggerated, although I found it wanted some pulling when raising it. I have much pleasure in enclosing my humble mite towards this excellent restoration.—Yours faithfully,

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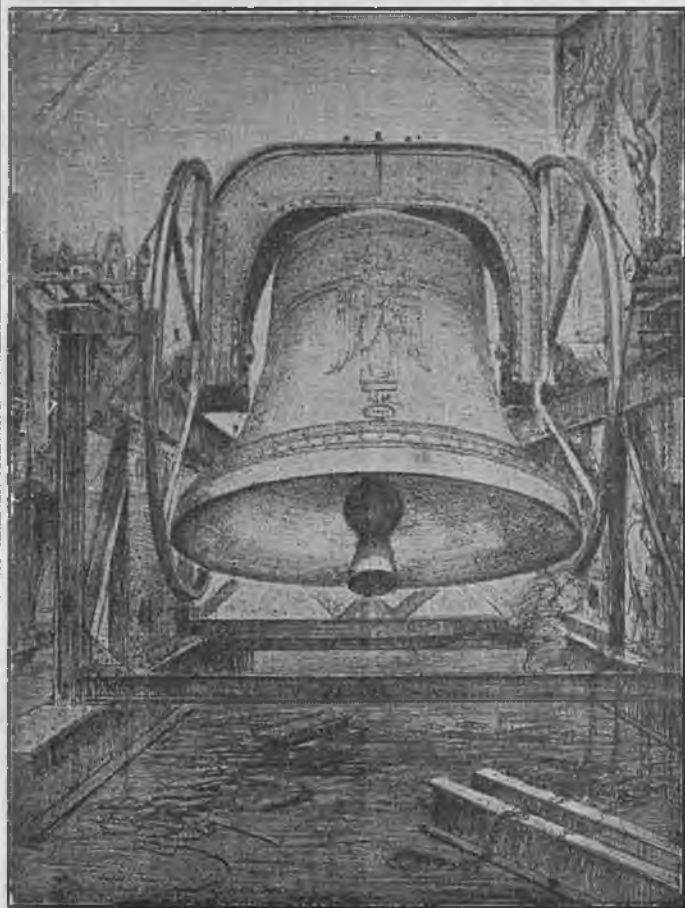
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The Directory is already useful to ringers in many ways; and the support given to it has only to be sufficiently increased to enable it to be made of utility in other directions. The more names that are included the greater the service which the publication will provide. Like 'the quality of mercy,' the humble shilling paid by the subscriber to the Directory will be 'twice blessed.' At any rate, not only will he who gives get the benefit of all the advantages which the Directory has to offer, but he will be adding to the benefits which it will confer on every other subscriber, for the longer the list of names—and it ought to run to thousands—the more useful the publication. Indeed, the gain to other people from having one's name included is almost more important than it is to the subscriber himself. It is other people's names and addresses that you want to find when you look in the Directory, and it is astonishing how often in the course of a year the Directory can be useful. It can be useful, even, when it is desired to communicate with another ringer within the limits of one's own association; when one wants to get into touch with those outside these limits it is still more valuable—and no one knows better than the Editor of 'The Ringing World' how constantly ringers desire to get into communication with others whose addresses they have not got, for this office is constantly used as a medium for forwarding letters. The ideal arrangement, of course, would be that the Directory

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STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Dobbie, also to Miss Betty Dobbie, daughter and 'heiress' of C. H. Dobbie, on the occasion of her third birthday. R. Overy was proposed a member of the association before starting.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, June 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON Treble	ROBERT S. STRATFORD 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 6
THOMAS T. GOFION 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WM. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT HEAZEL Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
*HARRY D. LISTER 2	ERNEST J. BURLER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. G. H. CROSS Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ARTHUR MARKWELL 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
HERBERT MARKWELL 3	*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 7
FREDERICK N. SMEATON 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Major with an 'inside' bell. Mr. A. Markwell was elected a member previous to starting.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	ALFRED J. BOLL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

A JUBILEE.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield Cathedral on April 11th was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Bugar. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Bugar, who have now both passed their seventieth birthday, rang their first peal together exactly fifty years ago. The peal was also noteworthy from the fact that it was the one hundredth peal on the bells for the Yorkshire Association, and also the one hundredth peal together by Messrs. S. F. Palmer and John Thorpe.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.		Tenor 24½ cwt.	
GEORGE THOMPSON	Treble	PERGIVAL A. ALDEAM	5
JOSEPH B. FENTON	2	FRED COTTON	6
ERNEST W. TIPLER	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
*LESLIE G. WATKINS	4	*THOMAS W. KIMBER	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First attempt for a peal. The conductor's 50th peal for the Warwickshire Guild.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED J. BOYCE	Treble	†VINCENT E. SWIFT	5
SYDNEY HILLIER	2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	6
JESSE FRANCIS	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
WILLIAM A. SWIFT	4	THOMAS MERRITT	Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

GEORGE JEFFS	Treble	FRANK KIRK	5
JAMES M. NICKERSON	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	6
*JACK D. BELL	3	CYRIL WILSON	7
CHARLES M. WHITNEY	4	GEORGE W. JEFFS	Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by G. W. JEFFS.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Nickerson on the 38th anniversary of his wedding, which took place in this church on June 18th, 1893.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.	
ALFRED H. MARTIN	Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	5
LEWIS CHAPMAN	2	OSCAR PAYNE	6
GEORGE BASFORD	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
JOHN R. MAIN	4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

The first peal on the bells. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. Payne.

SADDLEWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDBAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY PLATT	Treble	FRANK LAWTON	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	HARRY MELLOR	6
TOM COCKING	3	WALTER E. HOWARTH	7
*SYDNEY GOULDEN	4	CHARLES E. PLATT	Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by CHARLES E. PLATT.

* First peal in method. First peal of Kent Major on the bells since they were rehung. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. C. E. Platt for conducting the peal.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday afternoon, for civic service, 720 Grandsire Caters: E. Allen 1, H. Hogarth 2, H. Springate 3, H. Poutter 4, W. Beaumont 5, F. Belsey (conductor) 6, S. Shellock 7, T. Beaumont 8, J. Haigh 9, C. Norris 10.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	5
*ROLAND BIGGS	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
ARTHUR MARTIN	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
JESSE ELDRIDGE	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

* First peal of London on an 'inside' bell. Thanks for permission are due to the Vicar, Rev. Percy Nott, who, with his steeple-keeper, congratulated the band on leaving the belfry.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
HARRY HOVERD	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A 'SILENT' PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH	Treble	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
JOHN POTTER	3	PETER CROOK	6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	Tenor

Umpire: F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. Alfred Pette, who has been a ringer of the above church for 46 years, also of the coming of age of Miss Muriel Cutsforth, of Bolton.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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 11 cwt. 4 lb.

*REGINALD HARPER	Treble	THOMAS ARROWSMITH	4
WALTER LONGMAN	2	GEORGE BIDDULPH	5
*JOSEPH COOKE	3	WILLIAM RIGBY	Tenor

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Taylor and Co.

MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD J. STEPHENS	Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS	4
GEORGE WASLEY	2	THOMAS BALDWIN	5
WILLIAM WASLEY	3	JOSHUA STEPHENS	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate Mr. J. Stephens' 30th year as towerkeeper of St. Mary-de-Lode. The ringer of the 4th was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

OLD LEAKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY JOHNSON Treble	*SYDNEY JESSOP 3
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 2	FRANK DEWEY 4

FRANK P. HARWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, London and Wells Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT Treble	ROLAND PARK 4
*RONALD W. GAY 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
GEORGE W. PARK 3	WILLIAM H. PORTER Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal of Minor for the ringer of the 2nd. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the ordination of the Vicar, Canon Cosgrave, M.A., B.D., who was ordained on Trinity Sunday, 1881.

STEVIINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's of Canterbury, twelve 120's of Bob Doubles and twenty-two 120's of Grandsire with ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER WITLOCK Treble	HARRY SMITH 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	GEORGE WRIGHT 4

RICHARD SHIMMANS Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

The ringers thank the Vicar for providing tea after the peal.

ECCELESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	JOHN NELSON 4
HARRY FRANCE 2	JOHN THOMAS MILLER ... 5
JAMES MILLER 3	*SIDNEY BLEASDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. R. Rigby, who was for 66 years a ringer at the above church, and passed away at the age of 83.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 16, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

*HAROLD PHILLIPS ... Treble	*NORMAN LEECH 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	†C. DARBY 5
CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 3	ERNEST CALCOTT Tenor

Conducted by E. CALCOTT.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

BISHOP DEDICATES PEAL TABLET.

A peal tablet recording a peal of London Surprise Minor rung on December 31st, 1929, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester at Horsmonden Church, Kent. It was the first time that a Bishop had dedicated a peal tablet in this church.

At the conclusion of the service the local ringers returned to the belfry and rang a well-struck 720 of London Surprise Minor, standing in the same order as when the peal was rung: Edwin Bromley 1, Frederick G. Lambert, sen., 2, Alan Bromley 3, Reginald E. Lambert 4, George Burt 5, Robert T. Lambert (conductor) 6.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb.

*G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	*WILLIAM DEAN 4
*JAMES F. SMITH 2	JAMES MARTIN 5
JOHN WILKINSON 3	*JOHN COOKE Tenor

Conducted by J. COOKE

* First peal of Surprise in seven methods, and first peal of Surprise on the bells.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL ... 4
EDWARD S. T. FAIR 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Clewer.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

*FLORENCE A. JOHNSON	AMY R. JOHNSON
(Daughter) Treble	(Daughter) 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON (SON) 2	FREDK. J. JOHNSON (FATHER) 5
ROSALIE JOHNSON	*FRANCIS F. JOHNSON (SON) Tenor
(Daughter) 3	

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. The above are all Sunday service ringers at Hinton-on-the-Green. The tenor ringer was proposed a member before starting for the peal.

LANDULPH, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. LEONARD AND DILP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt. (approx.).

ALLEN WEATHERLY ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 4
HOWARD MILES-BROWN ... 2	HARRY THOMAS CHANDLER 5
*WILLIAM FRANCIS OATWAY 3	†EDWARD CHARLES YEO ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. The tenor ringer was elected a member of the Guild in the tower.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Plum Bob, and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAUSON ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 4
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	*HARRY MARSDEN 5
*FRANK ELLIS 3	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. E. Hartley, a ringer at the above church, to Miss G. Morley, of Harrogate.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM WILKINSON Treble	FRANK DEWEY 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	*HARRY NICHOLS 5
GEORGE SEWELL 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 1-2	*JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7-8
*CHARLES E. LAWSON 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal 'in hand' on ten bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, June 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Luke, BLAKENHALL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Bob Doubles and thirty six-scores of Grandsire.

*ALBERT D. COLLINS 1-2	JOSEPH FLAVELL 4
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3	HARRY BOSWELL 5-6

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

* 50th peal.

HONOURING KENT'S 'GRAND OLD MAN.'

ROMNEY MARSH MEETING AT ALDINGTON.

On the invitation of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Long, the Romney Marsh District Guild met at Aldington to celebrate the 94th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby. The weather being favourable, eighty members from Ashford, Canterbury, Cheriton, Headcorn, Hythe, Tenterden, New Romney, Kennington, Rolvenden, Stone, Willesborough, Sturry, and Wickhambreau, turned up to do honour to Kent's 'grand old man.' The capacity of the belfry was severely taxed, and short touches were the order, so that all might have a chance to ring. Mr. Slingsby, who has only just recovered from a severe illness, sat at the bottom of the tower and received the good wishes of the visitors. This is the first occasion that he has failed to climb the tower for a pull. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, who gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. Anderson (New Romney), and Mr. C. Coleman (Stone) presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Rectory. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. Slingsby, Mr. Wanstat (churchwarden), the Guild Master (Mr. C. W. Everett), and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Battin). A large iced cake in the centre of the table turned out to be not a birthday cake, but in honour of the silver wedding of the Guild Master and Mrs. Everett, who later cut and distributed it to the company. The Rector welcomed the Guild to Aldington, and the Master congratulated Mr. Slingsby on attaining his 94th birthday. He hoped he would be spared, so that they could celebrate his 95th anniversary. Mr. Tribe also spoke, and mentioned that he had the pleasure of ringing on Mr. Slingsby's father's 100th birthday, and he hoped to celebrate the double century. Mr. E. Ruck also recalled a peal in 1893 in which he and Mr. Slingsby took part, as also did Mr. P. Hodgkin, who was with them that day.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that at the last monthly meeting it was decided to send two guineas out of Guild funds to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, and he suggested that it would be very fitting if they had a collection that afternoon and sent it up as collected at Mr. Slingsby's 94th birthday party. This was heartily agreed to, and the sum of £2 was collected.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Long for their kindness in inviting the Guild there every May was carried with acclamation. The Rector replied, and regretted that owing to a passing shower they were unable to have tea on the terrace as in past years, but he hoped as many as wished would take a walk round the grounds, an offer which many took advantage of.

Ringling was continued for some time, and all were satisfied that this was indeed a 'happy return.'

A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RESTORATION.

THREE GENERATIONS TAKE PART IN DEDICATION.

The ravages of time and the death watch beetle made it necessary to provide a new frame for the bells at Wicken Church, Northants. The restoration was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who at the same time recast the treble, second and fourth bells of the octave. The dedication of the new bells was performed by the Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday week, and an interesting part of the ceremony was the placing in the hands of the Bishop the ropes of the three recast bells by three generations of one family, which has provided six generations of ringers for the church. The ringers who thus shared in the service were Messrs. G. Green (father), A. J. Green (son), and J. A. Green (grandson). Prior to this, the Rector had addressed the Bishop in the following terms:—

'Right Reverend Father in God, we, the Rector, churchwardens, bellringers, sidesmen and parishioners of this parish of Wicken in your lordship's diocese of Peterborough, do make our humble petition that you will be pleased to consecrate, hallow and set aside from all secular and profane uses, the three bells that have been newly cast, and to dedicate the frame in which all the nine bells have now been set, the original frame having perished through the decay of over three hundred years. The ropes of the three newly cast bells will be placed in your lordship's hands by



WICKEN PARISH CHURCH TOWER.

three representatives of one family, who for six generations have all in their days been ringers in this belfry; three generations still are ringers: three rest from their labours in the shadow of the tower that they loved and served. These bells have been restored and rehung to the greater glory of God, and in honoured memory of Edward Sholto Douglas Pennant, III, Baron Penrhyn of Penrhyn Castle, in the county of Carnarvon, and the Principality of Wales, and of Wicken Park in this county and parish, for which he did so much. The rehanging and retuning of the bells is but the beginning of a larger scheme of memorial, which is to set in order the ancient carillon by which the clock has played a tune every four hours, for several centuries. We shall remember before God, as we hear the familiar tunes, the life and name of a good, just, and high-souled man, and trust that he may find mercy, rest and peace in the nearer presence of God, while his body rests beneath the tower of the church in which on earth he was so regular a worshipper.'

At the conclusion of the service the bells were opened in peal, the local band being assisted by the Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Association and two other members of the Towcester Branch, the annual festival of which was held in conjunction with the reopening of the bells. The restoration has been splendidly carried out by the Loughborough firm, who were represented at the dedication by Messrs. J. Oldham and D. S. Collins.

The tower of the present church was built in 1617 by Robert Lord Spencer, as appears by a date over the ringing loft. On the south side are the arms and quarterings of Spencer with the supporters and

helmet. The bells, now eight in number, were originally only two, but three were brought from St. James' and Wyke Hamon, when the Church of St. James was pulled down in 1619, thirty-three years after the union of the parish with Wyke Dyve. The inscriptions are of considerable interest, and show that there was a good deal of recasting, probably carried out in the churchyard, as was usual in those days of difficult transport.

The tenor of the ring of eight weighs 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., and has this inscription:—

Laudo Deum Verum.

Plebem Voco Convoce Clerum.

Defunctos Ploro Pestem Fugo Festa Decoro.

Its date is 1619.

7th.—Four bells turned into one,
Yet less the church received none,
Three hundred weight was added more
And paid by Wickens patrons score. 1619.

6th.—Two hundred weight was I before,
Added to me eight hundred more.
This is no robbing of a kirke
But accounted a good werke. 1620.

5th.—John Briant, Hertford. Fecit 1798. C. Bradbury, C. Warden.

4th.—Dedit Hanc Campanam Robertus Spencer Miles Baro Spencer de Wormleighton ad Honorem Dei et Exemplem Aliorum. 1620. Reproduced from the old bell with the following addition: Quod Exemplum Prosequentes Wickenses Refundendam Curaverunt Anno Salvit. MDCCCLXXXI. W. A. Carroll, Rector.

3rd.—In memoriam Edward, Dorothea. 1898. John Taylor, Loughborough.

2nd.—Venite Exultemus Domino. H. Nelson Ward, Rector. Cast 1922. Recast, 1931. W. A. Carroll, Rector.

'Treble.—O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Ps. C. Cast 1922. H. Nelson Ward, Rector. Recast 1931. W. A. Carroll, Rector.

The Sanctus bell is inscribed: 'Chandeler made me, 1686.'

The original five bells are now represented by the three largest bells. Robert, Lord Spencer, gave a fourth in 1619, the year he built the tower. The recasting was carried out in 1619 and 1620, and the ring remained at the number of four until 1798, when the fifth was made by John Briant, of Hertford, a noted founder of his day.

The ring was made up to six in 1898, and the octave was completed in 1922.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The June meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, held on Saturday, June 20th, at Wolvey, was favoured with fine weather. There was a good attendance of members and friends from Allesley, Arley, Brinklow, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Croft, Leicester, Lillington, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke, Stoney Stanton and Warwick, together with members of the local band. The bells were rung in various Minor methods until five o'clock, when ten, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the schools. The Vicar (Rev. S. Morris) welcomed the ringers, and invited them to walk in his garden during the evening. Handbell ringing was indulged in after tea for a further half-hour or so by a few enthusiasts, while others returned to the belfry, where ringing continued until about eight o'clock.

AN ACTIVE CHURCHWORKER.

At Eastwood Parish Church, Rotherham, for evening service, on Sunday, June 21st, 720 Bob Minor: T. Cooper 1, A. Coad 2, J. Harvey 3, E. Williams 4, J. Coad 5, A. G. W. Measures (conductor) 6, with G. Lee 7 and T. Tomlinson 8 covering. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of Mrs. Davy, who died with tragic suddenness on Tuesday morning, June 16th. Mrs. Davy was an active worker on behalf of Eastwood Parish Church, and was extremely well known in the district.

Also for Sunday morning service, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Farnham District, held at Crondall on Saturday, June 13th, was enjoyed by all the 25 members and friends who attended from the district. Unfortunately the bad state of the bells, together with the fact that they 'run backwards,' made ringing difficult. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Crondall, Rev. C. Balmer, who gave a very interesting address from the records of the church. Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, presided at the organ.

An excellent tea was partaken of in the Castle Inn, and after tea the Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which one new member, Master Roy Cox, of Aldershot, was elected. Admiral T. P. Walker, of Woking, on behalf of all present, sincerely thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address, and for taking the chair at the business meeting, to the organist, the blower, the local band and to all who had helped in the arrangements. The tower was then revisited, and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Barnett family of Kent propose to attempt a peal of 'Royal' shortly in London, when Barnett Maximus will take part in a peal composed by Barnett Major, the hobs to be called by Barnett Minor.

The Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild has conducted a peal of Caters on each of the ten-bell towers in the diocese, and has rung 100 peals in all for the Guild. He has yet to 'capture' one or two towers before claiming to have rung a peal in all the diocesan churches with a ring of six bells and upwards.

Some years ago the Rector of St. Clement Danes Church, Strand, jokingly said of a well-known London ringer that 'his bark was worse than his bite.' Soon afterwards he retired into Bucks, where the Berks and Bucks ringers are bucking up their Barker.

The Vicar of Iwer, Bucks, kindly allowed a combined practice at his tower on Tuesday, June 16th, when a double team of ringers met and enjoyed touches of Triples and Major to compliment Miss E. Gudgeon on her birthday. Representatives from Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Iwer, Fulmer, Farnham, Stoke, Windsor and Slough enjoyed the privilege and fully realised that no bell could be rung without the 'gudgeon.'

By taking part in a peal of Bob Major at Titchmarsh on June 20th, J. D. Bell, a young member of the Kettering band, has now a peal of Double, Minor, Major and Caters to his credit. His first peal was rung exactly twelve weeks previously.

One of the most interesting family peals yet recorded is that rung last week at Offenham, Worcestershire, by Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green, with two sons and three daughters. Mr. Johnson and some of his children have rung 'family' handbell peals, but we believe this is the first tower bell peal which they have accomplished.

'Silent' peals of Stedman Triples are no ordinary achievement, and the band that rang a strictly non-conducted peal in the method at Walkden on Saturday are to be congratulated. The umpire, Mr. F. Frankland Rigby, certifies that during the peal no word was spoken nor any sign given by or to any member of the band. Further, all the sixty course-ends were checked and found to be correct.

ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With your permission I would like to correct a slight error by Mr. J. M. Cripps, under the above heading in your last issue. It is in the twelfth line of the second paragraph, in a reference to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, 'with no special items of expenditure' the balance is reduced by 3s. 7d. This is incorrect. Perhaps Mr. Cripps overlooked the fact that the annual meeting, quite separate from the jubilee expenses, were not fully given in detail. The jubilee festival was an 'extra' expense for 'hire of Masonic Hall and cost of teas' to about a hundred members who were present. With regard to his remark re 'Special Purposes Fund,' this is misleading, as none of this fund is earmarked for new certificates. Therefore, I hope Mr. Cripps did not quote our Guild's balance sheet as a specimen of 'bad finance,' as I find on looking at the figures we had a working balance of over £90, and at December 31st, 1930, over £105. In addition to this, perhaps I may be allowed to add that the Guild increased the ring of ten at the Cathedral to twelve as a war memorial to its members who gave their lives in the Great War, restored the Raynor tomb in the Isle of Wight in Arretton Churchyard, as well as giving £100 towards the augmentation of the ring of five at Milford-on-Sea to eight in memory of their late vice-president, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, who was Vicar there at the time of his death.

I hope Mr. Cripps will not mind my comments, but I could not understand why our balance sheet was criticised. We are not a provident society, but if we had not expended our funds in the way I have mentioned we should have had a substantial amount on deposit at the present moment.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,

Master, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

ORDERLY RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read the letter from the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and wish to assure him that I do not seek an official pronouncement, which would have the effect of discouraging any orderly method of raising and lowering bells. Raising and falling 'in peal' is orderly, but when and where this is not done, the bells should be raised and lowered singly.

I do protest and object most strongly to ringers entering a ringing chamber, clutching any rope, and pulling up the bells anyhow without the least consideration for the listeners. This action is right out of order. The proper way is to ask the person in charge how the bells are to be raised.

Some ringers will say there isn't time, but I am not accepting that plea; it absolutely will not do.

I earnestly appeal to all those in charge—steeplekeepers, secretaries, captains, etc.—to insist that the bells are raised and lowered in an orderly manner.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

RESTORATION FUND STILL GROWING.

The wonderful response which has been made to 'The Ringing World' appeal for funds for the restoration of the bells of St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman is a practical proof of the popularity of the proposal and of the interest of the Exercise in the event, which has fully realised the desire that it should become a national scheme. Indeed, it has become more than this, for the contributions which have been received have come not only from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, but from the United States of America and from South Africa as well.

Among the associations who have this week voted donations to the fund are the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs, Cambridge University Guild, Oxford University Society and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

Apart from the actual restoration of the bells, there is much that can usefully be done in the tower of St. Benet's to improve the general conditions for ringing so that even if the provisional sum asked for should be more than subscribed it can be well spent. Those who desire to be associated with the scheme—and there must be hundreds of ringers who delight in ringing Stedman's method who will desire to have 'a finger in the pie,' however small the contribution may be—should send in their donations at once to

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

The Hon. Treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and all contributions will be acknowledged in these columns.

DEATH OF MR. T. T. GOFTON.

We are sorely grieved to announce the passing of Mr. Thomas T. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, the senior brother of a band of ringers who have made themselves famous in ringing the country over. Mr. Gofton was taken suddenly ill on Saturday morning, and breathed his last at half-past eight the same evening. He was 58 years of age.

His loss is keenly felt by all members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, of which body he had been a mainstay for over forty years.

Only on the preceding Monday Mr. Gofton took part in a peal of Superlative at Whitley Bay, when he appeared to be in the best of health.

The funeral took place on Tuesday.

A further appreciation of Mr. Gofton's work and of his staunch loving companionship will appear in another issue.

ANOTHER NEW CORNISH RING.

DEDICATION OF SIX BELLS AT TUCKINGMILL.

The dedication took place on Thursday, June 18th, by Canon Maddrell, Vicar of Gulval, of a new ring of six bells at All Saints' Church, Tuckingmill, a village a mile from Camborne. The church was built in 1844, and since then one solitary bell has called the worshippers together. About four years ago the Vicar, the Rev. J. J. Haworth, appealed for funds to provide a ring of bells. He has been most generously assisted by Mrs. Williams, of Trevor, Camborne, who has subscribed altogether £410 out of the £500 which the scheme has cost. The bells are hung in a frame for eight, and it is hoped that the two trebles will soon be added to complete the octave. The tenor is 10½ cwt. in G. The contract has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have done the work very efficiently. A ringing chamber has been fixed above the vestry, and the bells are very pleasing to ring. Sliding shutters have been provided so that the sound can be regulated.

The opening touch was rung by the Camborne band, who have been teaching the newly-formed company, and during the afternoon and evening the bells were thoroughly tested by ringers from Gulval, Penzance, Mogan, Phillach, Redruth, Gwennap and Truro Cathedral. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the founders at the dedication service.

THE AUTHOR OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S DISCOVERY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You may be interested to know that I have discovered the name of the man who composed Grandsire Doubles and the old 'standard' seven hundred and twenty of Bob Minor.

In the 'Tintinnalogia' there are printed some lines signed by R. R., 'Upon the Presentation of Grandsire Bob to the Colledge-Youths by the Author of that peal.' Mr. Ellacombe (quoted by Snowden in 'Grandsire') says, 'One would like to find out who R. R. was,' and suggests Richard Rock, who was admitted a member of the Schollers of Chepeyside in 1632. But in the dedication of the 'Campanalogia' Stedman reminds the 'Colledge Youths' that 'a worthy and knowing Member of your Society pricketh those much applauded Peals of Grandsire and Grandsire Bob.' This rules out Rock, for, according to available evidence, he never was a member of the Colledge Youths, and, besides, the dates do not agree. Both compositions are printed in the 'Tintinnalogia,' so they cannot be later than a few years before 1668. On the other hand, what we know of the rise and progress of change ringing forbids us to think that they can be earlier than somewhere about 1650.

With these facts in mind, I set myself to try and find a man whose initials were R. R., who about that time was a prominent and influential member of the Colledge Youths, and who probably at some time held office in the society. I found him in Robert Roan, who was elected in 1647, and was Master in 1652. Roan is entirely unknown, yet his compositions are not only practised far more than any other composer's, but they formed the basis of a very large proportion of all the peals and methods which have been rung. Their practical value is many times more than that of all the compositions that Stedman left put together. Roan is not only the earliest but one of the greatest of our composers.

It is interesting to know how he composed his 720. He first wrote out a six-score of Grandsire Doubles on 23458 backwards. Then he put a 1 in front of every row, and these were all the hand and back changes of his 720. This is not merely how I think he may have composed it, but how he actually did so.

Some years ago I found out from a letter in the 'Norwich Gazette' of 1732 that the J. D. of J. D. and C. M., the authors of the 1703 'Campanalogia,' was John Doleman. I have now some reason to think that C. M. may have been Charles Mason, afterwards Fellow of Trinity, Cambridge, and Doctor of Divinity. But of that I have nothing like proof.—Yours sincerely,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—I do not mean that Roan was a greater member of the Exercise than Stedman, or that we owe more to him. I meant exactly what I said.

The quaint lines to which Mr. Trollope refers are as follows:—

Gentlemen of the Noble Crew
Of Colledge-Youths, there lately blew
A wind, which to my Noddle flew
(Upon a day when as it snow),
Which to my Brains the vapors drew,
And there began to work and brew,
Till in my Pericranium grew
Conundrums, how some Peal that's new
Might he compos'd? and to pursue
These thoughts (which did so what an hew
My flat invention) and to shew
What might be done, I straight withdrew
Myself to ponder—whence did accrue
This Grandsire Bob, which unto you
I Dedicate, as being due
Most properly; for there's but few
Besides, so ready at their Q—
(Especially at the first view)
To apprehend a thing that's new;
Though they'll pretend and make a shew,
As if the intricat'st they knew
What Bob doth mean, and Grandsire True,
And read the course without a clue
Of this new Peal: yet though they screw
Their shallow Brains, they'll ne're unglue
The method on't (and I am a Jew)
If I don't think this to be true,
They see no more on't than blind Hugh.
Well, let their tongues run Titere in,
Drink muddy Ale, or else French Lieue,
Whilst we our Sport and Art renew,
And drink good Sack till Sky looks blew,
So Grandsire bids you All adieu.

R. R.

SILVER WEDDING.

At St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxon, on June 21st, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beck 1, George Horwood 2, T. S. Williams 3, R. Post (conductor) 4, Frank Peckett 5, C. E. Wigg 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's parents on their silver wedding.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 399.)

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Methods Committee, proposed the adoption of the report which had been published. He did not wish to say much about the Minor Methods Collection for the simple reason it had been discussed in print, and they did not want a great deal of further talk about it. From the discussion that had already taken place among the Standing Committee, he thought they could take it that the Collection would be published straight away. He wanted, however, to ask the Council one or two things with regard to the future. The Collection of Minor Methods was confined to Doubles and Minor methods, and Triples, which appeared in the original edition, had been omitted. The book was intended for the six-bell towers, and he would like to know if the Council desired the committee to reproduce the methods for seven bells. His own opinion was that it should be reprinted and brought up to date. Then, with regard to the future, were they to go forward and publish next of all a book of Surprise methods, or did the Council think, as he was bound to think himself, that the proper thing to do was to deal with the plain methods of Royal, Cinques and Maximus? With regard to the outside cover of the Minor Collection, the committee would, as mentioned in the report, leave it to the Council.

Mr. Hunt asked if the Council were to understand that the Methods Committee and the Standing Committee had come to an amicable settlement with regard to the Minor Collection?

Mr. James: Quite a satisfactory decision as far as I am concerned. I want to vote upon it.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, on behalf of the Standing Committee, moved that the Minor Methods Collection be printed, and, so far as the names on the cover and title page were concerned, that they should be the names of the Council and its officers and the members of the committee. An agreement had been reached on that point.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and said he thought they had reached a pleasant end to the controversy which they had had.

A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said Mr. Smith talked about an agreement, but he would say now what he had said all along, that he could not see the slightest reason for departing from the practice of the Council. For the last 35 years until recently the books that had been published by the Council had been published with a certain formula, and he could not see the slightest reason why that formula should be departed from. He could not see why they should put any names on the outside of the book other than the names of those people who had produced the book. They might say it was a small matter. It was a small matter in a way, but there was a certain amount of principle behind it. When the committee refused to accept the names of the officials of the Council on the outside of the cover they were fighting for the liberty of a committee against the interference of the officials of the Council. When the Council appointed a committee to do any work, the committee was responsible to the Council and not to the officials. In almost the last thing that the late Mr. Davies wrote to 'The Ringing World' he laid it down that the various committees were responsible to the Council, and it was up to them to see that their rights were not infringed. The second point was that if they got people to do work for them, they were bound to give them the ordinary consideration that these people would get at the hands of any similar body. It was the ordinary, common or garden kind of right. He had no personal feeling in the matter, and he had no doubt whatever that what Mr. Young did he did with the sole intention of promoting the welfare of the Council. But in this matter he disagreed with Mr. Young, and it was his duty to express that disagreement. They had had placed in their hands that day a new book on 'The Law of Church Bells.' They appointed a committee of three persons, three members of the legal profession, to draw up the report, and it had been printed. That book would be a standard book for many years, but if in twenty years' time someone picked up that book and looked at the names on the front of the cover they would get not the slightest idea who the men were who really did the work. That was not fair to those who did the work. In the future they would probably have other people who they would ask to do work for them. Would they say to them that they were prepared to accept what they did, to accept their time, money and brains, and when that was done give the credit to someone else? That was what it amounted to (hear, hear). It might look like blowing his own trumpet, but he was standing up for a principle. The committee left it to the Council, and if they saw any reason why an old custom should be departed from, they would vote for it, but his own opinion was as he had stated.

Mr. Young: Did you read the preface of the new book?

Mr. Trollope: Yes, sir. May I point out that Mr. Davies issued a book on the Surprise methods. My name is mentioned in that preface much in the same way as the members of the Legal Committee are mentioned in this book. Does anyone think I had the same work to do with the Surprise methods?

THE DEPARTING RON. SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

Mr. E. A. Young said he did not wish to say very much on the subject because he was anxious to go out of office with all the smiles he

could. He was away from the country last winter; if he had been at home they could probably have settled the question by a talk round the table, but he was told by their late secretary, Mr. Davies, that he was responsible for the issuing of the books published by the Council—cover, printing and price—and when the manuscript came to him he had to see that it agreed with what was passed by the Council. When they published 'Rules and Decisions' in 1927, he pointed out that he thought on all the books and papers which they placed before the public and the Exercise the name of the Council should be placed in the forefront; in fact, that he would like to see the name of the Council always in gold letters and the names of the officers with it, not because he was an officer of the Council, but because he thought prominence should be given to them. The names were printed on the cover in 'Rules and Decisions,' and he thought how nice it looked, and he tried to follow the arrangement in other volumes. He was quite prepared, if the proposal now before the Council went forward, to go a little further to meet the Methods Committee and have the names of the officials of the Council put on the cover in a minor position.

Mr. Trollope asked why the names of the officials of the Council should be on the book at all? The committee were appointed to represent the Council in this matter and to produce the book.

Mr. Young said he thought by having the names of the officials as well as that of the Council anyone picking up the book would say, 'This Council is a body that takes things seriously; the Council is a body of note and no hole-and-corner affair.' The Council must forgive him if he had stepped too far.

Mr. A. P. Smith said when he proposed his motion he had no idea it was going to be opposed, but it did appear to him that Mr. Trollope was still not satisfied, although he (the speaker) had been given to understand that he was. That being the case, he wanted to put the matter more strongly. He who paid the piper should call the tune. The Council had to pay for this publication, and in his opinion the Council, and not the committee, should decide what went on the cover and title page. The committee had only carried out instructions, or, if they did not like that word, request. They were servants of the Council, and in any society worthy of its name the names of its officers should be on all its papers.

Mr. W. Willson said it was not often he agreed with Mr. Trollope—perhaps that was his (Mr. Willson's) fault (laughter)—but he thought he was in the right on this occasion. The Council did not pay the piper in this case. These men had worked for nothing for years. The names of the officials might go on the back page, but not on the front. The committee had done the job and done it well. If he had been one of the committee and had done this service, if the name of anyone else went on the title page he would have torn up the proofs.

Mr. Coles, as seconder, said, like Mr. Paddon Smith, he had hoped this thing was going through unopposed. No doubt many of the Council felt in sympathy with Mr. Trollope and his friends on the committee, and he had intended, so far as he was concerned, not to agree to any modification until he learned that what was proposed would be accepted. To his surprise, it was not. Since he had listened to the explanation of the secretary he found himself driven to support Mr. Trollope. The committee should be considered in this matter. They had given years of work to the book, and even if the Council paid for the printing they got the money back. Mr. Trollope and his friends did not get their money back.

The motion, on being put, was declared carried nem con.

A BOOK ON TRIPLES.

The Rev. H. Law James asked for a motion on the question of whether the committee should now proceed with the Triples methods.

Mr. Faulkner: Is that going to hold up the publication of this book still further?

The President: Not at all.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed that the Triples methods section be revised and reprinted.

Mr. Trollope said the idea would be to make a book for Grandsire and Stedman largely, not merely give just a lead, but give something that would be of real use to ringers, including peals and touches. Mr. Davies' book on Stedman was really a book for composers and experts. What they wanted was a book that the ordinary man in the tower could put in his pocket and use. In addition to Grandsire and Stedman, methods like Double Court should be included, and methods which had one hunt and six working bells. It would be very much smaller than the Minor Collection, and rather smaller than the Major.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded Mr. Drake's motion.

The Rev. H. Law James said he thought they could present it ready for printing at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Trollope: Don't you be so sure (laughter).

The motion was carried.

WORK FOR THE FUTURE.

The President said the committee wanted to know whether they should have in mind as the next subject a collection of Surprise methods or a collection of Plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus methods.

Mr. Trollope said he thought the book wanted now was a book on the Major Surprise methods. That was going to be a very big thing, because, if they were going to have it done, it should be done so that it was as nearly a final book on that section as they could get. It would be easy to print a book of 20 or 30 methods, with compositions, worth ringing, but that was hardly what they wanted.

What they wanted was the whole ground surveyed, if it could be surveyed, in the same way that they did in the case of the Plain Major Methods. At least, when he said the whole ground surveyed like the Plain Major Methods, he meant give a selection, because if they were going to do the Surprise methods exhaustively, and had started before the world was made, they would scarcely have scratched the surface by this time, for the number of methods ran to something like 13 trillions. But they could do a good deal, although it would be a long job, and they must not expect to see the results for some time. With regard to the Plain Royal, Cinques and Maximus, he did not think the time was ripe for anything like that. People would not ring them at present.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he thought it would be of more practical use if the committee, instead of starting to explore a field which was going to take years of labour and probably not result in the publication of the work in the lifetime of many of those present, would first take in hand a selection of Treble Bob methods. There were plenty of first-class methods of this type to be obtained, some of them more difficult to ring than many Surprise methods. A comparatively small volume of methods with a treble bob hunt, published at a reasonable figure, without undue delay, would serve a far more practical purpose than aiming at something which would take years to produce and publish, probably, at a cost prohibitive to the ordinary ringer.

The Rev. H. Law James said they all had their own opinions, and he thought they should publish a small collection of Royal, Cinques and Maximus methods, thus finishing off the plain methods before they started on Treble Bob. If they started on the Treble Bob, this generation would be past and gone before the thing was done anything like exhaustively.

The President said they could only print one book next year, if the Plain Triples was ready. If it could be done, it would be most desirable. In the meantime, Mr. James might prepare the one he suggested, and Mr. Trollope the other, and in that way they might get both (laughter).

IN THE MELTING POT.

Mr. Trollope said the Council referred to them last year the revision of the report on regular methods. They had had the matter under consideration, but had nothing to report. The question was to some extent in the melting pot. It was so easy to make a definition, but so extraordinarily difficult to make a definition worth having. Look at the peal rules. Everybody had been trying to make rules for six-bell peals, but there was not one that they could not drive a coach and horses through. And they were faced with the same thing when they came to the revision of the method report. That report was never claimed to be a final statement on the matter, and since it was drawn up they had learnt a tremendous lot. The chief thing they had learned was how little they knew about the whole thing. When they drew up that report they thought they knew everything, but they were not quite so sure now, and just at present they were not prepared to make any definite statement on the point that was raised, and the committee asked to be allowed to leave the matter in abeyance.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said if people had been content to go on ringing peals in one method only it might have been possible to draw up something on the terms of the resolution put to them last year, but all this multiplication of methods in one peal had thrown ringing into the melting pot. Nothing of the kind was contemplated when the report was drawn up, and it was only one of the many changes that were taking place at the present time. If they were to attempt to draw up some hard and fast rules they would probably be making a statement which, in a couple of years' time, they might be sorry should have been made.

The President: The matter will be left over until next year.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The reports of members of the Towers and Belfries Committee were next presented, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, one of the members, stating that in his own diocese a certain amount of work had been going on.

The hon. secretary read a report received from Major J. H. B. Hesse, who was unable to be present. Major Hesse wrote that he understood that at Solihull, where he inspected the bells and advised that the whole peal be recast, the work was to be carried out, providing they got the faculty. It was the only thing to do there, as they are very keen on having a really good peal of bells, which the present lot could never be, no matter how carefully tuned. There was only one bell, namely the ninth, that could be retained, and, in his report, he advised this bell being retained as a relic.

Another case in which he had been called in was at Grayshott, quite near Haslemere, where there were three modern bells, tenor about 8½ cwt., all poor. He made an inspection and report on the tower, as they were anxious to know if the tower was capable of carrying a peal of eight bells with a tenor of about 8½ cwt. or 9 cwt. The tower, in his opinion, was of ample strength for this and could safely carry a peal twice the weight. He had also advised that the three old bells be recast, which was to be carried out. His other job, although the smallest of the lot, was by no means the least to him, namely, the recasting of the fifth bell at Wrington, which was the only poor bell in the peal. This had been done, and the new bell matched the old bells beautifully and was exceptionally good. A 'deadening' floor had been put in the ringing chamber, and the belfry now was, from a sound point of view, all that could be desired.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AND CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Louth on Saturday, June 13th, when, with the lovely peal of eight with its 30 cwt. tenor, and a beautiful church and spire, members were attracted from Bigby, Elsham, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Uleaby, Thornton Curtis, Barrow-in-Humber, Grimsby St. James, Grimsby St. Andrew's, and friends from Branston, Mablethorpe, Lincoln Cathedral, including the president of the Lincoln District, Mr. G. Chester, also Mr. D. Collins, of Gillett and Johnston, who is at present engaged on the renovation of Thornton Curtis bells. The service was conducted by the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry). Mr. H. Carter presided at the organ.

Twenty-seven sat down to a splendid tea at the Victoria Rooms, and the president presided over the meeting which followed.

The president gave a short account of the Central Council's meeting at Liverpool, and referred especially to the manner in which the Council was received by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and the civic authorities and the Lancashire Association, which went to show that ringers were going up in the estimation not only of the Church but also of the civic authorities, which was all to the good, and was the result of the efforts of the ringers themselves.

Mr. G. Chester spoke on the value of the Central Council in the untiring efforts they made on behalf of ringers, especially their publications, which he thought should be in the hands of ringers much more than at present. He had brought with him a collection of publications for sale to the ringers.

A recommendation was made that the Northern Branch be asked to buy all the copies to be sold at the various district meetings.

Votes of thanks to the president for conducting the service and for presiding over the meeting, to the organist and caterers, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Members then adjourned to the tower again. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major.

The next meeting is to be held at Bigby on Saturday, July 18th, which will be combined with the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild, of which due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

DEVON GUILD.

Members of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild were singularly fortunate in having such a beautiful day for their meeting at Sowton on June 20th. By the kindness of the Rev. W. H. A. and Mrs. Cullin, the Rectory garden was open to ringers, and many took advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a game of bowls or 'Kum-Bak' and to have a touch on the handbells in the glorious sunshine. The tower bells were not neglected, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A service was held in the church, when the Rector, in the course of his address, gave a warm welcome to the branch. Tea was served in the school, where Mrs. Cullin and a band of lady helpers (wives of the local ringers) had everything in readiness.

At the subsequent business meeting (presided over by the president of the Guild in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman), the Rector was proposed as an honorary member by Mr. A. G. Betts, and his election carried with acclamation.

The next meeting was fixed for September 26th at Pinhoe, subject to the Rector's approval. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cullin and their helpers, to which Mr. Cullin gave an appropriate and amusing reply.

BERKSHIRE RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

The ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, made a journey by road through 'leafy Surrey' and 'sylvan Sussex' to Lewes and Brighton for their annual outing. A neat little bus, marked 'X.L.C.R.' picked us up (with our Vicar) at 7.30 a.m., and off we went. A halt was made at Horsham for tea and sandwiches, then on to Lewes, where at 11 o'clock we were met by Mr. R. J. Dawe, and a good touch each of Stedman and Grandsire Caters was rung on this pleasing little peal of ten. Some of the adult members could not leave this place without a short visit to the King's Head, the birthplace of the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' otherwise known as one of those wicked Guild secretaries who go and ring peals on meeting days. A good dinner was thoroughly enjoyed at Morley's Hotel, Brighton, then to St. Nicholas' Church, more good Stedman and Grandsire Caters being rung. Next to St. Peter's, where Mr. Keith Hart and several other ringers were awaiting the visitors, and two touches of Stedman Caters and two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on this fine ten. After tea, the Vicar and some of the youngsters went to 'see the sea,' whilst the old 'uns, with Mr. Hart, journeyed to the Church of the Good Shepherd, where touches of Stedman Triples were brought round. A pleasant half-hour was spent in comfortable style nearby, while the remainder of the company drifted in one or two at a time. 'All aboard' was called at seven o'clock, and after a four hours' run St. Laurence's was reached again, everyone agreeing that it had been a fine outing. The weather was glorious, the food was good, and the ringing was good throughout the day. The kindness of Messrs. Keith Hart, R. J. Dawe, F. Bennett and J. Edwards will long be remembered with gratitude by all concerned, and especially by

The 'OWD 'UN.'

A THAMESIDE TEN.

NEW TREBLES OPENED AT ISLEWORTH.

The result of more than six years' labour was seen in Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday week, when two new treble bells, to make a ring of ten, were dedicated at the parish church by the Bishop of Kensington. At a meeting of the Middlesex County Association in February, 1925, a scheme was launched to raise funds to achieve this object, and by dogged perseverance and tenacity of purpose, Mr. W. H. Hollier, the district secretary of the association, has been able to accomplish the project, and the bells were opened free of debt.

The church overlooks the River Thames, and formerly had a ring of eight bells, tenor 16½ cwt., cast in 1767 by Lester and Pack. They were restored and retuned in 1903, and the two new bells have now been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who have made a splendid splice. The bells can be heard admirably in the ringing chamber, while outside there is perfect balance. The treble is inscribed 'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth' (Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts), and the second, 'Pleni sunt Caeli, et Terra Gloria Tua' (Heaven and Earth are full of Thy Glory). The second and third of the ten are carried on girders above the other eight. The whole framework has been painted and the belfry cleaned, while the ringing chamber has been made spick and span by the efforts of the local ringers.

The dedication of the bells took place in the presence of a numerous congregation on Saturday, June 13th. The service, which began with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, the lesson being read by Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president of the association. During the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the choir, clergy, churchwardens and Bishop proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayer was said, and as the procession returned to the chancel the bells were rung for about a minute by the local ringers.

The Bishop of Kensington preached an inspiring sermon from Eccles. xlv. 9: 'He compassed him with many bells round about to send forth a sound that might be heard in the temple for a memorial to His people.' The Bishop said that ceremony was an unusual one in that diocese, where only the old parish churches possessed rings of bells. The dedication of material things for the service of God, whilst they had their outward aspects, was sacramental, and had a great spiritual meaning to those who could understand. God spoke to his children in many ways, and the consecration of those bells was the consecration of a means by which God could get at men's hearts through their ears. The bells were God's love made vocal. God's love spoke in many different tones. There was the tone of warning—prepare to meet thy God, whilst time is thine. There was the tone of welcome—calling His children together and welcoming them to His house. In the future these bells would play their part in joyous thanksgivings for deliverance. They would ring for the festivals. In his own old parish church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, they used to ring at five o'clock in the morning on some of the festivals, and on days when they remembered past benefactors—people who built the church and gave them a rich inheritance. The Bishop recalled instances in which people who had once said they hated the bells had learned to love them, because on sick beds they were reminded by the bells that they were being prayed for. 'You will sometimes have complaints,' said the preacher, 'from people who want to have the bells stopped—we are very familiar with that—but they are thinking of their own convenience, those who do not like to be woken up early on Sunday morning. But we know that the day will come when they won't hate the sound of the bells, but will say, "I love to hear them. I know they are praying for me there." Though the notes are the same, what a wonderful variety of sound there is from the bells. They will fit every occasion in life—the great joys, the great thanksgivings for deliverance when our hearts are too full for words; in days of great sorrow, again when our hearts are too full for words, then the bells will tell, in their ministry of sound and wonderful complexity, of the infinite mystery of the love of God. If our hearts respond to God's love there will be music in our lives, there will be no false notes, and our lives will give out a sound for a memorial to the children of God's people. So may this interesting and happy ceremony to-day,' he concluded, 'strike that note in all hearts in this parish so that more and more they will respond to the summons of God's love.'

At the conclusion of the service, a collection for the fund for the repair of the tower was taken.

The opening touch on the bells was Grandsire Caters, rung by: Miss D. E. Lidbetter (first touch of Caters) 1, W. Pickworth (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) 2, W. A. Cave (Bristol) (conductor) 3, C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) 4, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 5, H. W. Lidbetter (Isleworth) 6, A. W. Coles (Ringing Master, North and East District) 7, J. Bennett (Lewisham) 8, W. Pye (Master of the association) 9, A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel) 10.

Afterwards, a party numbering about 75 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, and congratulatory speeches were made. The Vicar thanked the association for what had been done towards providing the new bells, and especially Mr. Hollier for his efforts in raising the

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual festival of the North Bucks Branch, which took place at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th, was well attended, about 70 members being present, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Great Brickhill, Hanslope, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Whaddon, Woughton and the local tower. A fully choral service was held, conducted by the Rev. W. E. Boys, Vicar of Shenley. Owing to the very unsettled state of the weather earlier in the day, tea was prepared in the reading room instead of on the Rectory lawn, but, thanks to an improvement, it was possible to adjourn to the Rectory grounds to hold the business meeting.

The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented a statement of accounts and explained the work of the branch during the past year. The branch was in a good financial position, having a balance in hand of £11 19s. and £10 invested.

The Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, was again elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. W. Sear secretary and treasurer.

The Guild Master, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, addressed the meeting, giving a brief report of the Central Council meeting held at Liverpool, and explaining fully the object of the Stedman Commemoration Fund. He expressed his appreciation of the healthy condition of the North Bucks Branch.

On the proposition of the secretary, a grant of £3 3s. was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary from the North Bucks Branch.

Both the Guild treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright) and secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) spoke on various matters relating to the Guild, and expressed their appreciation of the good work done.

Two new honorary members and six ringing members were elected. The membership for 1930 was 175 ringing members and 19 hon. members.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Shenley for making all arrangements, and this was suitably responded to. Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

CHORISTERS RING FAREWELL TO CHOIRMASTER.

At the Parish Church at Shalford, Surrey, on Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. Martin 1, H. O. Schupke 2, H. E. Schupke 3, A. Lambkin 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, K. A. Girdler 6. First 720 by the treble ringer, and rung as a farewell to him on his leaving the parish. Also as a farewell to his father, Mr. E. G. Martin, who has been organist and choirmaster at Shalford Church for the past twelve years. All the above ringers have served in the choir under Mr. Martin.

On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Hunter 1, W. Pullen 2, H. E. Schupke 3, H. O. Schupke 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, H. G. Foster 6. First 720 by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer (June 23rd).

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funds. He also thanked the local ringers for their work in doing up the ringing chamber.

The President of the Middlesex Association (Rev. W. P. Cole Shene) thanked the Vicar and churchwardens of Isleworth for arranging the service, and jokingly remarked that at Twickenham they would be envious of Isleworth's two extra bells, although they were very proud of their own, and especially of one which was cast about the year 1549.

Mr. Hollier expressed thanks to the churchwardens and to Mr. W. T. Bridges, the hon. treasurer of the bell fund. He also acknowledged indebtedness to 'The Ringing World' for publishing the lists of subscribers.

Mr. C. T. Coles proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hollier for his work in connection with the bell fund, the success of which was due to his sustained enthusiasm. Mr. Hollier, during the last six years, had had to struggle hard to get the money, and the association as a whole was greatly indebted to him (applause). Mr. Coles added that that was the first he had heard of any rivalry between Isleworth and Twickenham, and he was inclined to suggest that Twickenham might score over their neighbours by having a peal of twelve (hear, hear). No doubt, if Mr. Hughes were asked to provide the other four bells he would be able to overcome any difficulties there might be about getting them into the tower. As far as Isleworth was concerned, he had only heard the new bells from inside the tower, and they were certainly very satisfactory from the ringers' point of view. They must congratulate Mr. Hughes on the very successful job he had carried out.

After listening to some handbell ringing, the ringers returned to the tower, where in a variety of methods they enjoyed the use of this newly acquired ring of ten, which will provide a long-felt want in this part of the county. Among those present at the opening were Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. A. R. Macdonald, representing the founders, visiting ringers from Bristol, Brentwood, Romford, Bishopsgate, Beaconsfield, East Ham, Lewisham, Leytonstone, and many towers in the area of the Middlesex Association.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 30th, at 7.30. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Hughenden (8 bells) on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 5.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained in High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary the Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the Tea Room at 6.30. Nomination of committee man. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held by kind invitation of Rev. S. K. Lockyear at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45. I trust this meeting will be attended as it was last year. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 27th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Woburn is an ideal spot to spend the afternoon, so we hope to see a good attendance.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The third meeting of the year will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 27th. The bells will be open from 2.30 p.m. Please note there is special business at this meeting. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horsell (instead of Worplesdon) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. See other notice for times.—H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Preliminary notice. The Bolton Police again invite ringers, their wives and friends to their athletic ground on Aug. 15th.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Horsell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 27th, in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Great Ringing Day, June 27th. Owing to church repairs this year's meeting is postponed until a later date.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. Please advise me, certain, by July 1st. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be held on the Vicarage lawn (weather permitting) and the business meeting will follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 30th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 4th. Farnham bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m.; Aldershot (8), Frensham (6) and Bentley (6) from 3 p.m. Frequent bus services between these towers. The grounds of Farnham Castle will, by special permission, be open to ringers and their friends. Service in Farnham Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome. It is essential that numbers for tea should reach Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by first post Wednesday, July 1st.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick, near York, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn, weather permitting, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. J. W. Steel, Escrick, York, by Thursday, July 2nd, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: Abbey (10), 3-3.45 p.m., 6-7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8), St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), Weston (6), these bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, 4 p.m., at St. Mary's. Business meeting St. Mary's Church House. Members, please make their own arrangements for tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Neuth Hall, by invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. All wishing to be present at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, July 1st.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a 6-bell contest at Elland on July 4th. Draw 2.45 p.m., Parochial Hall. Will those who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, send word not later than Monday, June 29th, to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Syston, July 4th. Bells (8, recently rehung) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting; each in Church Hall. Those requiring tea (moderate charge) must advise Mr. E. F. Payne, 18, High Street, Syston, not later than July 2nd, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Barrington on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. If possible, a service will be held at 4.30. Tea at the Royal Oak Inn 5 o'clock. Ringing at Foxton (5) during the evening. — K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting and contest will be held at Crofton on Saturday, July 4th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. H. Cooke, 16, North Yard, Crofton, near Wakefield, no later than Wednesday, July 1st.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley on Saturday, July 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, near Manchester, not later than Tuesday, June 30th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (6) on Saturday, July 4th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, June 30th?—W. C. Moore, Hon. Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

YOU can make a 'bob' or 'two' with certainty at Aldenham on Saturday, July 4th, from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap tickets by coach or train to Bushey (nearest station) from all parts. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester (opposite L.M.S. Station), on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30., followed by tea and meeting, at the Turkey Café, Granby Street. All ringers welcome. Will those desiring tea kindly advise Mr. W. Willson, 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester, before Wednesday, July 1st?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Guild service as usual. Tea 5. Lecture 5.30. Business meeting follows lecture. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Carisbrooke, I.O.W., on Saturday, July 4th. General meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available: Carisbrooke (8) and Newport (8). Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by June 30th?—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Arrangements for tea will be made. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. The bells, which have recently been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Loughborough, will be available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Eight Bells, 1s. 3d. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Alvington on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (5) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., and business at Church School Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 8th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Farnham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 1st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wychbold, Droitwich, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers are welcome. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, July 8th.—F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Haslemere, July 11th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Hall. Please send numbers to me by July 7th. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 18th. Ringing at all three churches (8 bells). Members of Essex Association are invited. Tea at the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. each, to all sending by July 15th to Mr. Allington, 32, Acton Lane. Meeting follows.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931).—The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (p.v.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m.; free to members who apply for tickets by Tuesday, July 15th. A strictly limited number of tickets may be purchased by members at 4s. each (for relatives only) if application, with remittance, is made by Tuesday, July 15th. No tickets of any kind will be issued after that date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST CLANDON.—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, Miss E. Cooke 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Bennett 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. Ringers of 2nd and tenor from Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Parish Church, on Sunday morning, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss S. Tilbrook (first quarter) 1, S. Sandford 2, Miss K. Beer 3, R. Smith 4, E. J. Beer 5, E. G. Morrad 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 21st, at the Church of St. Edmund, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. N. Tyler 1, G. W. Clarke (first 720 away from treble) 2, H. O. Mutton 3, B. P. Morris (conductor) 4, E. J. Sargeant 5.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Evans 1, S. H. Coley 2, J. T. Davies 3, E. Trubshaw 4, C. Law (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, L. Trubshaw 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, June 14th, for evensong, at St. Paul's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins., with 6-8 covering: H. W. Barrell 1, J. F. Kent 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. J. Tricker 4, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 5, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 6, E. Hadlow 7, — Maxwell 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: N. Bannard 1, T. Wilford 2, H. Key 3, I. Bennett 4, G. Bannard 5, J. J. Taylor 6, A. H. Taylor (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Bruce 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 49 mins.: T. Tebbutt (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters as conductor) 1, J. Dove 2, *W. R. Parker 3, J. J. Taylor 4, A. H. Taylor 5, H. Marlaw 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Dean 8, G. Flavell 9, *H. Bruce 10. * First quarter of Stedman Caters.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—On Sunday, June 7th, in 23 mins., at St. Matthew's Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. L. Toogood 1, A. Teale, jun., 2, W. Burgess 3, L. W. G. Morris (conductor) 4, R. Clarke 5, Wilfred Draper 6. This was the first 720 by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, May 17th, for Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: E. Gittens 1, J. Roberts 2, T. Rigg 3, J. Bowstead 4, W. Davies 5, E. L. Humphriss (conductor) 6.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: A. Durham 1, S. Richardson 2, A. Ellbeck 3, E. Scambles 4, W. Norman 5, Jas. E. Brown (first 720 Plain Bob as conductor) 6. First of Minor for ringers of 1, 2, 4.

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The discussion by the Central Council on the Methods Committee's report revealed more than one interesting fact, apart from the settlement of the vexed question of the title page of the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' That particular undertaking, so far as the Committee are concerned, is now out of the way, after many delays, and the Committee are free to turn attention to further work—not that they have been idle during the period when the Minor Collection was held up. The members of this Committee are constantly at work and, if truth be known, are, in a sense, years ahead of their report to the Council. For instance, the publication of a Collection of Surprise Methods is a task for the Council in the future. It was mentioned at Liverpool, and it was pointed out that it must be some time before the issue of a volume covering a survey of the whole ground could be ready. But let it not be imagined that such a collection is only just being visualised. Mr. Trollope has already produced thousands of Surprise Methods. A great deal would still have to be done, even with this material, before any of it could be used in a work such as is contemplated, but there it is—the basis of the future publication has been laid, quietly and unobtrusively, over a period of years in all probability, before the Council hears a sound of it. That is but one example of what is constantly going on behind the scenes. The book which is to appear next is one dealing with Triples Methods. The Rev. H. Law James said he thought it could be ready by next year's meeting. That means that already a great deal of the work must have been done. And so these men go on, using their time and their knowledge that ringers in general may profit, but their efforts would be largely unavailing if there were not some body behind them like the Council to place the results of their work in the hands of the Exercise.

The Committee are intent on doing their work exhaustively, and in as far as this means that they seek to explore the ground to its utmost limits, and so carry their labours as nearly as possible to finality, they are to be applauded. But it will be a mistake, if for the sake of an ideal the Exercise is to be robbed for years of any advantage that is to be gained from their work. Ringers are not concerned about an exhaustive treatise which may make its appearance when many of them are dead; they will not even desire to wait for years while the surface of a vast field is scratched. What they will want to see is an instalment on account. Give them, say, fifty good methods to get on with, and peal compositions which can be used, and they will be grateful. Fifty methods plainly printed in a book are worth more than fifty million in

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Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
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First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

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Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	ROBERT SWIFT ... 6
WILLIAM M. STONE ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 8
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* First peal of Caters. R. Swift was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. This composition is now rung for the first time.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 7
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Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Haworth, M.A., LL.B., who is leaving for Bowdon, Cheshire. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANCIS KIRK Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 6
*HAROLD V. FROST 2	BEN JARMAN 7
*ARTHUR DAY 3	JOHN MALYAN 8
WALTER AYRE 4	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 9
WILLIAM NASH 5	THOMAS J. HULL ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by THOS. J. HULL

* First peal on ten. † First peal. T. J. Hull has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower. Rung on the vigil and in honour of the patronal festival. It was also a compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Crabtree on the birth of a granddaughter, likewise to the parents of the child.

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At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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WILLIAM PICKWORTH (Vice-President, N. and E. Dist.) ... 7	
WILLIAM PYE (Master) 8	
ALBERT W. COLES (Master N. and E. Dist.) 9	
*EDWARD A. MORRIS (Central Committee) Tenor	

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last measure of respect to the late Thomas Beadle, one time vice-president, and a founding member of this association. Also in memory of the late Thomas T. Goffon, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland. This was the first peal on the ten bells in this tower.

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MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD BROWN Treble	J. C. POLLARD 5
GEORGE WORTHY 2	SAMUEL YATES 6
THOMAS LANCASTER 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
MISS LANCASTER 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. C. Pollard, president of the association, and E. A. (4510), June 15th, 1931.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Cathedral (St. Werburgh's Abbey),

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
MARTIN HARRIS 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JOHN HAYES 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

Rung in honour of St. Werburgh's Day.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Wednesday, June 17th, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Handcock (first in the method) 1, P. Meek 2, W. Hollamby 3, P. Splice 4, W. Rawlings 5, E. Mounter 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. Rung for the wedding of Dr. G. D. Stilwell to Miss Joyce Hulme, of New Brighton, Cheshire.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY A. HOVERD Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
JOHN H. CRAMPION 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	HERBERT E. AADSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM J. WHITING Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal in method by all the band, for the Guild, and in the county.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT S. STRATFORD Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 6
ROBERT S. ANDERSON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by T. T. GORTON. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the composer, after his funeral at the above church on this day.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	*WILFRED APPELGATE ... 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	*WALTER SWALLOW ... 6
*WILLIAM TATE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
†HARRY BROWN 4	†CHARLES BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

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

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN R. FRYERS Treble	WILLIAM H. BARKER 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HARRY GIBSON 6
*JOHN A. BROWN 3	JOHN R. BARTON 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FRANK DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal 'inside.' The ringers of 2nd and 4th hail from Leicester, 3rd from Chester-le-Street, Durham. The remainder are members of the local band. Rung in honour of the wedding of Alban Disney, of Leicester, and Mary L. Cuffin, of Anstey, which took place at Anstey on the previous Saturday, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole and Miss Flossie Gibson, daughter of the ringer of the 6th. The conductor was elected a member of the association prior to starting for the peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Eastwood,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSE	... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER	... .. 5
SAMUEL HARRISON	... .. 2	WILLIAM GREEN	... .. 6
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER	... .. 3	T. COLIN RYDER	... .. 7
ALBERT NASH	... .. 4	HARRY MORGAN	... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

WALTER F. JUDGE	... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	... .. 2	HARRY MILES	... .. 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	... .. 3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN	... .. 7
GEORGE GILBERT	... .. 4	JOHN BOWER	... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER	... .. Treble	HARRY BAKER	... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE	... .. 2	ALBERT RELFE	... .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE	... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS	... .. 7
HARRY DOBELL	... .. 4	WILLIAM WENBAN	... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal away from tenor. H. Dobell kindly filled the gap after meeting short for Major. One hundredth peal together by T. E. and C. H. Sone. The conductor has now called a peal round the circle at this tower.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

FRANK LAWRENCE	... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	... .. 2	PERCY HARRISON	... .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD	... .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL	... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS	... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM	... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR	... .. Treble	FRED WALKER	... .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR	... .. 2	JOHN CLAYTON	... .. 6
HAROLD JACKSON	... .. 3	ERNEST GARSIDE	... .. 7
FRANK WELHAM	... .. 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

The thanks of the band are due to the ringer of the 3rd, who kindly took the place of Mr. J. Harrison, who is lying ill in the infirmary through an accident.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

HERBERT HAIGH	... .. Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON	... .. 5
GEORGE H. ROBINSON	... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS	... .. 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL	... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	... .. 7
HAROLD EDWARDS	... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER	... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Superlative. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Albert Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Low Moor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR COLLIER	... .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHERSEMAN	... .. 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN	... .. 2	ALAN R. PINK	... .. 6
WILLIAM WHITING	... .. 3	WILLIAM NEWBERRY	... .. 7
SIDNEY ELTON	... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN	... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Monica Downes, daughter of Canon E. A. and Mrs. Downes, of Leatherhead, and Mr. Frank Savell Wallace, of Clokhill Rectory, Bedford.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDBAM	... .. Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	... .. 5
FRANK E. PERVIN	... .. 2	FRANK E. HAINES	... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	... .. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS	... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Superlative.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. MAYNARD	... .. Treble	CHARLES A. HUGHES	... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE	... .. 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	... .. 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER	... .. 7
ROBERT J. MAYNARD, SEN.	... .. 4	PERCY J. DAW	... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. R. Williams, M.A., who is leaving Leyton Parish Church to become chaplain of Ridley College, Cambridge.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

RONALD H. DOVE	... .. Treble	FRANK JENNINGS	... .. 5
ROYDON DAVIES	... .. 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	... .. 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	... .. 3	AMOS W. CLARK	... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT	... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside' and 100th peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 17 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	Treble	HORACE M. DAY	...	4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	...	HARRY GIBBARD	...	5
JAMES H. MUSSON	...	ROGER W. DANIELS	...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. Day.

Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday.

ARDLEY, Herts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Methods being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

MISS NORA WELCH	...	ARTHUR PHILLIPS	...	4
SIDNEY CARTER	...	JOHN WELCH	...	5
ROBERT HOWARD	...	BARNARD PATMORE	...	Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

First peal of Bob Minor on the bells.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD	...	WILLIAM H. WALDRON	...	4
HORACE M. DAY	...	WILLIAM ROSE	...	5
ARTHUR RIGGALL	...	JOSEPH O. LANDAN	...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. Day.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. A. E. Landan, brother of the tenor ringer, and Miss Caroline Chantry, who were married the same afternoon.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN ROYNON	...	*RICHMOND ROBERTS	...	4
GEORGE E. SHALLISH	...	GEORGE GILLING	...	5
EDWARD G. NORTON	...	EDWARD J. AVERY	...	Tenor

Conducted by E. J. Avery.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method. This peal was rung in connection with the anniversary services held at the church the same day.

WIDFORD, Herts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR WREN	...	ARTHUR REDLINGTON	...	4
LEONARD LADBEY	...	JOHN WELCH	...	5
JOHN SUCKLING	...	SIDNEY CARTER	...	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

Rung in honour of the conferment of the degree of doctor of divinity by the University of London on Dr. Hollis, Rector of Widford.

RIPPINGALE.—On Tuesday, April 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins., as a birthday compliment to N. Atkinson and H. Willson, both regular Sunday service ringers, on their 21st birthday: R. Williamson 1, A. Scott 2, H. Willson 3, H. Gibbard (conductor) 4, C. Challand 5.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	...	*HORACE BENNETT	...	4
HARRY JOHNSON	...	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	...	5
*ARTHUR KEY	...	ALBERT H. BENNETT	...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of 3 and 4 were proposed members of the Guild before starting the peal. The ringers wish to thank Mr. A. H. Bennett for making up the band at a moment's notice.

SOMERTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS	...	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	...	HARRY GIBBARD	...	5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	...	HORACE M. DAY	...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. Day.

First peal on the bells, which have hung in this tower for nearly 300 years, and were rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1930. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who is a native of Somerton, and first learnt to handle a bell in this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE	...	1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY	...	5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE	...	3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	...	7-8
			CHARLES E. LAWSON	...	9-10

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by M. MOORHOUSE

First peal of Royal as conductor and rung at the first attempt.

STOCKPORE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

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

* 100th handbell peal.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.

On Sunday, June 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 66, HILLHEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*HARRY F. SARGENT	...	1-2	STEPHEN H. WOOD	...	5-6
*ALBERT F. SARGENT	...	3-4	*JOHN F. SARGENT	...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. This is the first peal for the above society, and it is believed to be the first handbell peal in the West of Scotland.

HITCHIN.—On Wednesday evening, March 18th, for a Confirmation service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: C. V. Hare 1, G. T. Croft 2, A. E. Symonds 3, John Hare 4, H. W. Else 5, D. C. Mears 6, W. H. Coles (Taunton, Somerset) 7, L. Fidler (conductor) 8. The daughters of the ringers of the 5th and tenor were presented for Confirmation.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

FEWER PEALS RUNG.

Favoured with fine weather, the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 20th, might be termed a success, both from numerical and social standpoints. Visitors arrived from places as far away as Preston, Northampton, Leicester, Birmingham, etc., and affiliated towers in the archdeaconry were well represented.

The Cathedral bells were raised at three o'clock, and kept going during the three-quarters of an hour allotted, another similar period being allowed in the evening. The eight at St. Mary's and six at St. Michael's, being free from restriction of time, were made good use of.

Those who attended the service in the Cathedral were well repaid, even if only for the beautiful singing. By the kind invitation of the Archdeacon, the Ven. Hugh Bright (president), tea was laid at Lloyd's Restaurant, to which more than eighty sat down, with the Archdeacon presiding.

The general meeting followed, and the president, who was in the chair, remarked how pleased he was to welcome such a gathering. An apology for being unable to stay to the tea and meeting was received from Mr. W. W. Worthington, who, however, managed to get a 'pull' during his short stay in the city.

The treasurer submitted a statement of accounts, which showed a balance of 10s. 9d. on the year's working. The committee's report was then read, and after being approved was ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee stated that meetings had been held during the past year at Lichfield, Enville, All Saints, West Bromwich, and St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, each of which was fairly well attended. The financial position of the society was firm, there being a balance of 10s. 9d. on the year's working. Twenty-nine new members had been admitted during the past twelve months. The number of peals rung during the year was 51, against 58 last year, those in the Grandsire method again greatly predominating, while Surprise peals were conspicuous by their absence, there having been only one rung, viz., Cambridge Surprise Minor. One performance stood out prominently, and that was the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Brewwood, unconduted. Out of a total number of 14 conductors, no less than four had each conducted their first peal, and two others had each conducted their first peal of Stedman Cinques. The peals were as follows: Doubles (two methods on handbells) 2, Grandsire Doubles 3, Grandsire Doubles (on handbells) 2, Grandsire Triples 27, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples 4, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 3, Bob Minor 4, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1; total 51. The committee regretted to record the loss the society had sustained through the death of Mr. Thomas Meredith, of Barton-under-Needwood, and Mr. Alfred Fallon and Mr. Sydney Levett, both of St. Luke's company, Wolverhampton.

The election of officers included the appointment of Mr. J. Warriow, of Stafford, as Ringing Master, in the place of Mr. W. A. Cooper, retired, and Mr. W. Evans, Tipton, as auditor. The remaining officials were re-elected.

The following places have been chosen to hold meetings during the coming year: Colwich in September, Wood Green in January, Pattingham in April, and Lichfield (annual) in June. It was resolved that the society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.

It was proposed that the following should be added to Rule 6: 'and not more than three co-opted by the committee.' After some discussion, this was agreed to.

It was resolved that the sum of £3 3s. be subscribed to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

Several new members were enrolled.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his kindness in providing tea and for his presence was read with applause.

RINGERS WEDDING.

MR. ALBAN DISNEY AND MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Church of St. Mary, Anstey, Leicester, on Saturday, June 20th, when two members of the Midland Counties Association were married. The bridegroom was Mr. Alban Disney, son of the Rev. R. B. Disney, Rector of Eydon, Northants, who was for many years Vicar of Belgrave, Leicester, and the bride Miss Mary Louise Cufflin, daughter of Mr. Alfred Cufflin, the well-known towerkeeper of Anstey Church. The service was fully choral, the bridegroom's father performing the ceremony, assisted by the Rector of Anstey (the Rev. John Stewart). The hymns, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,' were sung. The bridesmaids were the Misses Hester and Mary Disney, sisters of the bridegroom, and the Misses Eileen and Nancy Cufflin, sister and niece respectively of the bride. The best man was Mr. Michael Disney, brother of the bridegroom.

Mr. Alban Disney was for several years secretary of the Leicester District of the M.C.A., and is a ringer and sidesman at Anstey Church. The bride is also a ringer and chorister at Anstey, and both are well known in the Leicester district, having taken part in a number of peals.

'DOWN IN ZUMMERSET.'

TEN TOWERS, TWENTY METHODS, FOUR HUNDRED MILES.

For many months past a few ringing enthusiasts of the Chester Branch of the Chester Guild had been looking forward to their annual ringing week-end. This year Bath was chosen as the venue, and on Friday, June 12th, the following set forth from Chester: Messrs. J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde, R. Sperring, J. Swindley, W. Bibby, J. W. Clarke, and A. E. Richards. Much to the regret of all, Messrs. W. Thomas and G. Jones, companions in many ringing 'outs,' were unable to accompany the party.

The trip down south, made in two cars, was all that could be desired, the weather that day being on its best behaviour. Bath was reached early in the evening, and after depositing luggage and giving some attention to the 'inner man' at the Angel in Westgate Street, the party were taken under the wing of Mr. Prescott and were soon among the ropes of the beautiful light eight at Corston. A very pleasant evening was spent with London, Cambridge and Stedman, followed by one or two 'rounds' in the open-air in front of the village hostelry.

The weather remained favourable during Saturday, and an early start was made for Bathampton, where the programme was opened with 720 Cambridge Minor followed by a course of Chester Surprise. Mention must also be made of the successful accomplishment of that 'intricate' method known as 'Grandma Doubles,' ably conducted by Mr. H. W. Wilde! No doubt this is the first time it has been rung in Somerset. The remainder of the morning was divided between Bathaston and Bathford, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob being scored at the latter place.

After lunch, and a short visit to the world-famous baths, the ringers went to the Abbey, where they were met by the Ven. Archdeacon Boyd, who gave them a hearty welcome and personally conducted them round the famous Abbey, an act which was greatly appreciated. The belfry was reached after a hard climb, and, the party now being augmented by several of the Bath ringers, including Miss N. Williams, and also by Miss Hastie, of Guildford, the ten (tenor 35 cwt.) were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire.

Fortunately, a third car was available, and quite a 'young army' of ringers arrived at Beckington for tea and a pleasant hour in the belfry. The heavy eight at Frome provided some good ringing, and the finishing touches of the day were rung at Norton St. Philip.

Quite a large gathering sat in the lounge of the Angel that evening, and the usual ringers' stories went round as well as a little argument about 'Grandma Doubles'!

Some good ringing was enjoyed at Twerton on Sunday morning, and then farewells were taken before beginning the homeward journey, which was made via Bristol and Gloucester. In the afternoon torrential rain set in, and the last hundred miles became almost a series of 'water jumps,' flooded roads being encountered every few miles. However, a halt was made at Bridgnorth, where Stedman and Kent were rung for evening service, the local ringers kindly handing over the ropes to the visitors.

Chester was eventually reached about 9 p.m., after a most enjoyable week-end, during which ten towers were visited, twenty methods rung, four hundred miles traversed, and a host of ringing friendships made. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the outing such a success, particularly to Miss Williams, Mr. Prescott, Mr. King, and the various incumbents and ringers of the churches visited.

A. E. R.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH AT EAST ISLEY.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at East Isley on Saturday, June 20th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beeton, Compton, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Overton and East Isley. Visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, were present from Abingdon, Basingstoke, Coventry, Eastleigh, Chidrey, Oxford and Reading. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Ogle), who gave a very interesting address. Mrs. East presided at the organ.

A marble peal tablet was dedicated at the conclusion of the service recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by East Isley ringers.

Tea was served at the Rectory by Mrs. Ogle and her helpers, when over forty sat down. The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. A. Ogle presided, in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. H. Bonsey).

The next meeting was fixed for Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th, and a combined practice will be held at Highclere on Saturday, July 4th.

Five new members were elected, and it was proposed to send two guineas to the Stedman Memorial Fund. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. Ogle for his address and welcome, to Mrs. East for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. Ogle and her helpers for providing the tea, which was carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyns (Master of the Guild) and several other visitors having turned up, some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Liverpool Branch held its usual monthly meeting at Huyton. It is several years since this old church, with its six bells, has been visited. The ravages of the death watch beetle have been the main cause. First the church roof was attacked, and then the bell frame. However, both have now been put in order, the bells having been rehung in a new iron frame last autumn.

A few of the members who had gathered early witnessed a very pretty and impressive ceremony in connection with the village rose queen celebrations, which were in full swing about 3 p.m.

The bells were set going soon after to various methods, and quite a good muster of members found their way to the tower during the afternoon. In the absence of the Vicar, the curate took the usual form of service at 5.30 p.m., and welcomed the branch to Huyton.

Twenty-two members and friends partook of tea, which was ably arranged at a nearby cafe by Mr. J. Tickle, the leader of the local band. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, with Mr. Tickle as chairman.

Three new members were elected, including Mrs. Claude Davies, the assistant branch secretary, who was elected an hon. life member. The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar and curate and to Mr. Tickle for so admirably making all the arrangements for the meeting, which all agreed was a highly successful one.

EXCURSION TO CHESTER.

The ringers of the Brookfield (Gorton) Church held their annual picnic on June 20th, the venue being Chester, where ringing had been arranged at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls and Eccleston. At the latter church 336 Stedman Triples was rung. Blessed with splendid weather, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and the ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. J. Swindley for arranging for them to ring at both churches. It was unanimously decided to give a donation of 10s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Wednesday, June 10th, at Reigate Parish Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. L. B. Eley and Miss M. C. Hartwell, 1,274 and 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *R. Tuffin 1, *W. Wells 2, *C. Hygate 3, A. Bashford 4, J. Foster 5, M. Northover 6, G. Hoad (conductor) 7, A. Peck and G. Stemp 8. * First quarter-peal.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**HANDBELLS FOR MOST PROGRESSIVE BAND.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Harborne on Saturday, June 20th. There was a fairly large attendance of members, considering the fact that the tower is on the border of the district. The following towers were represented: Brierley Hill, Smethwick, King's Norton, Erdington, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Hagley, Clent and Harborne. The Vicar (Canon O. S. Petit) welcomed the visitors, conducted the service, and gave a splendid address on the message that the bells often conveyed to the outsider. The association form of service was used, and Mr. E. Cairns, of the local company, presided at the organ. The collection at the service for the belfry repair fund realised 10s. 9d.

Tea was served in the Vicarage, at which the Vicar presided, and at the close welcomed the association to Harborne. He placed his grounds at the disposal of all present.—Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for arranging the service and for the address, for the use of the bells, and so kindly placing his gardens at the visitors' disposal.—The vote was carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rev. E. B. Farnicombe presided. Apologies were announced from Mr. H. Sheppard and Mr. H. Mason, who is staying at Colwyn Bay after an eye operation.

It was decided to send a suggestion from one of the members that a badge or some kind of insignia should be provided for the Ringing Master, to be worn when on official duty, to the Central Committee for consideration.

Several new members were elected to the roll, including the Vicar and his colleagues.

The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Harborne, the arrangements to be in the hands of the Ringing Master.

Mr. H. G. Bird said he was very sorry he was unable to attend the Central Council meeting.

Mr. W. Short explained the rules governing the forthcoming competition for the peal of handbells, which has been kindly given for the most progressive ringers within a stated period.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. B. Farnicombe for presiding at the meeting, also to Mr. F. H. Hawkins for his kindly help, and to Miss Hawkins who, with her lady helpers, looked after the members' wants admirably.—The Rev. E. B. Farnicombe briefly replied.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The widow and relatives of the late Mr. T. T. Goflon desire to express their grateful thanks to Mr. C. L. Routledge, and the ringers of Newcastle Cathedral, Gosforth, Sunderland, North Shields, Tynfield and Chester-le-Street for their kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Among the many distinguished subscribers to Mr. Ernest Morris' new book, 'History and Art of Change Ringing' is His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. Recently the Lord Archbishop of Dublin ordered two copies, one for each of the Cathedrals in Dublin.

The many ringing friends of Mr. J. Burge will regret to learn that he has undergone an operation in the Avenue Nursing Home, Taunton, but will be pleased to know that he is making satisfactory progress.

Mr. Stephen H. Wood is to be congratulated upon the success which has attended his efforts to start a change ringing band, in connection with St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. He has not waited until his young ringers could handle the heavy ten bells in the tower before giving them an insight into the art. He has been instructing them on handbells, and to-day we record a handbell peal of Bob Major, in which three of his pupils rang a pair and scored at the first attempt. It is a fine achievement for these youths.

Service ringing at Glasgow Cathedral has been confined to the top six until last Sunday, when for the first time the back eight were rung open. We are going to hear more of ringing in the West of Scotland in the future than we have in the past.

Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, who has recently been working for the Norwich City Council, in his capacity as a chartered surveyor, has been appointed to a post in London, and his address is The Dell, Little Chalfont, Amersham.

Previous to the peal of Stedman Cinques, at Southwark, on June 20th, Mr. J. G. Nash had not struck a blow on twelve bells, and had only once before seen twelve ropes hanging in a tower.

On Sunday last Mr. W. J. Gilbert, the veteran ringer of Raunds, Northamptonshire, attained his 80th birthday. A peal of Bob Major, to celebrate the occasion, was attempted the day previous, but came to grief after nearly three hours' ringing.

A peal of Treble Bob Major, which it was reported was rung at Burslem on June 13th, was rung at Longton. At present Burslem can boast of only six bells.

Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glensford, desires to thank his friends for their congratulations on his recent peal at Glensford. Last week he rang his one thousandth 720. His father rang considerably over this number. There can be but few instances of both father and son carrying their total of Minor extents into four figures.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Horsell, Surrey, on Saturday, in conjunction with the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and continued till 4.30, when a very welcome tea was enjoyed.

The ladies then held their business meeting, Miss Fisher (Aldershot) being in the chair.

The following were all re-elected: Vice-president, Mrs. Bruce; secretary, Miss H. Mills; committee, Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Whittington and Miss Fisher.

It was proposed to hold the next annual meeting at Wokingham.

The Secretary reported that a letter of condolence had been sent to the vice-president on the sad death of her husband, Rev. J. C. G. Bruce.

The tower was revisited and the bells kept going till nine o'clock. The ringers afterward joined in evensong at the church, when they were welcomed by the Vicar (Canon Pares), who conducted the service and gave an address.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Newdigate on Saturday week. The 'early birds' arrived in time to help ring, as the Rector said at tea, to cheer up a wedding couple as they left the church.

Ringings are done from the ground floor, and with the doors open to the road the ringers had many spectators. The church itself is of great interest to visitors, being very old, and the tower, built of massive oak timbers, is quite an unusual feature.

Service, with a 'straight from the shoulder' address, was given by the Rev. J. W. Ward, after which the ringers, numbering twenty-two, from Cobham, Dorking, Capel, Leatherhead, Newdigate and one visitor from Uckfield, Sussex, adjourned to the other Six Bells across the road for tea.

The Vicar presided, and, at the business meeting which followed, one new member, Mr. Richard Orchard, of Dorking, was elected.

The Vicar then expressed his pleasure at the Guild's visit, and wished they could come more often, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells and for the service.

Ringings were then resumed, Oxford Treble Bob being in great demand, and the bells were finally lowered in peal just before nine o'clock.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM FOUR CONTINENTS.

A very interesting feature of the contributions which have been received during the past week towards the Stedman Tercentenary Fund has been the donations from ringers overseas—from South Africa, from the United States, from India and from South America.

The Society of Cambridge Youths, the East Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Association, Surrey Association (Southern Branch), and Oxford Diocesan Guild (Newbury and North Berks Branches) are among the organisations which have voted contributions since our last issue.

A further list of donations will be published next week. In the meantime bands and individuals who wish to take a share in this national memorial to one of the earliest and greatest figures in the Exercise should forward their subscriptions without delay to:—

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

Readers will see a good many details of the commemoration scheme in the report of the Central Council's proceedings on another page in this issue.

One indirect outcome of the scheme seems to have been the formation of a South American Society of Change Ringers! The following letter reached us by air mail from Maracaibo, Venezuela, and speaks for itself:—

Dear Sir,—I have just received your issue of May 15th, 1931, outlining the scheme to commemorate the tercentenary of the founder of the 'Exercise.'

It is an object that, I am sure, will receive the whole-hearted support of all societies and associations, even the 'Secretaries' Association,' who will without doubt, do 'their bit' in the gathering of funds. In spite of the 'quibbling' that has been a topic in the last issues that I have received, I have just formed myself into the 'South American Society of Change Ringers,' appointed myself secretary and treasurer, and am herewith enclosing the subscription of this 'society,' namely, one guinea.—Yours faithfully,

B. A. SWINSON.

PORTSMOUTH RINGERS GO WEST.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Portsmouth, held their annual outing on Saturday, June 20th. Leaving headquarters shortly after 8 a.m. by the trusty 'Triumph' coach, the open road was soon in evidence, and a splendid run through the New Forest by way of Cadnam and Ringwood brought the party to the delightful harbour of Poole. On arriving at the church tower, Mr. Townsend and a friend were there to meet the visitors, and a well-struck course of London Surprise Major was rung, which was followed by touches of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge in which the Poole men took part. Bidding farewell to this fine ring of eight, another delightful run by way of Bere Regis brought the company to Dorchester, where the Vicar of Fordington St. George welcomed the ringers. A nice-toned ring of six were soon going to Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor, whilst the ladies had a stroll round the delightful Vicarage grounds. Once again aboard the motor coach and the company were soon on the open Dorset road to Sherborne, which was reached about 3.30 p.m. Here they were met by Mr. E. Coward, of Mere, and a move was then made to the Abbey, where one of the local band led the way to the 'great ascent' to the ringing chamber. This noble ring of eight (tenor 47 cwt.) were soon going, and an excellent touch of Bob Major was brought round (the tenorman quite appreciating 'Joe's' effort in ringing her to a peal recently). Some touches of Stedman Triples were also rung, in which Mr. Uriah Braven, of Bristol, took part. Reluctantly, the ringers left, and another delightful run brought them to Mere, where an excellent tea was partaken of at the Angel. Afterwards, at the tower, some good touches of London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandire Triples brought the ringing to a conclusion. Shortly after 8 p.m. the return journey was commenced by way of Stonehenge and Salisbury. A short halt at this latter city was made, when the last lap was commenced, and home reached shortly after midnight. The thanks of all are due to the Vicars and local ringers who helped so much to the success of the day.

IONA CATHEDRAL'S NEW BELL.

FOUR HUNDRED JOURNEY TO SACRED ISLE FOR DEDICATION SERVICE.

'We dedicate this bell to the glory and service of God.'

As these words, spoken by the Rt. Rev. Dr. J. A. Graham, of Kalimpung, Moderator of the General Assembly, died away in the Cathedral at Iona, the first chimes of the newly-gifted bell rang over the waters from the tower.

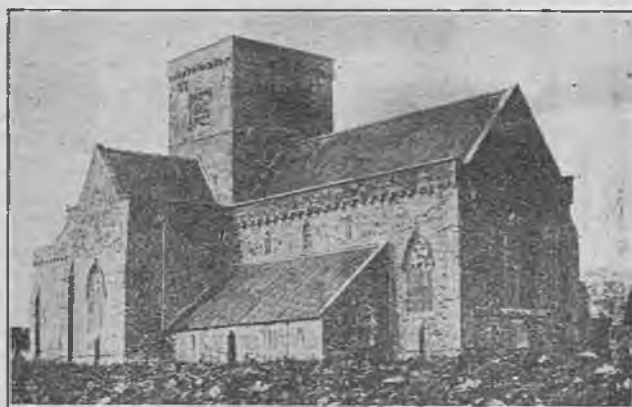
Its deeply reverberating notes stirred not only the hearts of the hundreds gathered reverently in the building, but the many who listened from ships and shore.

For many years this famous Cathedral has been without a proper bell to summon worshippers—an old ship's bell, cracked in note, having been used, as the trustees could not afford one befitting the dignity of the place.

Recently a young man, a visitor to the island in his childhood, offered to purchase a suitable bell for the Cathedral, and, yesterday, the dedicatory service was held.

Visitors from Glasgow and Edinburgh and the West of Scotland made a special trip to Iona, and assembled in the Cathedral.

They rose to sing the one hundredth Psalm, which opened the service—metley figures in tweeds, kilts, berets and hiking costume; old, young, and, in some cases, far from well; and they joined in the Lord's Prayer with the same profound feeling.



IONA CATHEDRAL.

They were gathered, as Dr. Graham said in his address, in a building which was specially sacred to them and their Scottish Church, as well as the Church of Christ throughout the world, as that of St. Columba, through whose apostolic zeal the Gospel was first proclaimed in that island and the mainland of Scotland, as well as other lands.

He then dedicated the bell to the service of God, and the congregation listened in silence to the first sound of its voice.

Rev. Neil Ross, of Kingussie, president of An Comunn Gaidhealach, gave a short address in Gaelic.

A prayer by Dr. Graham and the singing of the Doxology and the 18th Psalm completed the simple service; and, as the visitors made their way back through the rain to the ship, they heard again the triumphant chime.

400 VOYAGE TO IONA.

The bell is from the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, weighs 22 cwt., and sounds in the note of E flat.

Four hundred people journeyed from Glasgow for the dedication, leaving the city at the early hour of six, to make a special journey to Oban.

From that town the new MacBrayne steamer, Lochfyne, sailed to Iona by the south end of Mull, turning by Staffa.

The first part of the journey was made in excellent weather, but the landing and re-embarking at Iona were done in small boats in squalls of rain—rather like a modern version of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 27th, at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. W. Richardson 1, J. J. Lamb 2, W. A. Martin 3, A. F. Petrie 4, H. W. Clark 5, W. Berry 6, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 7, D. Hodgson 8. Rung after the marriage (a fully choral service) of Elsie Annie Richardson with Harry Leslie Hoskins. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. Harry Hoskins, for many years a ringing colleague of Messrs. Thornton, Lamb, Berry, etc., at this church.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—On Monday evening, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: D. Wozencroft 1, G. Humphreys 2, H. Roberts 3, H. Wakefield 4, P. Roberts 5, A. E. Pogler (Bangor) (conductor) 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE STEDMAN COMMEMORATION.

Mr. E. A. Young, speaking as a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee, said as far as his activities were concerned, they had been confined to giving some advice in connection with the tower at Howden Church, Yorkshire, which had been badly damaged by fire.

The President said his portion of the report would be the peg on which to hang some remarks respecting the question of the bells of St. Benet's, Cambridge. They had all seen in 'The Ringing World' the proposal that St. Benet's bells should once more be put into ringing order to commemorate the tercentenary year of Stedman, and the members would know most of the details of the scheme. What it was proposed to do was to rebang the bells as far as possible in the present frame and with the present style of hanging, so that the bells should remain as nearly as they could in Stedman's day. In order to modify the sound in the immediate neighbourhood—the tower was right in the midst of Corpus College and business premises, and it was no good doing anything to the bells unless they could be rung afterwards—it was suggested that they should drop them twelve feet in the tower. Further, as the tower was one of great national interest, being one of the few complete pre-Norman Conquest towers, the building must be safeguarded, and by dropping the bells twelve feet they would reduce the bending moment of the tower by 25 per cent.; further, by slightly modifying the position of the ropes with regard to the wheels, the strain on the tower could be further reduced. As the Council would know, the matter was raised by Mr. Goldsmith, and it had obviously caught the imagination of the ringers of the country from the way the money had been coming in so far, but it would be very desirable, from the point of view of the Standing Committee, who had discussed the matter that morning, that the appeal to the ringers of the country should be given final sanction by the Council. That could be done in two ways. One was that the Council should contribute a sum to the list of subscriptions, and he was going to suggest that they give a grant of ten guineas towards the fund. The other was that they should elect certain of their members to co-operate with the Parochial Church Council of St. Benet's in carrying out the scheme. The Parochial Church Council were the people who must get the faculty and who must be responsible. The Council would have to approach them officially as to whether they would accept the gift. If they were willing to accept it, he suggested they should appoint certain of their members to carry out the scheme with them and see the whole thing through. Proceeding, the President said another slight change which they suggested should be made in the belfry was that the ringers should ring from the ground floor instead of going up a vertical steel ladder, as they did at present, to ring on the floor above. Further, the scheme would include the provision of a tablet recording the fact that the restoration of the bells was carried out in commemoration of Fabian Stedman. With regard to the names of the committee to co-operate with the Parochial Church Council, he thought it would be wise if the Council would leave that to the Towers and Belfries Committee. The Council could trust the Committee to appoint suitable people. He proposed the adoption of the verbal reports of the members of the committee, including the recommendations that the Council make a grant of ten guineas towards the Stedman Commemoration Fund, that the Council officially offer the gift to the Parochial Church Council of St. Benet's, and that they leave it to the Towers and Belfries Committee to appoint two or three members of the Council to co-operate with the Church Council.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said as one who many years ago had the privilege of ringing on these bells, he would like to second the motion.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said, as instigator of the scheme, the proposals put forward by the president had his full approval. He was anxious that the commemoration should be a national one, and for that reason he desired to see the Council taking official part in it. He would be only too glad to continue to act as 'publicity agent' (applause).

NO ROOM FOR MORE BELLS.

Mr. W. Willson said it appeared to him that the money they were asking for ought to be sufficient to restore the bells and provide two trebles. He thought two new bells should be put in as a memorial to Stedman, otherwise 50 years hence the work of this generation would be forgotten. Why not go the 'whole hog'?

The President said his answer to that was to ask Mr. Willson if he had seen the tower; did he know the tower?

Mr. Willson said he did not know the tower.

The President said it would be impossible to put two more trebles in the tower with any sort of satisfaction. There was only just room for the existing six. The President added that the proposed scheme would involve some work to the tower, because it would be necessary to put in a concrete beam round the walls to take the beams of the dropped frame. The amount which had been mentioned was only a rough estimate. Although the frame was old, it seemed perfectly sound as far as one could see from a hurried inspection. There was practically no movement of the frame—it was

not more than one-sixteenth of an inch when any of the bells were rung singly. They felt that it would be far more appropriate that the bells should be hung as far as possible as they were in Stedman's time. If they tried to put them in modern hangings they might get various authorities up against them as well as the opposition of the local authorities. It was a delightful old tower, the bells were hung in the old-fashioned way, and, personally, he should prefer to see them hung in the same manner as an historical memorial. Mr. Lewis said there was one other point. He thought they should formally appoint a treasurer of the fund.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed that the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn should continue in office.—Mr. Young seconded, and the motion was carried.

The President said he thought they ought to thank Mr. Goldsmith and say how much they owed to him for having made the suggestion and having carried it as far as he had done (applause). Mr. Lewis added that when he and Mr. Goldsmith went to Cambridge to inspect the tower they took along with them the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The result was that they had got him entirely on their side, provided they carried out the scheme on the lines he had mentioned; in fact, Mr. Powys went so far as to say he would be prepared, if they wished it, to issue an appeal to his members for funds (hear, hear).

Mr. Young: Of course, we would rather do it ourselves.

MISSING RECORDS.

The next report should have been that of the Records Committee, but the Rev. H. Law James said he was sorry he had nothing to report. The Rev. A. T. Beeston used to do this work, but when he retired last year the records were handed to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who, as they knew, had since died, and where the records were to-day he (the speaker) did not know. Not having the previous records to work from, it was impossible to carry them forward. Although he was put on this committee, it was not the sort of work that appealed to him in any way, and he would be glad to be released.

Mr. G. L. Grover said he must apologise and plead guilty for the non-appearance of the report, but he recommended himself to mercy with a certain amount of confidence (laughter). He thought that as the junior member of the committee his only duty would be formally to approve of the report (laughter). If, however, he could get hold of the papers which had been before the Council on previous occasions, and it would relieve Mr. James to any extent, he would be pleased to present a report covering the whole of the two years at the next meeting of the Council (applause).

The President said the hon. secretary would endeavour to discover where the records were and hand them over to the committee.

The Council then proceeded to consider the motions on the agenda.

MUFFLED RINGING.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards moved: 'When any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens through unforeseen circumstances to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of the bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.' Nothing that he was going to say, he remarked, was intended to apply to any Sunday, festival or occasion of public rejoicing, but, apart from that, the motion would not have been necessary, or hardly necessary, if all the clergy in charge of churches with peals of bells were well instructed in the use of bells and thoroughly alive to their responsibility. But at present, unfortunately, the care and use of bells was not a subject that found a place in the curriculum of theological colleges, and he had never heard of any Bishop including questions on the subject in the examination of candidates for the ministry. That being the case, ringers must be prepared to act on their own initiative, and he had put this motion on the agenda with a view, if possible, to avoiding unfortunate and regrettable occurrences in future. On almost any Saturday in the year there were a large number of ringers' fixtures previously arranged—sometimes peals and in other cases meetings of associations and, in a few instances, perhaps, ordinary practices. They never knew when they arranged anything on a particular day what might happen. The King or the Queen might die, or the Vicar of the parish or his wife or child. In such a case ringing would not be done with open bells—of course, it would not; but there were many more instances, which people did not always think of, when it would be entirely inappropriate to ring the bells open. The greatest care should be taken that ringers did not get a bad name by ringing with open bells when the feelings of the parishioners were out of harmony with it. For example, the churchwarden of the parish, or his wife, might have died and been buried perhaps that very day. If a body of ringers went to the parish and rang the bells open for several hours—with the best of intentions—it would jar on the feelings of the parishioners, and the ringers would get a bad name. It was to meet cases like that that there should be a regular understanding that those who arranged such meetings or practices should be prepared to get the bells muffled and ring them muffled or cancel the ringing altogether. In the case of a peal, it was more or less easy to cancel it, but in the case of a general meeting they could not cancel it without putting some people to inconvenience. The best way to deal with it was to muffle the bells. That would give the ringers a good name. Mr.

Edwards went on to quote some specific instances where local or national feeling had been disregarded by the ringing of open bells, one being the ringing of open bells on the day of the burial of the victims of the R101 disaster. By ignoring public feeling on occasions such as this ringers were doing themselves great harm, for the sound of open bells at such a time only caused indignation. Again, it was not very long since the Princess Royal died. Her funeral took place on a Saturday. There, again, probably a great many bells were rung open, because meetings had been previously arranged, though in some cases muffled peals were rung, but it was most inappropriate that bells should be rung open when any member of the royal family was being interred, except if it happened to be on a festival. The Council could give guidance in this matter, and those who arranged any sort of ringing should be prepared in any case like that to arrange with the proper authorities, the Vicar or the steeplekeeper, to get the bells muffled and use them muffled, and any association should be prepared to pay a small fee, if necessary, for having the muffles put on and removed. He put in the last proviso, so that if muffles were put on, the local ringers should not find, when they began to use the bells for the church services on Sunday, that the muffles had not been removed. He thought it was advisable that the Council should give general advice to those making ringing fixtures to be prepared to act in such a way in case of emergency.

Mr. Cave seconded, and the President said he thought they would all agree with the sentiments of the motion.

The Rev. H. Law James said muffled bells on Saturday afternoon or Sunday seemed to him to be a denial of the doctrine of the Resurrection.

The Rev. W. P. Farrow said in this resolution lay a great opportunity for the Council. It was a splendid chance for them to show that they desired to do nothing against public feeling. In his own parish they would be delighted to hear that the Church Council had done such a thing, and respected the sorrow of the poor as well as of the rich. He thought this was a great opportunity to call the attention of incumbents to the work of the Central Council.

The motion was carried.

SUGGESTED REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.

Mr. G. R. Newton moved: 'That in the interests of the Exercise this Council takes such steps as they deem necessary for the registration of compositions.' This was a matter, he said, which should have been tackled years ago by the Council; it was something that had been constantly cropping up on the question of claiming other people's peals. After he had put his motion forward, he saw an article by Mr. Trollope in 'The Ringing World' which stated that it was impossible for a register of compositions to be established. That was a debatable point, but his first impulse was to withdraw the motion. However, he thought it was only right that the Council should have a chance to discuss the facts and express their opinion with regard to it. Mr. Newton proceeded to read an article which appeared in 'The Ringing World' in October, 1928, advocating the provision of such a register, and Mr. Trollope's article saying that it was practically impossible. In spite of what Mr. Trollope said, added Mr. Newton, he still maintained it was possible, if they got the right men, to set up this register. He realised that it would be a colossal task and would require a young and enthusiastic man to take it up. A year ago he was speaking to a certain ringer with regard to it, and asked him if, in the event of the Council deciding to set up this register, he would take part in the work, and only recently he had received a card from him saying he would be pleased to assist in any way he could if the resolution was passed by the Council. If it could be done it would be a big step towards establishing the authorship of peals, and would be of great benefit to the Exercise. The young man he had in mind was one of the cleverest young men in the Exercise, and he believed others would come forward and assist in compiling the register.

Mr. A. E. Sharman formally seconded the motion.

Rev. H. Law James said the Council had already published a collection of Plain Major peals; they had also got a collection of Treble Bob peals, but there had never been a collection of Surprise compositions published, and if only these collections could be carried on he thought there would be some good come of it.

Mr. Trollope said, as his article had been quoted, he could only say that in his opinion it was absolutely impossible to get a register of compositions to decide what should be called original. It could not be done. If a man were to start now and work for a hundred years working out the variations of different peals and filing them he would hardly have touched the thing. The only thing would be to set up a low standard. When a man knew anything about how figures ran, and understood the working of Q sets, he could sit down and write out peals as fast as he liked, and in that case there was no such thing as original composition as they understood it in the old style. He did not mean to say that there was no scope at all for composition. In the case of a composition like Mr. Law James' spliced Surprise peal, that was something a man could call his own, because he had done something no one else had done, but when they got hold of original peals they had got a certain formula which would provide them with so many variations that if they tried to file them, even in the case of Bob Major, which was the simplest of things, they would find it absolutely impossible. The only thing they would do would be to set up a low standard of composition. What

they had to do was to get people to realise that the old idea of composition, with its reverse and variations as an independent thing, no longer held good. They had got to get rid of the idea of putting a name at the bottom of every composition, for it was hardly likely in these days that anyone could get a composition of the ordinary sort that was original.

A PAMPHLET ON 'VARIATIONS'

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he had a great deal of sympathy with the article in 'The Ringing World' which was quoted by Mr. Newton, and with what Mr. Newton said. If they could contrive something of the sort it would be extremely useful. He thought, however, there was something in the view which Mr. Trollope expressed that it would tend to set up a low standard. What would happen, probably, was that a composition would be produced, and if the exact figures were not found in the register, that composition would be labelled original. Mr. Trollope had told them something about variations; he had suffered a great deal in the last ten or fifteen years in hunting out variations, and he could assure them that even by ordinary rule-of-thumb variations compositions were innumerable, and the labour when this register existed, if some composition was submitted, might be considerable. It might require several days before it could be said with any sort of confidence whether the composition was in the register already or whether it was not. The thing really was very difficult. He thought it was a good thing the subject had been ventilated, but he did not think the way out of it was by setting up the suggested register of compositions; he was quite sure from his own experience that it would not have the desired effect. It would not prevent compositions which were not original from being published as original compositions. What, however, he thought was emphatically worth while was that something should go down among the decisions of the Council as to the great desirability of taking all possible steps to consult the collections, to find out if a composition was original before being claimed as such. It was all to the good that attention should be drawn to the matter and a sort of warning sounded. He wondered whether it would be of value to have some little pamphlet, simply and solely on variations, produced by the Council. It would not meet the exact difficulty, but it would help to instruct ringers generally.

The President asked if Mr. Richardson thought good might be served by having a small committee to explore the subject and possibly bring out the pamphlet he had suggested, while carefully considering the pros and cons of the proposed register, and possibly bring the matter forward again. He did not think it was fair, so late in the afternoon, to turn down such a proposal as had been made, for it was quite clear the experts were not entirely agreed. They all had a great deal of sympathy with what Mr. Newton had proposed. He suggested that possibly the Peals Collection Committee would do what had been suggested.

Mr. Newton said he would agree with this course being taken.

Mr. Elwell said they ought to add Mr. Newton to the committee.

Mr. Newton: That is not quite in my province. I have in mind someone, but he is not on the Council.

The President said the committee would be only too glad to have the co-operation of someone who was not on the Council, and if it was desired they could arrange later to get him on the Council as an hon. member.

Mr. Newton said the gentleman he had in mind was Mr. C. W. Roberts, of London.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who is a member of the committee, said he did not wish to serve on it for this purpose. He was quite sure that the attempt to form anything in the nature of a register would ultimately do distinctly more harm than good. If they could go on collecting and printing selected useful compositions in various methods they would be getting a standard and showing conductors the standard of what had been produced in the past. He was quite sure it would be a sheer waste of time and labour on the part of the committee to try and set about forming a register. Actually, when they got down to brass tacks, they would find that it could not be done.

It was mentioned that at present the Peals Collection Committee consisted of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. E. S. Powell, Mrs. Fletcher, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker.

Mr. Trollope said it would hardly be fair for him to continue on the committee, having already committed himself to an opinion.

It was ultimately resolved that the matter be referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. Wilde and Mrs. Fletcher, with power to add to their number, including Mr. J. W. Parker if he would serve, it being left with them, if they could draw up the suggested pamphlet, to get on with that part of the work.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Boxley, Kent, on Tuesday, June 23rd, a date touch of Grand-sire Doubles (1,931 changes) was rung in 1 hour 14 mins.: D. Gower 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, B. White 3, V. Smith 4, G. Youles 5, A. Alder 6. B. White comes from Bearsted. First date touch by ringers of 1 and 5, and rung on the occasion of the 37th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH AND BELLS.

RINGING OCTAVE AND CARILLON IN NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Saturday, June 6th, the recently built Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle, was dedicated by the Bishop of Newcastle, Dr. Bilbrough. Unfortunately, the inclement weather put a stop to the grand civic and clerical procession arranged to precede the ceremony, but the Bishop dedicated the tower, bells and clock from the outside in a downpour. The church was packed to overflowing as the new bells struck out in rounds while the Bishop and the procession of clergy, etc., moved round to the west porch to demand admittance.

The bells are a very fine, melodious peal of eight, with tenor 14½ cwt. in F, hung for ringing, with nine other smaller bells fixed to act as a carillon of seventeen bells, complete with clavier. The lightest bell weighs only 2 cwt. 14 lb., and the tenor is inscribed, 'We ring in memory of James and Basil Knott; God knows.' Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have almost excelled themselves in producing a thoroughly tuneful peal with workmanlike frames for the ring of eight, the carillon bells having been arranged so that they are heard to the best advantage.

The bells were opened by a representative band of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, the first touch being rung as the congregation left the church, a 504 of Stedman Triples by: C. L. Routledge 1, W. Story 2, A. Payne 3, G. W. Park 4, J. W. Parker 5, W. H. Barber 6, T. T. Gofton 7, E. E. Ferry 8. This was followed by touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, in which Messrs. A. A. Hughes (of the Whitechapel Foundry), G. S. Taylor (hon. secretary of the association), J. E. Keen and G. A. Pickering took part.

The church, bells, organ, vicarage and surrounding gardens, with a parish hall (in the process of building), are the gifts of Sir James Knott, Bart., who has built them to the memory of his two sons, James and Basil, who laid down their lives in the Great War.

On Saturday, June 20th, the bells were thrown open to the members of the association, and there was a good attendance, about forty sitting down to a sumptuous tea, at which the Vicar, the Rev. S. Redman, presided.

The president, Mr. Ernest Ferry, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the helpers, to which the Vicar responded, saying he thought the vote of thanks should have come from him to the association for the good work they had put in at the dedication of the church.

Mr. Routledge struck a sad note at the meeting in announcing the sudden illness of Mr. Tom Gofton, who had a seizure that morning.

The members passed a vote of condolence to Mrs. Gofton, and hoped that he would soon be restored to his usual good health. Unhappily, Mr. Gofton passed away later. Throughout the day, touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, with some Grandsire Triples as well, were rung with excellent striking. Among those present was Mr. Hessian, of Rugby.

'STEEPLECHASING' IN THREE COUNTIES.

On Saturday, June 13th, Swindon Parish Church ringers held their annual outing, and were accompanied by several friends, the party numbering twenty. The birthplace of the 'Kings' was left at 7.45 a.m., en route for Gloucester, where the iron road was forsaken for the King's highway, and here Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin joined the party. At Ross, Mr. J. Clark met the party, and the good bells of this church were soon set going. Owing to a full programme, the stops were rather brief, and Herefordshire was shortly left behind, Monmouth being the next step. Here a disappointment was in store. Owing to the Assizes being in progress, no ringing was allowed, so after a brief inspection of the interesting church a move was made towards Usk, where an excellent lunch was provided at the Three Salmons Hotel. Mr. Clift was in attendance at the church, and the excellent light peal of eight were fully employed for the time allowed. A pleasant run next brought the party to Newport, where Messrs. J. W. Jones and C. Greedy extended a welcome, and after a pull on the beautiful peal at St. Woolos', Mr. Jones acted as pilot to All Saints' Church, where only a short stay was possible before going on to Chepstow, where Mr. Simms met the party. After a welcome 'cup that cheers', St. Mary's bells were set going. All too soon the clock pointed the hour of departure, and Monmouthshire was left behind for the county where hats are lost, and it was noticed that a furtive inspection of headgear was taking place. Lydney was the last call, and here Mr. Oliver Thomas was waiting, and the bells were utilised for about half-an-hour. The final run from Lydney to Gloucester was done in excellent time, the scheduled train being boarded with about three minutes in hand. Swindon was reached at 11.25 p.m., and it was unanimously agreed that it was 'the end of a perfect day.' Thanks are accorded the gentlemen named above, whose co-operation helped to make the outing such a success, and the respective incumbents for the use of the bells. The clerk of the weather also must not be forgotten. All the arrangements in connection with the outing were made by Mr. W. B. Kynaston, while Mr. R. Townsend acted as chancellor of the exchequer. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 720 York Surprise: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Leslie 3, F. Banton 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. For afternoon service (Sunday School anniversary), 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, A. K. Leatham 4, W. Dean (conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6. For evening service, 720 of Beverley Surprise: F. Banton 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, A. K. Leatham 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett, son., 1, W. W. Fox 2, H. James 3, J. Bennett 4, H. Warnett, jun., 5, C. Moulton 6, J. Dafters (conductor) 7, H. Goodwin 8.

DISWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 28th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. Dakin 1, W. Fletcher 2, W. Russell 3, C. Fletcher 4, J. Saddington (conductor) 5, B. Orton 6. All are local ringers, except the conductor, who hails from Loughborough.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday evening, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes): J. Wilmshurst (first quarter-peal) 1, A. J. Turner 2, R. W. E. Dawe 3, B. Heasman 4, D. White 5, R. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, G. Elphick (first quarter-peal) 8. Also rung for the treble ringer's 21st birthday.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, June 21st, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Milton 1, R. Picton 2, R. Bell 3, H. Long 4, S. Hoare 5, F. Crook 6, F. Elliott 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday evening, June 21st, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins.: E. Shallish 1, F. Hawkins 2, E. Norton 3, R. Roberts 4, G. Gilling 5, E. Avery (first 720 as conductor) 6.

PINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: G. Ette 1, T. Abbott 2, H. Ette 3, J. R. Main 4, A. Boddington 5, H. Pettitt 6, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 7, C. Richardson 8.

ERDINGTON RINGERS' OUTING.

The twenty-sixth annual outing of the ringers of the Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, took place on Saturday, June 20th. The party left Erdington at 8 a.m. by motor-coach and proceeded to Evesham, where a short time was spent before going on to Hinton-on-the-Green, at which place arrangements had been made for ringing. The party was met by the Vicar, Rev. V. Blythe, who gave them a very hearty welcome to his church. The visitors then made their way to the belfry, where they found Miss Johnson (who had come in place of her father) waiting to greet them. The bells were raised in peal, and various methods were rung, including a fine course of Cambridge Surprise, in which two ladies, Miss O. M. Sanders, Erdington, and Miss R. Johnson, Hinton, took part. Proceeding via Winchcombe to Cheltenham, where a good repast was served at the Royal Hotel, the visitors had a look round the town before going to Bourton-on-the-Water, where, at the Parish Church, they were met by the local band. After ringing various methods with the home ringers, the visitors rang a course of Cambridge before leaving for Stow-on-the-Wold, where tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel. Leaving Stow-on-the-Wold, they passed through Chipping Campden and visited the old church, where the vergier showed them many interesting items. Stratford-on-Avon was the next calling place, before passing on to Warwick and Kenilworth en route to Erdington, which was reached at 10.30 p.m. During the tea Mr. F. V. Jephcott proposed a vote of thanks in very happy vein to the secretary for the way he had made the arrangements for the day.—This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Pemberton, and the secretary replied. The weather was favourable, and the party spent a very enjoyable time.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 4th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, 1s. each. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be held on the Vicarage lawn (weather permitting) and the business meeting will follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer Festival will be held at Farnham on Saturday, July 4th. Farnham bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m.; Aldershot (8), Frensham (6) and Bentley (6) from 3 p.m. Frequent bus services between these towers. The grounds of Farnham Castle will, by special permission, be open to ringers and their friends, 3 to 4 and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Service in Farnham Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m., at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half fares (maximum 1s. 6d.)—Geo. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick, near York, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea on the Vicarage lawn, weather permitting, at 1s. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available: Abbey (10), 3-3.45 p.m., 6-7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8), St. Mary's, Bathwick (8), Weston (6), these bells from 2.30 p.m. Service, 4 p.m., at St. Mary's. Business meeting St. Mary's Church House. Members, please make their own arrangements for tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting and a 6-bell contest at Elland on July 4th. Draw 2.45 p.m., Parochial Hall.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Neuth Hall, by invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8). For tea, please notify Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Syston, July 4th. Bells (8, recently rehung) open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.30. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting; each in Church Hall.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry St., Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Barrington on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. If possible, a service will be held at 4.30. Tea at the Royal Oak Inn 5 o'clock. Ringing at Foxton (5) during the evening.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester (opposite L.M.S. Station), on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30., followed by tea and meeting, at the Turkey Café, Granby Street. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Carisbrooke, I.O.W., on Saturday, July 4th. General meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Portsmouth. Tea at 5 p.m. Bells available: Carisbrooke (8) and Newport (8).—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Arrangements for tea will be made. All ringers and friends are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

ALDENHAM, Saturday, July 4th. Bells available, from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Village Club, 5.30. Cheap tickets from all parts by rail or coach (nearest rail station: Bushey or Radlett).—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, July 4th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for July; 5th, Sunday, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m.; 7th, Tuesday, St. Mary, Lambeth, 8 p.m.; 13th, Monday, St. Clement Danes, 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; 27th, Monday, St. Clement Danes, 7.30 p.m. Visitors invited.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 9th, 'St. Giles', Cripple-gate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 14th, 'St. Magnus' on the 16th and 30th, 'St. Andrew's', Holborn, 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.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. The bells, which have recently been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Loughborough, will be available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lympsham on Saturday, July 11th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. It is hoped that arrangements for the second Annual Dinner will be made possible at this gathering. A splendid bus service passes close to the tower. Kindly notify your intention of attendance to L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave (5) on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. Intending visitors are specially requested to advise me by Tuesday, July 7th.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea to those who notify the Rev. J. Hodgkin, The Rectory, before July 7th.—E. Jennings, Secretary, Castle Oval, Kendal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at King's Somborne, on Saturday, July 11th. Service in the Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Village Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30.—G. Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Alvington on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (5) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., and business at Church School Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 8th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough and Burton-on-Trent District.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at the Parish Church, Whitwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that all who can possibly attend will do so to make this, the first joint meeting, a success.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Eight Bells, 1s. 3d. Will secretaries please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Swynnerton on Saturday, July 11th. Will those who intend to be present please notify me before July 8th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. S. Griffiths, 3, Church Road, Halewood, Liverpool, before Wednesday, July 8th. Business election of local officers. Nominations please for branch secretary, 2 committee men, branch ringing master and bell adviser.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Brampton on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify Mr. W. Collis, Old Brampton Post Office, Chesterfield, by Thursday, July 9th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—6 p.m. Tea at 6. Will those requiring tea please advise me before Thursday, July 9th?—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Gorseinon on Saturday, July 11th. Tower of St. Catherine's Church open for ringing (8 bells) 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service in St. Catherine's Church 3 p.m. (preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese). Tea in St. Catherine's Hall (by kind invitation of Rev. W. J. Thomas, Vicar) at 4 p.m. Business meeting in St. Catherine's Hall at 4.30 p.m. Lower secretaries are asked to please write to Mr. D. J. Williams, 48, St. Paul's Terrace, Garden Village, Gorseinon, Glam., as to the numbers expected for tea by Saturday, July 4th, without fail.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Secretary, N. P. Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam. N.B.—Bassett's and South Wales Transport Motor Buses leave for Gorseinon at frequent intervals from Central Police Station, Swansea, and Post Office, Llanelly—fare 1s. return.

A COMBINED MEETING of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association will be held at East Coker, on Saturday, July 11th. West Coker bells available. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech and Marshland Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Shouldham on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Village Hall for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 8th, at 1s. each.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Haslemere, July 11th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Hall. Please send numbers to me by July 7th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough branch. — The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Visitors who require tea kindly notify the secretary before Wednesday, 8th. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Farnham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. — H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 8th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wychibold, Droitwich, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers are welcome. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, July 8th. — F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Archdeaconry of Ely) and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Fulbourne, on Wednesday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. If possible a short service will be held, tea following. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by July 14th? Everyone welcome. — B. D. Buttress, Balsam Road, Fulbourne, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. Robert Bren) to those who advise me of their intention of being present by Tuesday, July 14th. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By the kind permission of Rev. K. Percival Smith, the summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea (kindly given by the Church authorities) at the Red Lion Hotel. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Fairbeard, 31, Mayville Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, not later than Wednesday, July 15th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at the Old Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, not later than Tuesday, July 14th. A good attendance is requested. Let us have a real good meeting. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley on July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, business meeting follows. Visitors welcomed. Please send numbers attending direct to S. J. Riddell, Esq. Yateley, by July 15th. — D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 18th. Ringing at all three churches (8 bells). Members of Essex Association are invited.

Tea at the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. each, to all sending by July 15th to Mr. Allington, 32, Acton Lane. Meeting follows.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK. — A fete in aid of Church Funds will be held on Thursday, July 23rd. The 8 bells at the beautiful Parish Church will be available to visiting ringers, afternoon and evening. If any company would like to attempt peal during the morning please advise me as early as possible. — Percy W. Fordham, Kings Way, Mildenhall, via Ely.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931). — The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (D.V.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m.; free to members who apply for tickets by Tuesday, July 15th. A strictly limited number of tickets may be purchased by members at 4s. each (for relatives only) if application, with remittance, is made by Tuesday, July 15th. No tickets of any kind will be issued after that date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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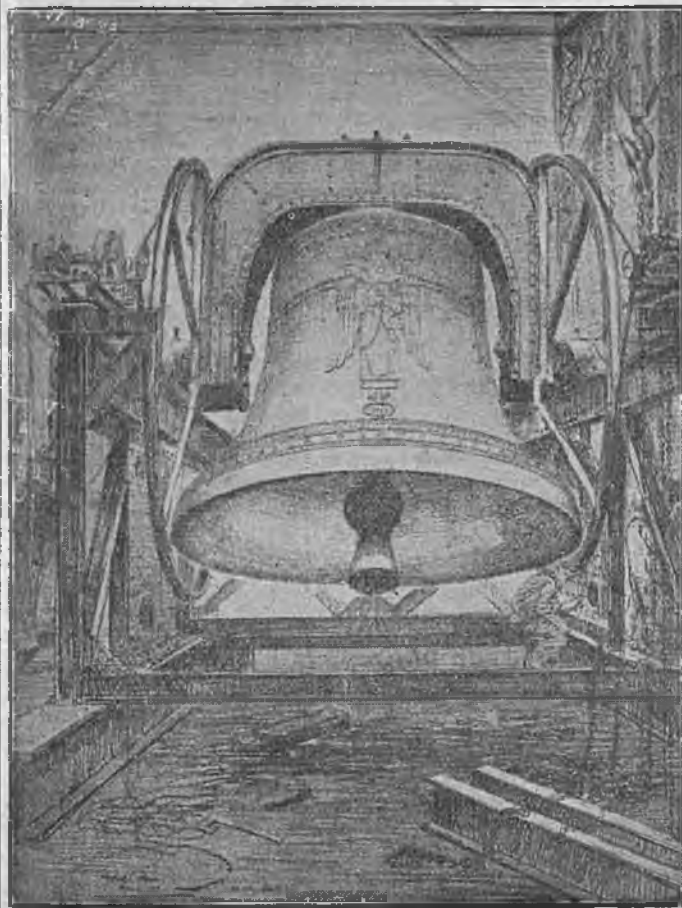
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On many occasions we have advocated the setting up of a register of compositions and now, at length, the Central Council, the only body that could really shoulder such a task, has discussed the question and heard the views of some of those competent to give an opinion on the subject. Obviously there are great difficulties in the way of forming the register, and there seems little real hope of its ever being undertaken, so that the Exercise will go on with future composers claiming as original the work which has already been produced by others. It is to be regretted, but at the moment it appears to be inevitable. Let us hope that some good may come of the decision of the Council to provide a pamphlet on 'variation of peals' for the benefit of budding composers and others. It will probably be of considerable advantage, but it can never, of course, wholly prevent the reproduction of peals already obtained by authors living and dead.

The chief obstacles to the register are, first, the heavy work that would be involved in making it up, and, secondly, the labour of checking new compositions, for, in these days, the great difficulty is to find men with the necessary knowledge and time to do the work. The complications, of course, have not been minimised by the 'mass production' methods which have been applied to composition by such men as the late Mr. John Carter and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, but we do not think that the argument that a register would tend to reduce the standard of composition need be regarded as of any weight—especially in view of the present tendency in some quarters to undermine the standards of peal ringing—neither need there be any heed paid to the suggestion that the setting up of the register would involve the working out of every possible composition in every known method. The idea was to make, as far as possible, a register of compositions which already exist and arrange them so that new compositions could be checked against them. The real stumbling block seems to us to be the latter part of the proposal, namely, the finding of a suitable method of reference arising from the multiplicity of possible variations of a peal.

Compared with even 30 years ago, composition to-day is on an entirely different footing. From being a problem involving solution in the case of each separate peal, peal production has been reduced in certain of its phases merely to mathematical formulæ, and when it reaches this stage compositions cease, as Mr. J. A. Trollope has pointed out, to be the purely personal property such as once they were regarded. That, however, does not alter the claim which composers of peals with special qualities

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have to call them their own, and unless every composer is prepared to waive his right to a proprietary interest in his work—there are some still living who would not be prepared to do this, and manifest injustice would be done to composers who have now gone from us—there will always be the risk of piracy, deliberate or unintentional, if some way cannot be devised of protecting the rightful interests of those who have in the past given their work to the Exercise. We hope the committee which the Central Council appointed will not abandon the question until every possible avenue of overcoming the difficulties—admittedly great—has been explored.

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*Mrs. G. H. CROSS Treble	*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 6
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*F. NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM E. BASON ... 8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 9
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JOHN PRICE Treble	†WALTER FARLEY 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	BENJAMIN GODGE 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	CHARLES W. COOPER ... 8
*JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 4	HENRY GOODMAN 9
HARRY GOODMAN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

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Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

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WILLIAM HAMLYN 4	GEORGE R. MARSHALL ... Tenor

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On Sunday, June 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM PERRY... ..Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
*JOHN E. FOWLER 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN... .. 3	FRANK LUFKIN 7
*CECIL W. ELLIS... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... ..Tenor

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

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

MRS. G. H. CROSS ... ..Treble	*ARTHUR G. BASON 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WILLIAM H. DUNCAN 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. 50th peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD ... ..Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
*FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*VICTOR E. TOOBYTreble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN WHEADON... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	*SLAD, A. BISHOP... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for a peal and elected members of the association previous to starting.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evensong, in 29 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Burton 1, J. Mason 2, R. W. Pye 3, J. Elliott 4, S. A. Pye 5, W. T. Elliott (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Cambridge rung by an entirely local band at this church.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 11 lb.

MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ...Treble	EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 5
*J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	†CHARLES H. LYONS 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
HARRY MORGAN... .. 4	‡PERCY GLEDSTONE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN P. TARTLTON ... ..Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 2	BERT WHEELER... .. 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	*WILLIAM SWAIN... .. 7
FRED. W. KNOWLES 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTSTenor

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WILLIAM HAYMAN 4	GEORGE RENDELLTenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

First peal on the bells.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

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At the Church of St. Michael,

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Tenor 20½ cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ...Treble	*SIDNEY BARRON... .. 5
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
GEORGE W. STEEL 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 4	HERBERT PEEL ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ambrose,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM STAFFORD ... ..Treble	RAYMOND C. SEAGER 5
FRANK SKIDMORE 2	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE 6
ALFRED KNIGHT... .. 3	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7
*BERTRAM C. WORSDELL 4	HENRY T. HOWELL ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HENRY T. HOWELL.

* First peal of Major and first on a working bell. First peal of Major on the bells, and with the exception of the ringer of the 5th (who kindly filled the breach at short notice), all the above are regular Sunday service ringers at St. Ambrose's Church.

PENDLETON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, on the occasion of the anniversary sermons, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Greenhalgh 1, W. Clark 2, W. Edwards 3, H. Hollingworth 4, S. Holt 5, H. Shaker 6, H. Greenhalgh (conductor) 7, R. Johnson 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*STANLEY HULMES Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
ENG. FREDK. H. CRAWLEY 2	JOHN BROWN 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	†ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † 150th peal and 50th as conductor. Longest length by the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss E. Crawley, sister of Messrs. A. and G. H. Crawley, and Mr. J. Hughes, who were married at Christ Church, Crewe. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Crawley.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Collego Exercise, Kingston, Norbury, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSHUA WORMALD Treble	GEORGE WILLIAM STEEL ... 4
†GEORGE COPLEY... .. 2	PERCY MASSAM 5
FRANK ELLIS 3	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the fourth.

CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

KENNETH F. A. JORDAN ... Treble	ARTHUR W. DILLEY 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 5
JOHN TAYLOR 3	THOMAS H. DILLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal. Rung on the back six, which have been hung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DEATH OF MR TOM BEADLE.

A VETERAN MIDDLESEX RINGER.

West Middlesex has lost a well-known figure in ringing circles by the death of Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, who passed away at an advanced age after a long illness. He had been actively identified with the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild from its foundation, and just lived to see the completion of the association's scheme to add two trebles at his tower.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Isleworth (Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith), the first portion being held in the Parish Church, and the interment taking place at the cemetery. Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) represented the association, and other ringers present included the following, who rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: Messrs. G. R. Pye (conductor), W. H. Fussell, G. Lucas, H. W. Lidbetter, A. Sheard, W. H. Stevens, G. Spencer and W. Ellingham. The mourners included ten members of the family, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the close of the service. Further half-muffled ringing took place in the evening. Among the many wreaths were tributes from the members of the South and West District of the association, the Isleworth band and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollier.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The May meeting was held at Guiseley, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Holbeck, Rothwell, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Burley, Calverley, Sharrow and the local company, also friends from Bradford and Rotherham.

Among other business, the Stedman Memorial was discussed, and it was decided to send a donation.

The Ringers' Directory was also discussed. A vote of thanks to the Rector of Guiseley, the churchwardens, and the local company was proposed by the president, and seconded by Mr. Morris.—Mr. F. W. Dixon replied on behalf of the local ringers.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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VII. THE ANNUAL OUTING.

Two of the most important institutions of the old London societies were the annual outing and the annual feast. Both were established by the beginning of the eighteenth century, perhaps before. The Cumberlands had a rule 'that the Master once a year shall have power to command the Society ten Miles out of London, and he that refuses to go shall pay 2s. 6d.'

The College Youths from the beginning were great travellers. As early as 1657 they visited Cambridge and rang with Fabian Stedman, who gave them some new five and six bell methods, but not (as Shipway says) his Principle. That was not composed till later. Once in Annable's time they went to Dover and rang a peal of Bob Major at St. Mary's and touches at other places. Then they went over to Calais, and on the way rang some Cinques on handbells, the first recorded change ringing outside England. At another time they attempted peals at Christ Church, Magdalen, and New Colleges in Oxford. I have elsewhere told the story of this visit.

The new company kept up the old custom. In 1759 they rang Bob Major at Ware; in 1760 Treble Bob at Wrotham; in 1761 Bob Major at Bolney; in 1762 they went to Leeds in Kent and rang a peal of Grandsire Caters. James Barham and his band were then in their prime. In 1763 the company visited St. Albans and rang Treble Bob at St. Peter's. The next year they were at Oxford, and this time they scored a peal at Magdalen College. In 1765 they rang Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Cambridge.

In those days means of communication between different places were very poor. The roads were bad and often dangerous. Great people travelled in their carriages with retinues of armed servants; lesser men who could afford it rode horseback. But the main roads out of London there were lonely stretches which had evil reputations, where my lord's carriage might be held up by masked and armed highwaymen, and even the humble wayfarer might meet footpads lurking in thievish places. On Hounslow Heath and Crack Skull Common and such-like places the gibbet with its dead and rotting bodies told what end such gentry sometimes came to. Our ringers were a stout lot of fellows. They travelled in company and were more than a match for any sturdy ruffians they might meet.

In 1767 the outing was to Cirencester, where they rang the first peal on the twelve bells—5,082 Grandsire Cinques. Change ringing was very popular with all classes in Cirencester from very early times. The bells cast by Rudhall are the oldest twelve in England.

At Ampney Park nearby, there lived a Mr. Blackwell, a member of the College Youths, who probably invited them down. About 1754 this gentleman had a copy made of the College Youths' name and peal book. It was in his library till 1839, when his books were sold by auction and dispersed. This book was afterwards bought from Mr. Strong, bookseller, of Bristol, for six and a half guineas. It is now in the possession of the Society of College Youths. It has been suggested that this is not a copy but the old book itself, and that when the trouble occurred in 1756 it was entrusted to Mr. Blackwell for safety. But that cannot be for at least three reasons.

Even if it had been handed to Mr. Blackwell for safety (which is extremely unlikely), he would not have kept it; the society would have wanted it back. Secondly, when it was bought the leaves were fresh, and the book evidently had not been much handled. And, thirdly, all the entries except one peal were in the handwriting of James Albion. It is true that a large part of the records of all the old societies was written by the same man, but they cover only comparatively few years. The College Youths' name book covers from 1637 to 1754.

In 1770 the outing was to the Isle of Wight, where a new ring of bells was to be opened at Carisbrooke. An account of this visit, written by Joseph Monk, one of the band, has come down to us, and it is worth reproducing.

Carisbrooke, Monday, October 1st, 1770. The Society rang a peal of 5,040 changes Bob Major in 3 hrs. and 10 minutes. Call'd by Mr. Geo. Meakins. Joseph Monk 1. Samuel Adams 2. John Cadman 3. George Meakins 4. Thomas Bennett 5. Edmund Sylvester 6. William Mills 7. Thomas Sylvester, Tenor. On Friday evening, September 28th, 1770, the above written Members of the Society of College Youths left London, arrived at Portsmouth on Saturday afternoon, and the next morning embarked for the Island on board a Vessel provided by the Gentlemen of the Isle, where (after ringing a Course of Cinques on the sea) they safely arrived and proceeded to Newport; where they were met by a hearty welcome. Monday morning, October 1st, being appointed for celebrating the opening of the new Bells, they proceeded to Carisbrooke, found the steeple decorated with Flags and Streamers and booths erected to accommodate the numerous concourse of people who had assembled from all parts of the Island to partake of the Festivities of the day. After dining with the principal Gentlemen of the Isle (under a large temporary building erected for that purpose in the garden) they again proceeded to the Steeple and rang the above peal, receiving the highest acclamations from all the hearers, spent the evening in high glee, and next day, taking leave of Gentl (from whom they recd. the utmost polite attention), went to Cowes, took the Packet boat for Southampton and (after ringing another Course of Cinques on the Sea) arrived safe at the Port. Wednesday morning set out for London and arrived the same evening at the Barley Mow in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street (the then club house). The satisfaction this Society gave to all persons was genteely acknowledged by the Gentlemen of the Wight, who expressed a strong desire to detain their visitors a longer time and by sending to Town a handsome basket of Game.

This is a good picture of the opening of a new ring of bells in the eighteenth century. What strikes us at once is the purely secular spirit of it all. Everything is done well, generously and with dignity. But there is no mention of any dedication or religious service. The concourse of people who came from all parts, came to the festivities held in the booths, not to any service in church. The clergy, as clergy, do not seem to have had any part; probably they were included in the gentlemen of the Isle.

The spirit was common everywhere in that century. In the whole history of these old London societies I have not come across a single thing to show they had any connection with the Church. The College Youths did, indeed, at one time go once a year in state to church, but that was as any of the City Companies or suchlike bodies went. They did not go as if they themselves were officers and servants of the Church.

In 1791 the society again visited Carisbrooke and rang a peal of Treble Bob. None of the first band was in the second.

In the College Youths' Book of Rules, 1894, it is stated that 'the Company have had the honour of being professionally engaged in various places.' The implication, so far as the eighteenth century is concerned, is quite wrong. These men did not hire out their services or accept engagements for payment (Note 8). They had their annual outing, and if it coincided with the opening of a new ring, so much the better. They were invited to different places and accepted hospitality and 'a present of a handsome basket of game,' as from gentlemen to gentlemen. But the offer of money was resented and re-

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUMMER FESTIVAL.

The summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Farnham, and proved a great attraction. The festival is an occasion when formal business is dispensed with and the members spend their time in ringing and fraternal intercourse. Over eighty ringers from all parts of the diocese took a share in the proceedings, and spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and evening. Farnham Parish Church bells were kept busily employed, while another eight at Aldershot came in for special attention, and six at Bentley were also available for any who desired to use them. The bells at Farnham had also been secured, but at the last minute ringing there had to be cancelled on account of a death in the parish.

Service was held in Farnham Church, when, in the absence, owing to illness, of the Bishop of Guildford, who had promised to preach, the Archdeacon of Surrey gave the address. The Guild's form of service was used, and was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Price, while the assistance of the organist and choirboys made the singing a feature.

The Archdeacon's address was prefaced by regret at the Bishop's absence and a message from his Lordship conveying his good wishes to the Guild, and expressing his keen interest in their work. Basing his remarks on words from the Epistle for the next day, 'Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous,' the Archdeacon delivered a striking address, in which he appealed to churchworkers not to move in isolated departments in Church life, whether in the parish or diocese, but to mingle with other sections of workers. Churchworkers were too prone to keep their interests in one groove, with the result that there was a loss of effectiveness; churchmen were inclined sometimes to think too much of their differences and to waste their time in criticism of one another, whereas by unity of action and purpose they would open up a new and splendid prospect of work in the cause for which the Church was founded.

After tea at the Church Institute, thanks were expressed to all who had helped to make the day's proceedings enjoyable—the Archdeacon, the Rev. J. E. Price (who acted for the Rector, who was away on holiday), the organist, the incumbents of the churches who had put the bells at the disposal of the members, the Farnham ringers, and particularly Mr. R. Hasted, who had made the successful local arrangements.

The greetings of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, from which the Guildford Guild sprang, were received and heartily reciprocated, but a note of sadness was touched when the members were asked to stand in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. C. G. Bruce, a life member who had recently died.

Sympathy with the Lord Bishop in his illness, and the hope for his speedy and complete recovery, was expressed.

Afterwards a large party visited the grounds of Farnham Castle, where, until the separation of the diocese, the Bishops of Winchester had resided for hundreds of years. The interesting features of the building were pointed out by Capt. Stroud, and the grounds, which include a lovely rose garden on top of the ruins of the old keep, were much admired.

Altogether it was a pleasant and happy reunion.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 20th, the 120th ringing anniversary was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. Many touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Superlative. Upwards of thirty ringers were present, including one of the gentler sex in Miss Waldoek, of Maldon, Essex. Other places represented were Bury St. Edmunds, Sudbury, Long Melford, Colchester, Hesselton, Farnham, St. Martin's, Little Walsingham, Holbrook, Goldhanger, and the local band.

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fused even if it came from so great a person as an Archbishop. This sort of thing would have been quite unintelligible to the College Youths of a century later.

The present official handbook mentions a visit to Sonning in 1783, where a silver cup was won in competition, and goes on to suggest that this 'professionalism' may have led to the decay of the next century. It did not. The decline thirty or forty years later was due to entirely different causes and persons. And the last word to apply to these men is 'professional.' We have now definite views about the suitability of ringing competitions, but people in the eighteenth century thought otherwise. The College Youths were as free to compete for a cup without any loss of dignity as any amateur sportsman would be to-day. It was precisely the same thing as if the Corinthians won the Association football cup.

NOTE 8.—In the records of the Hertford College Youths there is an account of a member being expelled the society because he had rung for money.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bath on Saturday, when the bells at Twerton, Weston, St. Mary's and the Abbey were available. The association's form of service was held at St. Mary's, and conducted by the Rev. Preb. G. Ruck, assisted by the Rev. Preb. D. M. Ross. Fifty members from twenty-three towers were present at the church. The address, by the Rev. Preb. G. Ruck struck a new note in ringers' addresses, and was highly appreciated by those who heard it.

The subsequent business meeting was held in St. Mary's Church House, with the Master, the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, in the chair. The attendance of seventy or so at this meeting was somewhat low, due, no doubt, to the bad weather.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the election of the officials of the association then took place, the Master, the hon. secretary and treasurer and the hon. auditor (Mr. D. G. Taylor) being re-elected, while on the proposition of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Merson, the hon. secretary was voted the usual honorarium.

Mr. J. Hunt gave his report of the meeting of the Central Council at Liverpool in his usual lucid and breezy manner.

The Stedman Tercentenary Fund next received consideration. A proposal to vote five guineas to this cause was followed by amendments urging three and two guineas respectively. The original proposition being withdrawn, voting on the two amendments resulted in the latter being carried.

Some correspondence from an insurance company concerning insurance for ringers was read and discussed, but no decision was reached, it being left to individual companies to avail themselves, or otherwise, of the proposal.

It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings at Dunster, Ditchet and Bridgwater respectively. Some doubts being expressed of the stability of Ditchet tower at the moment, it was resolved to go to Wrington if the state of Ditchet tower be found to preclude the possibility of ringing there.

Votes of thanks were expressed to the various incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells, to Preb. Ruck for conducting the service, and to the choir. The meeting then adjourned, dispersing to the various towers, where methods up to Cambridge Major were rung.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'SPLICED' SURPRISE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The North and East District midsummer meeting was held at Stanmore on Saturday last, and was, as usual, well attended. Punctually at 3 p.m. ringing commenced, and under the leadership of the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) touches to suit all tastes were rung.

The Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewitt) welcomed the members in the fine old Parish Church, where a bright service was enjoyed. After tea, at the business meeting, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth, and of Mr. T. T. Goffon, of Whitley Bay, was passed in silence. In moving the vote, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the early days of the association, when Mr. Tom Beadle was one of those mainly instrumental in forming the society. For that he was entitled to their gratitude. Of Mr. Goffon, the hon. secretary said he was a man whom everybody respected, and he was a real loss to the Exercise.

After four new members had been elected, the hon. secretary gave a report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Liverpool.

Hendon was chosen for the next meeting on August 8th. A vote of thanks to the Rector and to Mr. G. Hughes was carried with acclamation, to which the latter replied.

A number of Central Council publications were on sale, and several members took the opportunity of purchasing copies of books in which they were interested.

Subsequently further ringing took place, and included touches of Spliced Surprise Major, but it was a matter for regret that an attempt for a touch in six different methods was lost near the end through a misunderstanding as to the method being rung. Spliced Surprise is becoming quite a feature at these meetings, but we fancy that six methods would have constituted a record.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Barrington on Saturday, when members were present from Barley, Cambridge, Cherryhinton, Chrishall, Elmdon, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Melbourn, Newton, Sawston, Stapleford, Stetchworth and Trumpington.

The Rev. G. E. Childs, of Foxton, kindly presided at the tea table in the Vicar's absence.

It was a very great pleasure to elect Mr. G. R. Pye a life member of the association.

Sawston was chosen for the next by-meeting on August 15th.

Various methods from Bob Minor to Spliced York and Durham Surprise were rung, and during the evening the five-bell tower of Foxton was visited.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

BATLEY'S SUCCESS.

The Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting, and a six bell contest, at Elland Church on Saturday. Eight sets had entered for the competition, and the draw resulted in ringing taking place in the following order: 1 Holmfirth (Oxford), 2 Friezland (Oxford), 3 Low Moor (Oxford), 4 Meltham (Oxford), 5 Halifax (Kent), 6 Batley (Oxford), 7 Stainland (Oxford), 8 Shelley (Oxford).

It was decided at the committee meeting to ring 600 changes, any method, with three leads, or one plain course, allowed for practice.

A large number of ringers were present, and those waiting passed a pleasant time in the Parochial Hall, which is one of the best in the country. A party of about 100 sat down to an excellent tea, which was much enjoyed.

Ringling ceased about nine o'clock, and the meeting was held immediately after, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) presiding. The balance sheet was read and unanimously adopted. Mr. Senior (Batley) proposed, and Mr. Marsden (Batley) seconded, that the president, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham), Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax), treasurer, with Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax), secretary, be re-elected, and this was carried.

Mr. S. Gibson (Batley) proposed, and Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for use of the bells, also to the ladies and the Elland ringers for making the contest a success.—Rev. M. A. Maddocks (Rector) in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the ringers to Elland, and hoped they would pay another visit in the near future. The auditors, Messrs. E. Whitely (Meltham) and Mr. Walter Ainley (Elland), were accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax), seconded by Mr. Bentley (Elland).

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), Mr. W. Ambler (Queensbury), with Mr. Bentley (Elland), gave their decision as follows:—

Holmfirth: 148 faults; total 148.
Friezland: 290 faults, 30 penalty; total 320.
Low Moor: 401 faults, 20 penalty; total 421.
Meltham: 182 faults, 10 penalty; total 192.
Halifax: Rung out.
Batley: 128 faults; total 128.
Stainland: 162 faults; total 162.
Shelley: 169 faults; total 169.

Batley were therefore declared winners of the cup.

The Rector, in presenting the cup to Mr. S. Gibson (conductor), congratulated them on their ringing. He was very proud of their young ringers at Elland for the way they had stuck together. He remembered an appeal being made for £300, and he was told three weeks after the appeal was made that it was oversubscribed. In his opinion he thought it went to show how much the ringing was appreciated in Elland. He hoped the ringers who had not been successful that day would try harder and fare better another time.—Mr. Gibson suitably replied.

A vote of thanks was accorded retiring officers, and thanks to the judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

CORBY BELLS RESTORED.

REDEDICATION OF A NORTANT'S RING.

After a silence of 33 years, the bells of Corby, near Kettering, are now in a condition that they can be rung. The rededication took place on Tuesday, June 30th, by the Right Rev. C. M. Blagden, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, who also preached a forceful sermon to a large congregation. The clergy present included Rev. Canon Rubie (Cottingham), Rev. R. C. Thurstfield, J.P. (Cranford), president of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Rev. A. Westcott (Deene) and the Rev. A. B. Westcott, the Rector of Corby.

Immediately following the dedication, the bells were rung to a well-struck course of Minor, and after the service to a 240 Kent Treble Bob by the following members of the Peterborough Guild: R. G. Black (general secretary) 1, B. P. Morris 2, R. F. Turner 3, C. W. Bird 4, H. Baxter (Kettering Branch secretary) 5, F. Wilford (Master) 6.

The bells were open to visiting ringers after the service, and some various methods of Minor and Doubles were rung.

The bells, an old ring of four by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, cast in 1722, were returned, and two new ones added in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Pain, of Corby, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have hung the six in new fittings in a new two-tier frame. The weights are:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble	3	0	17
2	3	1	26
3	3	0	19
4	3	3	10
5	6	1	5
Tenor	7	3	19

Total ... 27 3 12

The bells 'go' splendidly and run very steadily for so light a ring, being quite easy to handle. The bell foundries were represented at the dedication by Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson.

DEATH OF MR. PERCY O. LAFLIN.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Percy O. Laflin, of King's Norton, who passed away in the early hours of Monday morning. He had been in indifferent health for a considerable period.

Mr. Laflin was an accomplished ringer on both tower and hand-bells. An excellent striker himself, he had little patience with the indifferent ringer, and he was an outspoken critic. He was a tower of strength to the King's Norton band, and a valued member of St. Martin's Guild, with whom he rang a large number of twelve-bell peals.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Alfriston on Saturday, July 4th, members attending from Brighton (St. Nicholas' and the Church of the Good Shepherd), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Hellingly, Horsmonden, Southover, Lewes, Mayfield, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Leonard's (Christ Church), Seaford, Uckfield, together with members of the Alfriston band. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the bells were kept going merrily during the afternoon and evening in all methods up to Cambridge Minor.

At the service the Vicar, the Rev. Marchant-Pearson, gave a most interesting address. He also presided at the tea which followed, about thirty members and friends being present.

At the conclusion of the tea, Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and also for kindly presiding at the tea. This was supported by Mr. A. R. Miles.

The Vicar, in responding, stated that he had been delighted to welcome the members of the association to Alfriston, and hoped that another meeting might be arranged at no distant date.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair. After reading the minutes of the last meeting, the divisional secretary announced that he had received an appeal from the editor of 'The Ringing World' regarding the Stedman Tercentenary Fund. He (the local secretary) had sent out to the affiliated towers in the division copies of that appeal, and he hoped that all members would do their utmost to support the fund.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Members then returned to the tower, keeping the bells going until well after 8 p.m.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**NORTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the district was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, when ringers attended from Leeds, Norton, Nottingham, Thurgroft, Rotherham, Freeton, Grimsby, and the local band.

A choral service was conducted by the Rev. W. A. Baker, Mrs. Baker presiding at the organ. Tea was served in the schoolroom prepared by members and friends.

Miss Thompson, of Nottingham, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Baker, to the ladies for preparing tea, and to all who had helped with the arrangements for the meeting.

The gentlemen then adjourned to the belfry, while the ladies held their business meeting, Mrs. Baker, an hon. member, being voted to the chair. The officers for the year were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mrs. Ryder (Rotherham); hon. secretary, Miss Cawthorne (Handsworth); committee, Mrs. Wolstencroft (Ashton-under-Lyne), Miss G. Burchnall (Sutton-on-Trent), Mrs. Scott (Thurgroft), and Miss Leach (Bramley, Leeds); Central Committee, Miss Lewis (Nuneaton), and Miss Thompson (Nottingham).

The following new ringing members were elected: Miss L. Kelly and Miss J. Flack, of Handsworth, Miss E. Coad, of Rotherham, Miss Harrison and Miss Smith, of Barton-in-Fabis. Mrs. H. Oldfield, of Darnell, was elected an hon. non-ringing member.

The meetings proposed for the ensuing year are: September at Bramley, Leeds, December at Eastwood, Rotherham, March in Manchester district, and the annual at Nottingham.

The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker and the district secretary.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing in various methods, including Plain Bob, Kent, Spliced Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held at Hathersage on Saturday, June 20th, about thirty ringers being present from Baslow, Bakewell, Castleton, Darley Dale, Ecclesfield, Handsworth, Manchester and Sheffield. The very old and interesting, but not too easy-going peal of six bells, were kept going in the various standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

A substantial tea was provided free, through the kindness of Mr. H. Newbery, and a short business meeting followed. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. W. P. Wright and from the secretary, who was laid up with tonsillitis.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Castleton on July 18th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One hundred and eighty years ago last Tuesday Holt's famous 'Original' peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time. Holt himself called it from manuscript at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, and it was rung by the Union Scholars.

The performance is recorded on a board in the belfry as follows: 'Sunday, July 7th, 1751. The Society of Union Scholars rang in this steeple with two singles the first true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, which peal was performed in 3 hours and 15 minutes by the following persons: James Davis treble, James Albion 2, Jacob Hall 3, Thomas Jackson 4, James Vickers 5, James Newby 6, John Lloyd 7, Geo. Henry and Ed. Davis tenor. The peal was composed and call'd by John Holt, Captain Nicholas Spencer and Mr. William Goff, Church Wardens.'

This historic peal board has recently been thoroughly cleaned and revarnished, and is in perfect condition. Visitors are invited to inspect it, and will be welcome this evening (Friday) at 7.30, and on Sunday at 5.30 p.m., when there will be ringing at St. Margaret's.

Trowell, where the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association will hold a meeting to-morrow, and where the tenor used to be half a note flat, is the town where Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mr. E. C. Gobey (secretary of the Nottingham District) spent their early ringing days. The bells have now been recast by Taylors.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN TWELVE METHODS.

On December 26th last a peal of Spiced Surprise Major in seven to sixteen methods was published in 'The Ringing World' by Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot. Twelve of these methods have now been rung in one peal by members of the Middlesex County Association by the same band that had previously rung peals in three, five, six, ten and eleven methods.

The latest achievement of this company entailed a considerable number of meetings, and several attempts failed before success was attained. Only a week previously, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, an attempt 'went west' within seven leads from rounds after 2 hours 50 minutes' ringing.

The composition is appended, and a brief examination of the figures will show that whilst there are 160 leads in the peal, the changes of method are made so frequently that on only 20 occasions are two leads in any one method rung consecutively. Thus there are actually 139 changes of method in the peal! As the composition will admit of 16 methods being rung, there is ample opportunity yet for an ambitious band to make more ringing history.

It is necessary to add a word of appreciation of the kindness of the ringers at Willesden and Ealing (Christ Church) for postponing practices to enable several of the attempts to be made, and to thank Mr. R. E. Geare (St. Giles-in-the-Fields) and Mr. J. H. Hunnisett (Ealing St. Mary's) for arranging the last two attempts at those churches.

Strangely enough, this is the first time that a Surprise peal has been rung at St. Mary's, Ealing.

THE COMPOSITION.

5,120 Spiced Surprise Major by A. J. Pitman.

23456 M. W. H. Methods, one lead each of

35642	—	2	3	Eastcote, Pudsey, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester	
32546	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland.	[(2).
52643	—	—	—	Rutland, Yorkshire, Rutland.	
36245	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.	
26543	—	—	—	London, Yorkshire, London.	
(56342)	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge.	
23645	—	—	—	Norfolk, Superlative, Eastcote.	
(63542)	—	—	—	Wembley, Cambridge.	
53246	—	—	—	Norfolk, Lincolnshire, London.	
62345	—	—	—	London, Lincolnshire, Wembley.	

Four times repeated.

Norfolk must be rung with a fourth's place bob.

The course-ends in brackets are not actually rung, Norfolk cutting out the home lead.

Eastcote is Lindoff's No. 10, and Wembley is Lindoff's No. 30, published in 'The Ringing World', August 22nd, 1930.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds are very grateful to you for your appealing article in 'The Ringing World' of June 26th. More than 100 new subscribers have come forward since your leader appeared.

The committee are also very grateful to the new subscribers and the renewal subscribers. There are, however, former subscribers who have not responded to date, and the committee make this final appeal to them now to send in as soon as possible before July 20th, 1931, upon which date the list is closing.

The Empire section by Mr. Fussell should be an interesting feature, and the Sunday service touches by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff are alone worth the shilling.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE

(on behalf of the committee).

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

FOURTH LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

FUND NOW OVER £420.

We print below the fourth list of contributions to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, which was opened by 'The Ringing World' to restore the bells of St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman.

The marvellous response that has been made will enable the work that is necessary in this historic tower—historic in itself, for it has stood nearly a thousand years, and historic in its association with ringing—to be efficiently and completely carried out. The amount originally asked for was an estimated sum to put the bells in ringing order and to alter their position in the tower so that the building might be further safeguarded and the bells rung in future with the least disturbance to the public living round the church, and especially to the activities of Corpus Christi College, which it adjoins.

It is hoped that the amount which will eventually be raised will enable certain other details to be carried out, so that the restoration may be full and thorough. Therefore, although the sum originally asked for has already been oversubscribed, and this in less than two months, the fund is still open for further contributions in order that the scheme may be carried out in a manner fully worthy of the great Exercise in which Stedman has been so notable a figure.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is hon. treasurer of the fund, and donations should be sent to

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

There is a special interest in the donation given by the Ancient Society of College Youths, for it was to this society that Stedman dedicated both 'Tintinnologia' in 1668, and 'Campanologia' in 1677. He was elected a member of the society in 1664, was appointed steward in 1677 and became Master in 1682. It was at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, too, that, according to tradition, certain visiting members of the College Youths first became acquainted with Stedman's famous method.

Other associations who have now voted contributions to the fund are the Yorkshire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, whose members for 160 years have been among the greatest exponents in the ringing of Stedman's method, Midland Counties Association, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association, the Society of Cambridge Youths, North Notts Association, North Staffs and District Association, the Worcestershire Association, and last, but by no means least, the Ladies' Guild.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	335	15	6
Ancient Society of College Youths	10	10	0
Yorkshire Association	10	0	0
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham	5	5	0
Midland Counties Association	5	5	0
Archdeaconry of Stafford Society	3	3	0
Worcestershire and Districts Association	3	0	0
Norwich Diocesan Association	2	2	0
Society of Cambridge Youths	2	2	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild (Newbury Branch)	2	2	0
North Staffs and District Association	2	2	0
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	2	2	0
The Ladies' Guild	2	2	0
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Surrey Association (Southern Branch)	1	11	6
East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association	1	10	0
Cambridge University Guild	1	1	0
North Notts Association	1	1	0
Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Berks Branch)	1	1	0
Sheffield Cathedral Company	1	1	0
Ringers of St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield	1	1	0
York Minster Society (York members)	1	0	0
Oxford University Society	10	6	
Leeds and District Society	10	6	
Ringers of St. James', Taunton	10	0	
Ringers of St. Anne's, Bagshot, Surrey	10	0	
Ringers of Apsley End, Herts	10	0	
Ringers of Brookfield (Gorton)	10	0	
Ringers of Swindon Parish Church	8	6	
Ringers of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire	8	0	
Ringers of Ottershaw, Surrey (further contribution)	1	0	
Suffolk Guild towers:			
SS. Peter and Mary's, Stowmarket	14	0	
Hessett, Bury St. Edmunds	13	0	
Pressingfield	11	6	
St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich	10	6	
St. Petronilla's, Whipstead	7	6	
St. Martin's, Tuddenham	7	0	
St. Mary's, Grundisburgh	6	6	
St. Andrew's, Rushmere	6	0	
St. Matthew's, Ipswich	5	0	
St. Mary's, Halesworth	5	0	
St. Mary's, Haughley	5	0	
St. Michael's, Beccles	5	0	
St. Mary's, Newmarket	5	0	
Bures	4	0	
Sussex Association towers:			
St. Saviour's Guild, Eastbourne	1	1	0
St. Botolph's, Hecne	1	0	0
Chichester Cathedral	13	6	
St. Mary's, Shoreham-by-Sea	11	0	
St. Peter's, Slinfold	11	0	
St. Peter's, Wisborough Green	10	6	
St. Mary's, Pulborough	10	0	
Holy Trinity, Rudgwick	10	0	
St. Nicholas', Itchingfield	8	0	
St. Mary's, Billingshurst	7	6	
East Grinstead	5	0	
St. Margaret's, Warnham	5	0	
St. Mary-the-Virgin, Ringmer	5	0	
St. John's, Kirdford	5	0	
Mr. A. N. Wood, Northampton	5	5	0
Rev. Wm. Greenwood, Vicar of St. Benedict's, Cambridge	3	3	0
Canon Ridout, Johannesburg, South Africa	1	1	0
Mr. B. N. Swinson, Maracaibo, Venezuela, S. America	1	1	0
Mr. P. F. Johnson, Leeds	1	0	0
Mr. T. F. King, Twerton, Bath	10	6	
Mr. E. M. Atkins, London	10	6	
Mr. A. Flowers (late of Birmingham), Marysville, Mich., U.S.A.	10	0	
Rev. A. P. Thurlow, Arthorpe Roding, Essex	5	0	
Mr. G. L. Grover, West Clandon, Guildford	5	0	
'The Mad Hatter'	5	0	
Mr. D. Vincent, Fulwell, Sunderland	5	0	
J. H. and A. J. Brown, Mansfield Woodhouse	5	0	
Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding	5	0	
Mr. C. Sharples, Blackpool	5	0	
Mr. C. N. Sharples, Larkana, Sind, India	5	0	
Mr. G. F. Swann, Sutton Coldfield	5	0	
'E. S. A.'	5	0	
Mr. J. J. Attwater, Kent, Massachusetts, U.S.A.	4	0	
Mr. and Mrs. F. Warrington, Over, Cambs	2	6	
Mr. E. C. Gobey, Ilkeston, Derbyshire	2	6	
Mr. A. J. Abrams, Chatteris, Cambs	2	6	
Mr. G. R. Newton, Liverpool	2	6	
Rev. F. R. Bonsey, Wrentham, Suffolk	2	6	
Mr. F. Nye, Bagshot, Surrey	2	6	
Mr. P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds	2	6	
Mr. J. Taylor, Reedham, Norwich	2	0	
Total	£429	19	6

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held at Liversedge. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening with a break for the business meeting, which was held in the tower. The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) was in the chair, and four new members were elected, viz., Miss V. Holmes (unattached), Messrs. H. Dransfield, of Earlsheaton, T. Smith, of Queensbury, and G. Jones, of Liversedge. Numerous learners were given an opportunity to try courses of whatever method they had learned.

The next meeting is due to be held at Calverley on July 25th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 431.)
COVERING BELLS IN PEALS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved: 'That this Council deprecates the ringing of peals of Minor with a covering bell or bells, and peals of Doubles with more than one covering bell, and recommends guilds and associations to discourage this practice.' He said that to ring Minor with covering bells was against the canons of the art. It was never intended that even-bell methods should be rung with covers. With regard to peals of Doubles which were sometimes rung with three covering bells, it could not be said, he claimed, that the ringers of the two extra covers had rung a peal; the best that could be said for their performance was that they had rung rounds 5,040 times. Peal ringing had reached such a standard in these days that the Council should now definitely discourage such performances as were included in this motion, and he hoped the associations would in the same way discourage their members from ringing peals of the kind referred to.—Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded.

The President, in putting the motion, said another reason against ringing peals with two or three covers was the effect on the nerves of those outside who had to listen to the bells. It was one of the duties of the Council to see that ringing was made such as would be appreciated by the parishioners.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

RINGING TERMS.

The Rev. H. Drake next moved: "(a) That the words, Reverse, Double, Little or Bob be not used as names of methods, and (b) that the terms 'shunt' and 'hunting backwards' are not approved." Dealing first with (a), he said the terms should be applied only to classes of methods and not to the methods themselves. The question had already been discussed in correspondence that appeared some time ago over a method that was called 'Double Little Bob' by some, and others wanted to call it 'Erith Little Bob.' His point was Erith Little Bob was a name, but Double Little Bob was not. The terms described classes and ought not to be used as names of methods. He was not asking the Council to decide whether such methods were double or little; the point was whether they should use Double or Little as a name of a method. He contended that they should not call methods by these particular words, but use them as descriptions and not as names.

Mr. C. Mee formally seconded the motion.

The Rev. H. Law James asked Mr. Drake to tell them who used these categories as names.

Mr. Trollope said when they talked about Bob Major, that was what they called a method; it was not the name of it. If they looked at it from that point of view they would see it was quite all right.

The Rev. H. Drake said in Suffolk they always called it 'Plain'; they did not call it Bob at all. Plain was the name of it, and they said, 'Go, Plain,' not 'Go, Bob.' They ought to call the method 'Plain,' and if they had the reverse of it they should call it 'Reverse Plain' and not 'Reverse Bob' ('Oh' and laughter). His motion did not refer to the past; it referred to the future.

The Rev. H. Law James said Mr. Drake had raised another point, that what was commonly called 'Bob' was 'Plain.' 'Plain' was a category, and if they went back to the edition of 'Campanalogia' in 1677 they would find it had got a name, and the name was 'Grandsire Bob.' In practice the name had been dropped. Grandsire Doubles was Doubles with two plain hunts, and Grandsire Bob was Bob Minor; and that was its name.

The Rev. H. Drake said it did not matter whether they called it Plain or Grandsire; neither of these words occurred in his resolution.

Mr. Pulling said some years ago Mr. Lindoff published a method which he called Dublin; Mr. Bankes James, shortly after, published the double method, which he called Double Dublin. Mr. Goldsmith turned the original method round and called it Reverse Dublin. Could Mr. Drake suggest any better way of describing these methods?

Mr. Drake said the descriptions were all right. The terms should be used as descriptions of classes. If they had Dublin and reversed it they did not call it 'Reverse' without the Dublin (laughter).

A member said that, in this year of Stedman's tercentenary, when the Council had just voted ten guineas to the Tercentenary Fund, for a representative of the eastern counties—Stedman's own district—to come there and try to abolish the terms that Stedman himself had used, was indeed very, very sad (laughter).

The motion, on being put, was lost by an overwhelming majority.

'SHUNT' NOT SHUNTED.

The Rev. H. Drake then moved the second part of his motion. 'Shunt,' he said, was a word which they used in the wrong place. It did not mean what it was intended to imply. The right word to use was 'move.' With regard to 'hunting backwards,' he did not know what it meant, and no one had been able to tell him. It had been said that a quick six in Stedman was hunting forward, and a slow six was hunting backward, but a slow six was not hunting, and it was not backwards. Of the sixes, one was even work and the other odd work.

Mr. Mee was the formal seconder of this motion.

The Rev. H. Law James said he believed he was responsible for the use of both these terms.

Mr. T. Faulkner: I shouldn't be surprised (laughter).

Mr. James said the word 'shunt' was a word adopted to deal with three-bell Q sets, simply because Thompson used it in his pamphlet on Grandsire Triples. That was where it came from. Thompson used it, and he (Mr. James) considered he was justified in using the same term to express the same thing. With regard to hunting backwards, it was quite right to say that a slow six was hunting backwards. In Minor they normally started 214365, but in London Surprise they began 213546; 21 were hunting forward, 3456 were hunting backwards; then (he treble dodged, and the whole six bells were hunting backwards. A dodge was nothing on earth but hunting backwards, and he did not know any other way of expressing it.

Mr. Trollope said the term hunting backwards was a proper use of English language. They all knew what hunting was as applied to ringing, and hunting backwards was—well, simply hunting backwards (laughter). If they could get a handbell band after that meeting to ring a course of Bob Major backwards, they would have plenty of fun, and they would know what hunting backwards was. They could not stop people using the English language.

Mr. Drake said he had no objection to using the English language if it was used so that it could be understood.

Mr. Trollope: That is the fault of the people, not the fault of the language.

The motion was lost by a large majority.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The Council was next called upon to consider the place of next year's meeting, which is due to be held in the South. The President said the Standing Committee recommended Wells.

Mr. J. Hunt said, on behalf of the Bath and Wells Association, he was requested to invite the Council to Bath. They would have liked the Council to visit Wells, but from inquiries they had made they found it was doubtful if there would be accommodation there for all the members. The Theological College would be in session, and at Whitsun there were always a large number of visiting friends of the students, and all the accommodation in the city was full up. The association would give the Council a hearty welcome to Bath. They asked the Council to come there eight or nine years ago, and hoped they would visit there next year. The Council had never paid a visit to Somerset, and the association would be very pleased to see them there, and would do everything they could to make the visit a happy one.

Mr. J. Parker said he did not see how they could go to Bath and call it South. He proposed they visit Portsmouth.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said the Council had several times been invited to visit Plymouth, and once actually decided to go there, but the war caused the meeting to be cancelled. Plymouth was South. Bath or Wells was distinctly west (laughter). The Devon Guild would welcome them very cordially if they would go to Plymouth and fulfil this long-standing promise.

Mr. Coles seconded, and said one good reason for visiting Plymouth was that it was within reach of that most beautiful Abbey at Buckfastleigh, which would be a source of interest to everyone, and he did not think there would be any great difficulty in the Council obtaining permission to ring on the peal of twelve bells at that place.

The Rev. H. Law James pointed out that while they had never yet visited the Bath and Wells Association, they had visited the Devon ringers, for one meeting had been held at Exeter.

Mr. C. H. Jennings suggested that the Council should go to Bournemouth for the next meeting, and Mr. Parker withdrew Portsmouth in favour of this.

On being put to the vote, Plymouth was declared selected, the voting being Plymouth 35, Bath 31, and Bournemouth 6.

On the item of 'other business,' Mr. T. Faulkner suggested that in future the members of the Council should be individually summoned to the meetings by notice, and that a copy of the agenda should be sent out at least 10 days before the meeting. He moved that this be done.

Mr. Young pointed out that the agenda was published beforehand in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded Mr. Faulkner's proposal.

Alderman Pritchett, as an old member of the Council, pointed out that a similar motion had been brought forward at least twice in his own recollection. There were several difficulties in the way, one of which was in keeping a correct register of the names and addresses of the members, in whose personnel there were constant changes. The labour involved was another objection. There was another difficulty that the whole of the business of the Council was not always completely ascertained a month before the meeting. He did not see why the practice of publishing the notice and agenda in 'The Ringing World' should not continue. It was good for ringers generally to know what was coming before the Council, and this would be impossible unless the agenda was published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. James George said everything should be done through 'The Ringing World.' It was only right that the ringing public should know what was going on.

Mr. Faulkner's motion was lost.

WHEN RIGHTS ARE THREATENED.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said the Literature Committee was charged with the defence of ringers' rights, and he asked, wherever they were threatened and it was thought the services of the committee could be of use, that those concerned should at once communicate with the secretary of the Council or one of the members of the committee. In one case which occurred last year they were able to do useful work.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the local committee of the Lancashire Association, who had made the most successful arrangements for the meeting, and in that connection, he said, they specially thanked Canon Elsee (the president of the association), Mr. G. R. Newton, and Mr. Claude Davies, who had done so much of

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, LIVERPOOL.

The bells of St. Nicholas' Church offered a great attraction to many of the ringers who visited Liverpool for the Central Council meeting, and, in addition to the peal rung on them on Monday, they were well utilised on Tuesday evening.



St. Nicholas' bells have an interesting history. In 1552 there was one large bell, but in 1625 it was decided 'that all the fines for this year shall be collected and payed to the towne for and towards a ringe of bells.' The Corporation bought four bells that had been confiscated at Drogheda, and had them recast, but evidently they were not a very musical ring, for they were recast again in 1636 by Thomas Hancock, of Walsall. In 1649 Scott, of Wigan, provided two more trebles, and the whole of them were recast with additional metal by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1724. On February 11th, 1810, occurred the calamity when the spire fell and many people in the church were killed, as well as one man in the tower, who, it is said, returned for his watch after the first ominous sign of disaster which had caused the ringers to bolt 'like rabbits from a dangerous hole.'

The first stone of the present tower was laid on September 25th, 1811, and a ring of twelve bells ordered from W. Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and these were rung on June 4th, 1814, although the steeple was not completed until August 4th, 1815. The 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 8th are survivals of the former ring of 1724, of which the 2nd was the treble and the 8th the tenor. The present tenor was recast in 1911 by Warner, and weighs 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

the detailed work, and done it exceedingly well (applause). Mr. Lewis also proposed that a formal letter of thanks be sent to the Lord Mayor for his kindness in placing at their disposal the Council Chamber, which, he thought, was one of the best rooms in which they had ever met. The Council were not only grateful to the Lord Mayor for this kindness, but also for meeting them that morning and for his hospitality which they were to enjoy (applause). They also had to thank the Bishop for his presence and his words of en-

(Continued in next column.)

THE LATE MR. TOM GOFTON.
A VERSATILE AND MASTERLY RINGER.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

We laid the remains of our dear old friend to rest on Tuesday, June 23rd, and a sad procession it was. Besides the relatives and friends who followed on foot and in coaches to the church, his oldest ringing companions walked on each side of the hearse—Mr. Ernest Ferry (president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Mr. George Taylor (hon. secretary), Mr. J. W. Parker (treasurer), Mr. J. E. Keen (vice-president), Mr. W. Story and Mr. C. L. Routledge (ex-presidents), and Messrs. J. M. Whitfield and H. Tyson (old committee men)—while Mr. W. H. Barber took charge of the muffled ringing in the belfry. A very impressive and beautiful service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Dowland, assisted by the choir and wardens, in the Church of St. Paul, where our departed friend had spent forty odd years of his life in ringing and in teaching others. After the Vicar had pronounced the committal sentences and the Benediction at the graveside, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, and ceased one by one in rounds by C. L. Routledge 1-2, W. H. Barber 3-4, J. E. Keen 5-6, E. Ferry 7-8.

This was followed by the whole pull and stand on the tower bells, and after tea a 5,000 of Double Norwich Major was rung to the memory of our old friend—a method of which he was particularly fond on account of its musical qualities, and many peals of which he had called both on tower and handbells.

And thus closed the career of one of the most brilliant ringers and conductors in the kingdom, as well as one of the finest natured and most lovable men one could wish to meet.

It would take volumes to tell of his achievements in the art of ringing, of his grasp of methods innumerable at a glance, and the calling thereof, of his placidity at moments of crisis in a peal, and prompt correction of the recalcitrant brother. Heavy bell or light was handled in equally masterly style, a rhythm of motion rarely seen in any belfry.

His patience in teaching youngsters was wonderful, and he has taught almost more ringers than any other man in the association.

Of his versatility the writer well remembers him calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield Cathedral in 1919, when he certainly had only rung a touch of Cinques before and had never called a bob on twelve bells till then, ringing a working bell, too (the 4th).

He has rung over 300 peals with the Durham and Newcastle Association alone, besides over 100 with other associations, while taking part in ringing tours and visiting other associations' territory. We shall never see his like again, and we mourn his loss more deeply than can be expressed on paper.

C. L. R.

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couragement, the incumbents of the various churches where the members of the Council had had the use of the bells, and also Mr. Lange, churchwarden of St. Nicholas', who kindly entertained members and their friends, to the number of 62, after ringing at Oxtan on the previous day. In addition, he thanked Archdeacon Howson for taking parties over the Cathedral (applause).

Canon Elsee, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said the Council's thanks were due, not so much to the Lancashire Association as to Mr. Davies, who had really done the work. He was glad to see that his figure had not diminished as the result of his efforts (laughter and applause). Canon Elsee concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the president for his services in the chair, and, this having been carried with applause, the meeting terminated.

The members, joined by numerous friends, were then the guests of the Lord Mayor at tea, which was served in one of the magnificent reception rooms. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress mingled freely with their guests and were photographed with a company who rang a handbell touch for their edification. During the proceedings, the Liverpool Police Orchestra discoursed a selection of music.

Many ringers afterwards took the opportunity of ringing on the twelve bells of St. Nicholas' Church, and subsequently at headquarters, the Stork Hotel, an enjoyable social was held. There was an excellent entertainment of vocal and instrumental music, a professor of sleight of hand mystified the company, handbell ringing, including the backward course of Bob Major, was indulged in, glasses clinked and tongues wagged, and the time for separation came all too soon. Socially, at any rate, the Liverpool meeting has never been exceeded in its success in the history of the Council.

MASONIC GATHERING.

On the Wednesday evening several Masonic members of the Central Council were, on the invitation of Bro. C. I. Davies, the guests of the Lancastrian Lodge. At the banquet following the ceremony, the Worshipful Master made reference to their presence, and their health was proposed by the Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Lancashire and enthusiastically honoured.

Wor. Bro. J. S. Pritchett, Assistant Prov. G.M. (Warws), in response, expressed the great pleasure of all the visitors at the warm welcome extended to them.

Courses of Grandsire were rung on handbells, in which Wor. Bro. F. Ll. Edwards, Prov. G. Chaplain (Dorset) and Bros. E. Barker, F. Perrins, C. I. Davies and G. R. Newton took part. An attempt at a Masonic peal during the afternoon had unfortunately to be abandoned owing to the heavy 'go' of the bells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Sleaford and was well attended by members and friends from Bardney, Barrow-on-Humber, Bassingham, Blankney, Branston, Burton-on-Stather, Ewerby, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Heckington, Leasingham, Lincoln (Cathedral), Scothorne, Scotter and Scunthorpe, in addition to the local company. The Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild), Mr. Geo. Ladd and Mr. R. Richardson from the Elloe Deaneries Branch and a visitor from Wymondham, were also present.

The fine peal of eight bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

Evensong was held in the side chapel, at which the Vicar (Rev. W. Norton-Howe) officiated, Mr. R. Scott (Sleaford district secretary) presiding at the organ. An instructive address was given to the large number present by the Rev. A. R. Tucker (Rector of Leasingham). An excellent tea was provided in the Church Room, to which fifty-six sat down, including the Vicar, who had to leave immediately afterwards.

Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the branch) presided over the business meeting.

The whole of the officers were re-elected as follows: President and treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley; hon. secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Butler; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. R. Sharpe; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; two representatives to serve on the Guild Committee, Messrs. Geo. Chester and J. A. Freeman. Four new performing members were elected: Messrs. Wm. Sergeant and T. Clark (Scothorne), and Messrs. W. F. Wescombe and R. M. Wescombe (Bassingham), also one hon. member, Rev. A. R. Tucker (Leasingham).

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Lincoln, the arrangements being left in the hands of the general secretary and Lincoln members of the committee.

A grant of ten guineas was made to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, also an honorarium of two guineas to the general secretary.

Mr. Chester made reference to the recent Central Council meeting at Liverpool, and suggested that the branch should purchase or take on approval some of the Council's publications. At the same time he very kindly offered to relieve the general secretary by taking the responsibility of carrying the matter through.—Mr. F. A. Holden and the Rev. H. Law James both spoke in favour of the suggestion.

The best thanks of the members were extended to Mr. Chester and the Rev. H. T. Parry for their interest on behalf of the branch at the Central Council meetings.

A cordial welcome was offered to the visitors, who were thanked for their presence.

The Rev. A. R. Tucker interested those present by having brought for inspection a bell clapper, dated 1605, belonging to a bell of the same date which hung in the tower of North Thoresby at the time of the Gunpowder Plot, and which was in use until the year 1905.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the organist and organ blower for their services, to the Rev. A. R. Tucker for his address, to the caterers for the splendid tea provided, and to Mr. Linley for presiding at the meeting.

This concluded the business, after which some of the members took part in handbell ringing, while others returned to the church for further ringing until about nine o'clock, when a most successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, June 21st, for the Sunday School Anniversary service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Machin 1, F. C. Limb 2, H. A. Smith 3, J. Williams 4, S. Hyder 5, W. Pickthall 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, A. Matthews 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at the 'Coffee Pot, on the 14th, St. Magnus' on the 16th and 30th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh Parish Church on Saturday, July 11th. The bells, which have recently been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Loughborough, will be available from 3 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Lympsham on Saturday, July 11th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. It is hoped that arrangements for the second Annual Dinner will be made possible at this gathering. A splendid bus service passes close to the tower. Kindly notify your intention of attendance to L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Barton Seagrave (5) on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. — H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready 2 p.m. — E. Jennings, Secretary, Castle Oval, Kendal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at King's Somborne, on Saturday, July 11th. Service in the Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Village Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30.—G. Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough and Burton-on-Trent District.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at the Parish Church, Whitwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that all who can possibly attend will do so to make this, the first joint meeting, a success.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Boiney (Haywards Heath Station) Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at Eight Bells, 1s. 3d. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Haslemere, July 11th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Hall.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Business election of local officers. Nominations please for branch secretary, 2 committee men, branch ringing master and bell adviser.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Trowell to-morrow (Saturday), July 11th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. These bells have been recast and rehung by Taylor's, on the old frame.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Old Warden to-morrow (Saturday), July 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Grey on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—6 p.m. Tea at 6.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at Gorseinon on Saturday, July 11th. Tower of St. Catherine's Church open for ringing (8 bells) 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service in St. Catherine's Church 3 p.m. (preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese). Tea in St. Catherine's Hall (by kind invitation of Rev. W. J. Thomas, Vicar) at 4 p.m. Business meeting in St. Catherine's Hall at 4.30 p.m.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Secretary, N. P. Bank Chambers, Neath, Glam. N.B. — Bassett's and South Wales Transport Motor Buses leave for Gorseinon at frequent intervals from Central Police Station, Swansea, and Post Office, Llanelly—fare 1s. return.

A COMBINED MEETING of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association will be held at East Coker, on Saturday, July 11th. West Coker bells available. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 4.30.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Ubley. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 5. Those intending to be present kindly let me know.—G. M. Hazell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Farnham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Old Brampton on Saturday, July 11th, is cancelled, owing to serious illness in the village.—J. W. England.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Archdeaconry of Ely) and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Fulbourne, on Wednesday, July 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. If possible a short service will be held, tea following. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by July 14th? Everyone welcome.—B. D. Buttress, Balsham Road, Fulbourne, Cambs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome. — Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, taken by the Vicar. Tea at a small charge in the village nearby. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Glossop, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6. Will all intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, July 14th. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Hazelbeech on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All wishing to be present at tea must please notify me as early as possible. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Bidston (6 bells) on July 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Please let the secretary know if you can come.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. K. Percival Smith, the summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea (kindly given by the Church authorities) at the Red Lion Hotel. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Fairbeard, 31, Mayville Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, not later than Wednesday, July 15th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. —The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. M. Day, of Market Deeping, Peterborough, by Wednesday, July 15th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Upwey on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available: Abbotsbury (6), Upwey (6), from 2.30 p.m., Wyke Regis (8), 7.30—9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—A combined meeting of the Grimsby district and the Lincoln Ladies' Guild will be held at Bigby on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready early. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnethy, Lincs, by Wednesday, July 15th.—H. T. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Old Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, not later than Tuesday, July 14th. A good attendance is requested. Let us have a real good meeting.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, business meeting follows. Visitors welcomed. Please send numbers attending direct to S. J. Riddell, Esq. Yateley, by July 15th.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 18th. Ringing at all three churches (8 bells). Members of Essex Association are invited. Tea at the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. each, to all sending by July 15th to Mr. Allington, 32, Acton Lane. Meeting follows.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Smarden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by July 14th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, July 18th. At 3 p.m. St. Paul's tower (8 bells) will be open. Other attraction: Chippenham Cottage Hospital Carnival. Visitors welcome. Notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by July 14th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby (not Stratford, as previously arranged) on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the Denbigh Arms. The business meeting will follow the tea. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided for all at moderate charge. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope and E. H. Bagworth, Local Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Castleton on Saturday, July 18th. Church of St. Edmund (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 3 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. Robert Bren) to those who advise me of their intention of being present by Tuesday, July 14th.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—A fete in aid of Church Funds will be held on Thursday, July 23rd. The 8 bells at the beautiful Parish Church will be available to visiting ringers, afternoon and evening. If any company would like to attempt peal during the morning please advise me as early as possible.—Percy W. Fordham, Kings Way, Mildenhall, via Ely.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931).—The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (p.v.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m.; free to members who apply for tickets by Tuesday, July 15th. A strictly limited number of tickets may be purchased by members at 4s. each (for relatives only) if application, with remittance, is made by Tuesday, July 15th. No tickets of any kind will be issued after that date.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

OXFORD SOCIETY (Founded in the 17th century).—In connection with the Jubilee Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the society begs to announce that all visitors will be cordially welcomed at its headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Cheap tickets are issued on the railways.—William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Please send me a p.c. who is coming not later than the Tuesday previous.—J. Henning, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at Stone-in-Oxney. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be given a hearty welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and business to follow. Tea for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Cudham on Saturday, July 25th. Further particulars next week. Half fares paid at this meeting. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, kindly provided by the church authorities. Please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 21st. — Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District). — A combined meeting will be held at Rammore on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please send their numbers to Mr. Alan R. Pink, the Railway Hotel, Dorking, before July 22nd? — D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE. — At Christ Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for children's anniversary service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 540 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob, in 39 mins.: R. Shacklady (longest length) 1, D. Parry 2, G. Lunt 3, A. Gorman 4, J. McKeo 5, J. Brown (conductor) 6. Believed to be the first quarter-peal by all Bootle ringers.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: B. Gough (Coseley) 1, B. Bootle 2, H. Hill 3, A. Round 4, S. J. Hughes (Smethwick) 5, A. Prestidge, sen., 6, T. A. Townsend 7, A. Rowley (Brierley Hill) (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2 and 7.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE. — On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, H. Wright 2, E. H. Kynaston 3, R. T. Evans 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, H. T. Hughes 8.

HOLBECK, LEEDS. — On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, at St. Matthew's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: W. L. Toogood 1, A. Teale, jun., 2, W. Burgess 3, Malcolm Moorhouse 4, R. Clarke 5, L. W. G. Morris (conductor) 6. For evensong, 1,080 Bob Minor in 42 mins.: W. L. Toogood 1, A. Teale, jun., 2, W. Burgess 3, L. W. G. Morris 4, R. Clarke 5, W. Draper (conductor) 6. This was the longest length by all the band except the ringer of the 4th, and was also the first touch as conductor.

SHEFFIELD. — At St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 28th, and to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Mr. James Alfred Dixon (the city's oldest ringer), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Tuke 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, R. Harrison, sen., 3, G. Holmes 4, J. A. Dixon 5, W. Biggin 6, T. Edw. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8.

BOYNE HILL. — On Sunday, June 28th, for organ dedication service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Holmes (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Martin (conductor) 2, E. Eldridge 3, W. E. Taylor 4, E. Hobbs 5, T. J. Fowler 6, J. Eldridge 7, H. Baldwin 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS. — At St. Mary's Church, on June 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the local band in 40 mins.: Miss H. Curtis (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, W. Hibbert 4, E. Sneller 5, K. Burt 6, C. Hibbert (conductor) 7, J. Field 8.

APSLEY END. — On Sunday, June 28th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans for the diamond jubilee of the church, for evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 25 mins.: S. Durrant 1, A. V. Good 2, C. J. Henley 3, E. Picton 4, G. Bruce 5, F. Tompkins (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringer of treble, and first 720 and first attempt as conductor.

OVER, CAMBS. — On Sunday, June 21st, at the Church of St. Mary, for matins, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Ginn 1, A. J. Ginn 2, D. Adams 3, R. Thoday 4, W. Bavin 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. G. Gleaves 1, S. Murphy (Chatteris) 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, W. Seekings (Chatteris) 5, A. J. Ginn 6.

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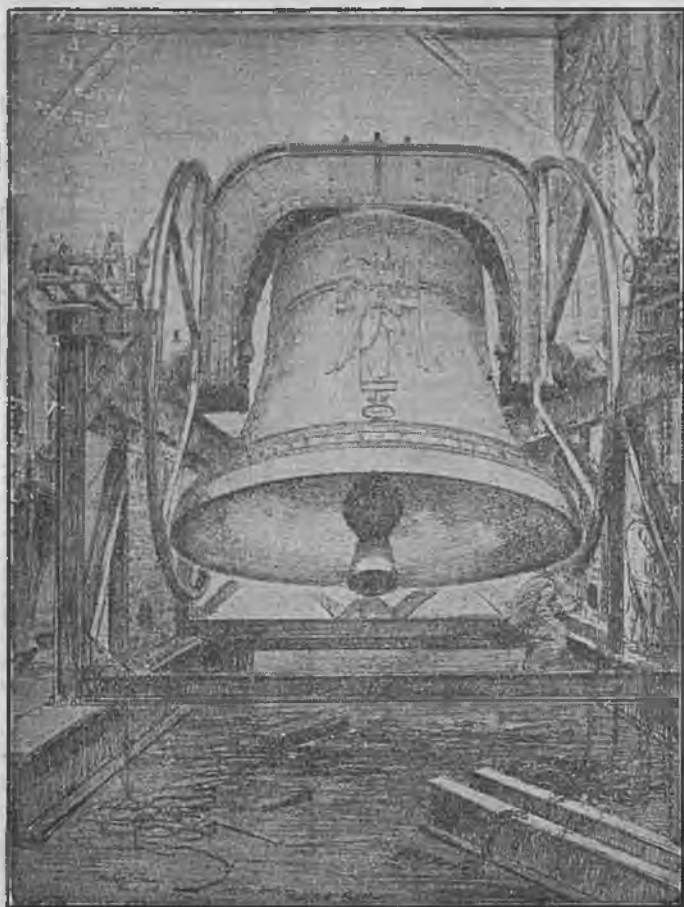
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FABIAN STEDMAN.

The attention that is being focussed upon Fabian Stedman in this year of the tercentenary of his birth, which by a national effort members of the Exercise propose to celebrate by the restoration of the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, makes additionally interesting anything which may help to throw light upon the man and his work. The established facts about his life are actually very few, and the meagre personal history which comes down to us through various agencies cannot to-day be corroborated by documentary evidence in all its details. But whether or not he was actually a printer, which the Rev. Herbert Drake seriously questions in his article in another column; whether or not he finished his days as a government servant in London, as Mr. R. A. Daniell maintains, there is no difficulty in assigning to Stedman a place in the very forefront of the Exercise. His 'Tintinnalogia' was the first book ever published on ringing; his 'Campanalogia' was in some senses the greatest. In the former he brought together such material as existed at the time; in the latter he sets out to give a clear and elaborate exposition of the art—and he succeeded in a marvellous degree. Other writers have since said the same things in other language; few, if any, have excelled him in the skill with which the task has been done. There were men before Stedman who had made their individual contributions to the art. Robert Roan, for instance, had been the first to compose Grandsire Doubles, and was the first to obtain the extent of Bob Minor, which extent he termed 'Grandsire Bob,' but except for these and one or two other methods, change ringing in the manner in which it is understood to-day was unknown. It was the labours of Fabian Stedman which transformed all this. Had he given us nothing else but the method which bears his name—a method which, through the centuries, has given delight to generations of ringers, and to-day still provides pleasure for thousands—he would have earned the eternal gratitude of the Exercise. But Stedman did far more than this. He gave us Grandsire Triples (which he called 'Colledge Bob'), he extended Bob Minor to Major; he produced, among other Minor methods, the first with a treble bob hunt; he was the first to show how methods on five bells could be extended to seven, and, in these days when 'splicing' is considered something new, it is interesting to know that Stedman evolved a system of method splicing on eight bells which he called 'The Grand Experiment.' Many of the methods which he composed have long since gone out of use because they do not accord with modern practice, but some have stood the test of

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time, and others have been the foundation upon which subsequent authors improved and gave us many of the methods of to-day. Stedman's personal history may be to some extent a matter of speculation; his contribution to the art, when change ringing was but a cradled infant, is concrete and indisputable.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

*HERBERT WALKER 1	*ALBERT T. STRANGWORD ... 6
ARTHUR WALKER 2	JOHN H. LENTON 7
*WILLIAM R. TATE 3	*HARRY BROWN 8
*GEORGE W. DYSON 4	HENRY C. WALTERS 9
*WILLIAM PEARSON 5	*CHARLES BROWN 10

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE 1	WILLIAM SPICE 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 8
WILLIAM BUTTON 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
*CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5	KENNETH PATTENDEN 10

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th RESERVE THIS DATE

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LESLIE W. BACON 1	CHARLES MASON 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	JOHN FLINT 6
EDWARD E. ROBBINS 3	*ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
THOMAS BETTISON 4	JESSE J. MOSS 8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ONE-PART, No. 12. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD 1	JOSEPH BAILLY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 8

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 5, 1931, 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.

GEORGE OLLIVER... .. Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 6, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 5
JAMES PARR 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
WILLIE AARON 3	FRED COCKSHOTY... .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method for all the band and for the Lancs Association.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 6, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the late T. T. Goffon, of Whitley Bay.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

O. BROWN Treble	S. YATES 5
MISS LANCASTER 2	T. METCALF 6
G. WORTHY 3	W. ELLERINGTON 7
*R. JACKSON 4	T. LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

Rung to commemorate the Middlesbrough centenary. * First peal in the method and rung at the first attempt.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON.)

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED ARNOLD Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIT 5
JOHN SPARROW 2	FRANK JENNINGS 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	JOHN F. GALYER 7
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

TWELVE SPLICED METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to offer, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' my sincere congratulations to the band upon ringing the twelve-method spliced peal. Having had some correspondence in connection with the peal from one of the band, I realise it requires great mental concentration from beginning to end.—Yours faithfully,

C. V. EBBERSON.

Snettisham.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWELVE-PART, No. 59.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAPER... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOREY 3	BENJAMIN GREATORREX 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first odd and even bob twelve-part peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ALAN R. PINK 5
FRANK JENNINGS... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
FREDERICK W. HOSDEN 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
ROYDON DAVIES 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 200th peal (125 conducted).

LONG EATON, DERRYSIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURANCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDMUND C. CHASTY Treble	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 5
ALAN R. HICKTON 2	CHARLES GEARY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
FREDERICK C. TURNER 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Eric Varley, a respected member of the local band, to Miss Norah Ball.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANK WEST Treble	*PERCY NEWTON 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	RALPH BIGGS 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
FREDERICK BIGGS 4	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. P. Newton.

URCHFONT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. SWIFT Treble	EO. G. LI. COWARD 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	SYDNEY HILLIER... .. 6
VINCENT E. SWIFT 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
GEORGE WINTER... .. 4	FRANK GREEN Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. West.

This is the second peal to be rung on these bells, the last having been rung thirty years ago (November, 1901). Rung as a birthday compliment to Sydney Hillier, also on the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening, by the local band, 720 Grandsire Doubles at the Parish Church in 22 mins.: F. H. Thorley (first attempt for 720) 1, G. W. Clarke 2, H. O. Multon 3, E. J. Sargeant 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES G. A. PRIOR Treble	*FREDERICK DIGBY 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLRY. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the 100th peal on eight bells by W. R. Madgwick, and the 100th peal which W. Williams and C. W. Roberts have rung together.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble	CECIL J. BARKER 5
OLAVE E. BROYD 2	WALTER SMITH 6
BERNARD W. PETTITT 3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL 4	ERNEST TOWNSEND Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.
First peal in the method by the ringer of the 5th. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
*H. JAMES TURNER 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN 6
CHARLES WEBB 3	JOHN WITHERS 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	ARTHUR CHAMBERS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT
* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

JOHN SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. PEVERELL 5
*ROBERT JEFF 2	JAMES T. TITT 6
ALFRED COATES 3	GEORGE W. PARK 7
ROLAND PARK 4	WILLIAM BROADLY Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal and first attempt.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	GORDON CADEWELL 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	FREDERICK W. WOODWARD 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
JOHN NOBES 4	JOHN E. ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

UPPER ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

J. HEY Treble	*LEONARD DRAKE 5
*G. WILFRED SLACK 2	ARTHUR FIELDHOUSE 6
†H. G. GRIMWOOD 3	THOMAS SMITH 7
J. THACKRAY 4	J. W. MOORHOUSE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal of Kent Major and first attempt. † First peal on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the recovery from a long and serious illness of Rev. S. J. Harris, the Vicar.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	STUART SANDFORD 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
JOHN BURLS 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 7
HARRY ARGENT 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL
Birthday peal for Mrs. F. M. Mitchell and Mrs. E. A. G. Allen.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Butler. First peal of London on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	WILLIAM BIDNELL 6
ALFRED J. BATTIN 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY 4	WILLIAM BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	THOMAS LEVETT 4
JESSE HOGGAR 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
ARTHUR KEEBLE 3	LEONARD HEAD Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

The ringers of the second and fourth were elected members of the Guild.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR WARREN Treble	SIDNEY ROWNEY 3
FREDERICK RANDALL 2	CECIL SARGENT 4

ALBERT STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by A. STAPLETON.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER	Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS	2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	EDWARD H. FINCH	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

RAYMOND BLACKWELL	Treble	HARRY BOSWELL	4
THOMAS SMITH	2	JAMES SHAW	5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL	3	HOWARD BUTLER	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Doubles for Thomas Smith, who has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques 'inside.'

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions, two each of Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob, incorporating extents with the maximum and minimum number of calls in Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ERIC DURRANT	Treble	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ...	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
WILLIAM C. DEFFIELD	3	WALTER C. MEDLAR	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First three-method peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. R. H. O. Bankes, for 23 years Vicar of Buxton.

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

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

LIONEL PARKIN	Treble	EDWARD WILLIAMS	4
ALBERT COAD	2	JOHN COAD	5
RICHARD J. HARVEY	3	A. G. W. MEASURES	Tenor

Conducted by A. G. W. MEASURES.

First peal by the local band and first attempt, and first peal by Sunday service ringers at this church. First peal of Minor on the bells.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD PARFREY	Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT	4
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	JOHN A. BOPFORD	5
HENRY PRING	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5 have now completed Maximus, Royal, Major and Minor in the method.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL	Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
HARRY GIBBARD	3	JOHN T. MACHIN	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of 5 and tenor.

WALTHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY	Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR	4
HERBERT I. MINGAY	2	FRANK LORD	5
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD	3	JACK BRAY	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the conductor. First of Cambridge Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. J. POOLE, 32c, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON	7-8
PERCY HARRISON	9-10		

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: MR. ALBAN DISNEY, who checked courses as rung.

Timekeeper: MRS. H. J. POOLE.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	1-2	E. MADRICE ATKINS	5-6
EDITH K. FLETCHER	3-4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	7-8
*GEORGE B. COLLINS	9-10		

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

Witness: MISS L. WHEELER.

* First peal and first attempt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The usually quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Coleshill, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 4th. Although only a few miles from Birmingham, Coleshill is still an old unspoilt country town. The Parish Church, with its fine tower and ornamented spire, stands on a high eminence, and is a well-known landmark for miles around.

In spite of the inclement weather during the earlier part of the afternoon, about thirty members sat down to a good tea nicely served at the Swan Hotel. This was followed by the business meeting, the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being in the chair.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in moving a resolution, 'That the Guild subscribe £5 5s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund,' said that Fabian Stedman was virtually the father of the Exercise, and that his particular method must have given hours and hours of pleasure to all ringers who practised it. This particularly applied to members of St. Martin's Guild, who probably had rung more Stedman than any other company. It was, therefore, fitting that the Guild should support such a worthy object.—The proposition was seconded by Mr. G. F. Swann, and supported by the chairman, Mr. Albert Walker, and Mr. James George, and carried unanimously.

In giving his report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Liverpool, Mr. Smith remarked that it was an excellent meeting, and he advised everyone to read carefully the very full report now appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. E. W. Smith, of Swindon, was elected a life member, and the tower election of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Guildford, Surrey, was duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boldmere on Saturday, October 3rd.

The bells, a nice peal of eight, which run round the opposite way, viz., from left to right, were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major during the afternoon, and again after the business meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE COMING JUBILEE.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Syston, the place recently brought into prominence by a famous turkey which met a very sad and sudden end to satisfy the duplicitous of certain Leicester and Loughborough 'betting' men. Certain it was on Saturday, July 4th, a large number of visiting ringers came from every centre of the association's activity to see if there were any 'wish bones' left, and though not the sort mentioned above, none went away disappointed. It was noticeable that the Leicester men were conspicuous by their absence, and it was found that the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held that day at St. John's, Leicester, and some facetious person wondered if they were attracted there to hear 'bells' or see 'bellies' ring. Still, things went well, and in spite of the very bad storm some forty members enjoyed ringing on the newly rebung bells, which are now so different since they came back from Loughborough.

The committee met in the Church Hall and did their duty in their usual workmanlike style, and later the whole of the visitors assembled in the large hall for tea. This was followed by the general meeting, at which the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, presided, supported by the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White, and general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris.

The president gave a brief resume of the quarter's work, and made a few witty remarks on a 'turkey' (turquoise) ring which turned out to be but 'glass.' The hon. secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting, which were duly passed, and explained that the question of the Chambers memorial had been dealt with. A letter had been received from Mrs. Chambers stating that the memorial is now ready, but dedication is held up owing to the Vicar of Littleover being ill.

It was proposed, if possible, to get the dedication fixed for July 25th, but this entirely depends on local circumstances. The secretary will give due notice when final arrangements are settled.

Mr. J. Swinfield, one of the delegates to the Central Council, gave an outline of the proceedings of the Liverpool meeting, which was appreciated.

New members elected since the last meeting were duly confirmed, viz.: Ringing, eight; honorary, one; life, seven; rejoined, four.

It was decided to grant £5 5s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

As next year (1932) will see the 50th anniversary of the founding of the association, it was thought fitting that this should be marked by some special features. Suggestions are asked from the local districts, and all secretaries are requested to bring this matter before their members, so that the committee can decide what form the jubilee shall take.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, the local committee for arranging the meeting, and especially to the ladies for getting up such a splendid tea at so small a cost, were proposed by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. R. H. Bartram, and carried with acclamation. E. M.

YEovil TREBLES TO BE RECAST.

TWO INDIFFERENT BELLS.

The Parochial Church Council of Yeovil have decided to recast the two trebles of the ring of ten. They had previously undertaken a scheme of restoration, and the bells had been removed to the White-chapel Foundry for tuning and other attention. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now reported that it has been found almost impossible to tune the first and second bells of the peal of ten to the other eight, and they were bound to advise the Council that unless those two bells were recast they could not guarantee the work to be satisfactory. The letter added that from their inspection of the structural work of the tower, already completed, they could assure the Council that the restoration would be satisfactory.

At the meeting of the Council, Mr. John Goodchild, steward of the belfry, moved that the two bells should be recast. He pointed out that they had never been regarded as good bells ever since they were first cast in 1891, and satisfactory restoration of the peal could not be made without the recasting of them. It was quite possible that their defects, which had been apparent to everyone with a tuneful ear, would be emphasised now the bottom eight had been tuned. He thought they would be lacking in their duty as custodians of the bells if now that the work was in hand they neglected the opportunity of making it thorough and complete.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. H. Austin, who agreed that it would be wrong to disregard the advice of the bell founders. They should, he thought, find no difficulty in raising the extra money needed.

It was stated, in answer to a question, that the cost of recasting the two bells would be about £70, in addition to the £400 which had been mentioned as the sum necessary for the other work.

Alderman W. E. Tucker (parish warden) said up to date they had received subscriptions to the amount of about £225.

It was resolved that the recasting should be carried out, and also that the attention of the Town Council be drawn to the need of overhauling the clock, which, although placed in the church tower and chiming on the church bells, is the property of the Corporation.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A SECOND LADY FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Leicester on July 4th, when twenty members attended. The bells of St. John's Church were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods to suit all visitors.

A short service was held by the Vicar, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome. Thirty-eight members were present at tea. Before the members adjourned for the business meeting, Miss Steel, the president, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the Guild to visit his church, and for the service and address, to Mr. W. Willson, who made all arrangements for the meeting, and to the organist for his services.

At the business meeting the president, Miss Steel, presided.

The accounts were presented, and showed a surplus of income amounting to £5 9s. 11d., which was considered very satisfactory. The secretary reported that the membership of the Guild had not fallen away, and new members were continually being elected. She asked members to support the district secretaries by attending the meetings so regularly arranged.

The president (Miss Steel) and the honorary secretary and treasurer (Mrs. Fletcher) were unanimously re-elected.

It was decided to send a second representative to the Central Council, and Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, was elected.

A sum of £2 2s. was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund. London was chosen for the next annual meeting, which will be the 20th anniversary of the Guild's formation.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH 'LECTURES.'

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held, as usual, at the Parish Church of St. James, Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and some good practice in Caters and Major of various methods was got through. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Trowbridge (the Rev. S. R. Nesbit-Wallace), and tea, at Smith and King's Restaurant, was followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. The usual welcome was extended to all from the chair.

The Rev. M. W. Wilson, of St. Denys', Warminster, was elected a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Upavon on August 1st, when it is hoped the bells of Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford will be available during the afternoon.

It was proposed that a memorial tablet should be fixed in Bratton Church recording a muffled peal that was rung by the branch members in Warminster tower to the memory of the late Mr. B. L. Cook (vice-chairman).

Unfortunately Mr. C. F. Andrews was unable to be present at the meeting to give the 'second' of the series of lectures on 'Ringing,' but he and Mr. J. T. Dyke (Bath and Wells) had between them prepared a very excellent paper, which was read by Mr. Norman Andrews. The members present were delighted with the paper, and are so enthusiastic about its usefulness that the branch secretary was asked to arrange a special meeting for the next lecture about the middle of August, when ringing practice can follow the lecture.

The branch offer their hearty thanks to Mr. Dyke and Mr. Andrews for the great help they are giving to its members.

The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and the Rector very kindly invited any of the ringers to take a stroll through the Rectory gardens.

The following towers were represented at the meeting. Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom), Warminster, Holt, Melksham, Rowde, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Mere and Trowbridge.

Ringling was continued till 8.15, the following methods being rung during the afternoon and evening: Bob Royal, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples.

DEATH OF AN EVERCREECH RINGER.

'Happy' Osment! He was rightly named. Suffering for years from a painful and incurable disease, he never complained. The surgical dressing that covered the seat of his affliction in the neighbourhood of the ear grew monthly larger, and all who knew him realised that the end was not far away. But his indomitable will took him to Sunday and practice ringing right to the end.

As a ringer, he was of the best. He conducted his first peal, Grandsire Triples, from a non-observation bell, when six others of the local band rang their first, too—a notable performance. Even then, seven years ago, the fell disease had its hold on him.

He died on Friday, July 3rd, and was buried on the 6th. Ringers from Somerset, Wilts and Dorset assembled in the evening of that day and rang muffled touches to his memory on the bells in the beautiful tower of Evercreech.

Churchman, ringer, pal, 'Happy' Osment, you will be missed by all who knew you! R.I.P.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED JOINT MEETING OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

A very enjoyable day was spent by members of the North Notts Association at Barlborough on Saturday, June 27th, when about forty ringers from Brunston, Killamarsh, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Staveley, Cresswell, Ordsall, and a full muster of the local band were present.

The ringing was very good, and all members were highly delighted to meet for the first time the Rector (Rev. Walmsley), who gave the society a hearty welcome.

Tea was served in an excellent manner by the lady workers, who were thanked for their part in making the meeting a success.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and was elected a vice-president, while Messrs. Herbert Hudson and Percy Gaunt, of Barlborough were elected performing members.

The place of the next meeting was left in the hands of the Cup Committee, on the suggestion of the secretary.

It was agreed that every member should try and get to a joint meeting which is being arranged by the associations and guilds of Nottinghamshire, and that the association should help in every way with the arrangements.

A grant of £1 1s. was made to the Stedman Terecentenary Fund. Mr. Hargreaves, in proposing this, said that the Guild would have helped more, only the funds are not too high, and it is expected that grants would be asked for in North Notts before long by several towers.

Votes of thanks were accorded, and, with further ringing in the evening, quite an enjoyable day was spent.

A SAFFRON WALDEN FESTIVAL.

'Great Ringing Day' at Saffron Walden, the well-known meeting of ringers usually held on June 27th, has this year been postponed. For nearly two years the church has been in the hands of workmen, who have been engaged in renewing the roof beams where damaged by the death watch beetle. Unfortunately, this trouble has been located in the beams supporting the bell frame, and so all ringing is suspended.

On the festival day, the local society celebrated its 308th anniversary by ringing a touch of Stedman Caters at noon, and then attended a service, at which the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Hughes) preached an interesting sermon on the development of church bells.

It is hoped to hold the festival later in the year as soon as the repairs to the frame are completed.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. SMALL ENTRY FOR SHIELD CONTEST.

The shield contest and monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association were held at Crofton on Saturday, July 4th. Only three bands entered, who rang in the following order: 1. Wath-on-Dearne, 2. Cawthorne, 3. Darfield. The test was a true 720 of any method.

After these had rung, tea was served in the Church Schools, about thirty being present. At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar, Rev. H. Brownrigg, presiding, the judge (Mr. J. R. Brearley) gave his adjudication as follows:—

Wath-on-Dearne, 108 faults.

Cawthorne, rung out.

Darfield, 161 faults.

Wath-on-Dearne were therefore declared the winners of the shield.

Mrs. Brownrigg presented the trophy with congratulations to the winning team, and hoped the others would try again and be more successful the next time.

Mr. J. W. Champion, who replied, said he would have liked to see more bands entered, and 1st and 2nd prizes given to encourage others to join.

Penistone was selected for the next place of meeting.

Mr. C. D. Potter moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Brownrigg, the Rev. H. Brownrigg, the judge (Mr. J. R. Brearley), the ladies for providing tea, and the local company for the arrangements.—Mr. R. J. Ricketts seconded, and the Vicar replied, saying he hoped to see a larger crowd there in the future.

Further ringing was then continued until about 9 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11th, the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association held their quarterly meeting at Wychbold by kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Owen. The service was attended by about fifty ringers and friends, representing thirteen towers in the branch. Visitors from Bromsgrove, Hagley, Kidderminster and Smethwick were also present.

Afterwards tea, kindly given by the Wychbold Social Society, was partaken of at the Crown Hotel.

At the business meeting, which followed, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hallow.

The meeting concluded, the ringers again adjourned to the tower, when touches in methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another wife will be able to accompany her husband officially to the Central Council meetings in future. Mrs. Rupert Richardson has been elected as the second representative of the Ladies' Guild: her husband is one of the representatives of the Lincoln Guild. Mrs. George W. Fletcher has represented the Ladies' Guild ever since they have had representation, and her husband (now hon. sec. of the Council) is one of the representatives of the Middlesex County Association.

A correspondent informs us that if the lady who took a fancy to an enamelled mug (imperial pint size) at the Green Dragon in an old-world town in Norfolk cares to have the aforementioned article, will she please inform the proprietor, enclosing a fee of half a crown?

We are glad to state that Mr. P. C. Williams and his son and daughter have quite recovered from their recent motoring accident, and that Mrs. Williams, who fared worst in the smash, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The Vicar of Cardiff, Dr. Morgan Jones Powell, is leaving the busy Welsh city for a country parish—Peterston-super-Ely. As an appreciation for his many kindnesses to ringers, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on the bells of St. John's, Cardiff, on Saturday last. Not a trip or hitch occurred for three hours and ten minutes, when, with only three courses to ring, something happened (probably over-gratified), and in about a dozen blows the bells were all of a heap, and 'stand' called much to the disappointment of all.

The ring of twelve bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were opened with a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths on July 18th, 1798.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung at Cubitt Town, London, on July 20th, 1912, conducted by the lady who is still the hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, which was formed as the direct result of this performance.

The 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923, in ten hours.

THE LATE MR. T. T. GOFTON PASSING OF A GREAT RINGER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The sudden passing of Tom Gofton removes from our ranks not only one of the finest ringers and conductors on tower and handbells, but one of the best fellows one could ever wish to meet.

Having known him for nearly thirty years, and rung 75 peals with him in almost all methods on all numbers of bells nearly all over England, I probably know him better than anyone outside his own district.

He was one of the few ringers who was never spoiled by success. Considering his ability he was a most quiet, unassuming fellow, who thought first and spoke after, and seldom used two words when one would do. Despite his quiet manner, he was a very far-seeing man, and a most interesting companion. I shall always cherish the many happy days I have spent in his company. May he rest in peace.

W. FYE.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM POLE ROUTH

The news of the sudden death of Mr. William Pole Routh, at Reading on July 4th, came as a shock to all who knew him. He had walked into the town in the morning to transact some business, and almost at the foot of St. Mary's tower—his well-loved tower—he collapsed and died. A doctor was able to certify the cause of death, so no inquest was necessary. He had reached the age of 82, and, although a few years ago the state of his health caused his friends some anxiety, he had made a remarkable recovery, and was really wonderfully well. It was doubtless wise that he had given up ringing, but he was still able to carry on with and enjoy his gardening.

In his younger days Mr. Routh had rung a fair number of peals, and was a member of the College Youths, St. James' Society, the Surrey Association, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a vice-president; for some years also he was chairman of the Reading Branch of the Guild. He was a good ringer, though not a master of many methods. Stedman Triples was his great delight, and with him in the band there was always an additional incentive to the rest to give of their best. He possessed a quiet charm of manner, peculiarly his own, which may perhaps best be described by saying that he appeared always to be prepared to find every man what he was himself—a Christian gentleman.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday in the churchyard of Tilehurst, where his father was for some time Rector. The first part of the burial service was at Christ Church, Reading, where he had been for many years a faithful worshipper. The Diocesan Guild was represented by the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who took part in the service, and Canon Coleridge. In the evening, at St. Mary's, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by some of his ringing friends of bygone years. May he rest in peace.

C. W. O. J.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. GREAT FESTIVAL FOR RE-OPENING OF ST. BENET'S BELLS.

Subject to no unforeseen hitch occurring, it has been decided that the re-opening of the bells of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, shall take place on Saturday, September 26th. It will be a great ringing festival and it is expected it will bring together one of the largest gatherings of ringers that have ever assembled for a church ceremony. Full details of the arrangements will, of course, be published in these columns in good time, but meanwhile ringers should reserve this date. There will be much to do and see in Cambridge on this occasion and it will make an ideal venue for an excursion. A full day's programme is in contemplation.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, and Bristol United Guilds are among the organisations which have this week added their contributions to the Tercentenary fund. Subscriptions should be forwarded to

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FABIAN STEDMAN'S PROFESSION. BY THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

It was with the greatest pleasure that I saw the signature R. A. Daniell at the foot of a letter in your columns, and I hope that we may read much more from his pen.

I was also glad to read all he says about Fabian Stedman. But why does he mention his being a printer, without qualification, as though the fact were unquestioned?

Let us see what is the evidence. On the one side there is the tradition in the Exercise; and this can be traced back to the statement which Mr. Ernest Morris has discovered, that one of the ringers who recorded his visit to Leicester calls him a printer.

Now the ordinary man, even to-day, and much less in those illiterate days, does not as a rule appreciate the difference between a printer and a publisher. Both have to do with the making of books, and that is as far as most people go.

We are told that Stedman told the Leicester ringers about the book he was preparing ('Campanologia'). It is fairly probable (the fact that he was afterwards called a printer makes it almost certain) that he used the word 'print' in some way. He may have said that he would print this or that method or principle, just as a publisher or printer would do to-day, as then. Some of his hearers (including, perhaps, our narrator) would jump to the conclusion that he was a printer.

Of course, all things are possible to those who give their imagination free rein, and it is possible Fabian Stedman definitely told his hearers that he was a printer, or that our narrator obtained his information in some other definite way. But that either of these things are so, we have no evidence whatever.

This is all the evidence we have in favour of the usual statement, and if anyone wishes to believe it is a fact on such evidence, well, he must do so.

On the other hand we have no doubtful hearsay, but the clear printed fact in the 'Tintinnalogia,' and that, too, on the title page, without any question of error, that he was not the printer but the publisher. The title page ends with the statement that the book was printed by so and so in London for Fabian Stedman. And to make the matter even more certain, on the next page is the censor's name in extra large type, 'Roger l'Estrange.'

Now at that time—the period of the publication of Titus Oates' 'Plots'—a very strict watch was kept on all publications, and to pass the censor, the printer and the publisher had both to be known to him. If the ordinary citizen did not see much difference between a printer and a publisher, the censor certainly did—it was his job. It has been suggested that Stedman, a printer, at Cambridge of all places, had not the facilities for printing such a book, and got a brother printer in London to print it. This seems most unlikely, but it is not even possible, when we see that the censor has passed Stedman as the publisher. For one printer to vouch as publisher for another printer would be too glaring a piece of jobbery for any censor to pass. And, moreover, it would not be an easy thing in any case for a book with so many figures, with none or few predecessors, and therefore an easy subject for a hidden cypher, to pass the censor.

A much more probable explanation is the simple one that there were no ringers, or none suitable, who were printers in Cambridge, but that there was a suitable ringer in London, and that Stedman employed him. This solution will certainly appeal to those of us who have tried to get non-ringers to set up ringing figures in type. For the 'Tintinnalogia' is remarkably free from printers' errors, especially if it had no forerunners. I can only remember one, in which a section consisting of several pages has been displaced; and this may have been in the arrangement of the original 'copy.'

There is one way in which these two statements may be reconciled. That is that, after the publication of the 'Tintinnalogia,' Stedman may have become a printer in order to print his 'Campanologia.' It seems most unlikely, but the latter book itself should tell us. I have for some years been hoping to get to the British Museum to see this book, but I doubt now if I ever shall. Will not Mr. Trollope, or someone who has a reader's ticket, look at the book for us and tell us if it has the name of the printer, the publisher or the censor in it?

Failing any such corroboration, I think we must conclude quite certainly that Fabian Stedman was not a printer but a publisher. Moreover, such a man would be far more likely to hold an appointment in the office of the auditor of the Excise than a printer, whose qualifications for such a post are not self-evident.

The duty of a publisher in those days was to 'stand the racket' if anything treasonable or otherwise wrong were published. If Stedman were already a Government official he would be a suitable person to be a publisher. On the other hand, if he were a person influential enough to publish 'Tintinnalogia,' he would probably be influential enough to get a Government appointment.

If, however, there were two men of the same name, one a publisher and one a printer, where are we?

Are any copies to be had now of the transcription of Stedman's will, which Mr. Daniell had printed—although he is not a printer—some thirty years ago?

HERBERT DRAKE.

The note on the title page of the 1677 'Campanologia' is 'London. Printed by W. Godbid, for W. S., and are to be sold by Langley Curtis in Goat Court on Ludgate Hill, 1677.'

W. Godbid is obviously the 'W. G.' who printed 'Tintinnalogia' for Fabian Stedman at his shop in St. Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet Street, 1668.

It will be noted that 'Campanologia' was printed for 'W. S.,' which, however, may possibly have been a misprint for 'F. S.,' although rather an unlikely error for an important matter of this kind. The initials appended to 'The Epistle Dedicatory' are 'F. S.,' and page 117 has the heading, 'Fifty-three London-Peals upon Five, Six, Seven and Eight Bells, composed by F. S.—Ed., 'R.W.''

STEDMAN AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS. To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In my 'College Youths, 1750-1788,' I wrote that the society visited Cambridge in 1657 and rang with Stedman, who gave them some five and six bell peals. In saying that, I was copying the received tradition as given by Shipway, but later investigations incline me to doubt the tale. I think it certain that Stedman had not composed anything so early as 1657. If the College Youths went to Cambridge in 1657, I do not think they met Stedman, and if they did meet Stedman it was not till much later than 1657. He was elected a member of the society in 1661, and composed his Principle some time between 1668 and 1677.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DEATH OF MR. C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

LOSS TO EDINBURGH RINGING.

We regret to announce the death at his home, 14, Comiston Drive, Edinburgh, of Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, O.B.E.

Of a gentlemanly disposition, Mr. Ellis will be sadly missed among his friends and Scottish ringers.

He was one of the kindest of men, and was always a willing helper in anything pertaining to bells or ringing, and one of the first to encourage and maintain change ringing in Scotland.

It is a pity he has not lived long to enjoy the honour conferred on him by His Majesty the King at the beginning of this year, being at that time very dangerously ill. It was only a fortnight before his death that he was able to be invested with the honour so richly deserved.

The change ringing societies of St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, of the latter of which he was vice-president, and also all other ringers who have come in contact with him, will deeply mourn his death.

DEATH OF A DORCHESTER STALWART.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the sudden passing of Mr. W. John Benger, captain of St. Peter's band, Dorchester, and one of the finest stalwarts in ringing circles in Dorset, which occurred with tragic suddenness last Tuesday week. When in the midst of his ordinary duties he suddenly collapsed and died.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT CARISBROOKE.

The annual general meeting was held at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 4th, when nearly 100 members and visitors were present. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surbeat), Messrs. W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) and E. A. Young (London). The annual meeting was held in the Sunday School under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. G. Williams), who was supported by the Rev. Evan Jones (treasurer) and Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary).

In presenting his report, the Master said that on the whole the year 1930 should be considered satisfactory, both as regards finance and membership. According to the district reports, 91 honorary and 626 performing members have paid during the year. It will be seen the sum of £43 8s. 9d. has been received by the treasurer, whilst a sum of over £30 is shown as balance in district secretary's hands.

The annual district meetings have been exceptionally well attended, and it has been most gratifying to see such a large number of young ringers coming on.

Regarding progress in change ringing, this should be shown in the peal recorder's report, but he added that, according to their numbers, they should show a much larger number of peal ringers, as it is the most enthusiastic peal ringer whose aim is good striking, and who makes the most reliable Sunday service ringer; the continuity of practice and learning new methods lead up to this.

He was glad to see such enthusiasm amongst the six-bell ringers in the Alton District, and congratulated them on scoring several 5,000's on six bells, and it had occurred to him that as this district has had an uphill struggle since its formation three years ago, it may be worth the Guild's consideration whether the towers of Petersfield, Steep, East and West Meon and Bramshot can be added with advantage, without being any detriment to the huge Portsmouth District.

Very little bell restoration had taken place during the year, beyond the rehangings (and a new 6th bell) in ball bearings of the noble ring at Christchurch Priory, and the overhauling of the six at Bishop's Waltham, both by Taylor and Co. It was a matter of regret the project to add two trebles to the latter was not pushed forward, as the frame is already constructed to receive them.

The Guild's thanks were especially due to the hon. and life members for their support, and to the officers for their co-operation during the year.

The treasurer's report and balance sheet and the peal recorder's report were unanimously adopted and each thanked for his services.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. G. Williams; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; treasurer, Rev. Evan Jones; recorder of peals, Mr. C. E. Bassett; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; Central Council representatives, the Master and Mr. H. Barton.

NEW GUILD CERTIFICATE.

A draft copy and enlarged drawing of the proposed new certificate, designed by Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), was submitted to the members. It contains the photos of the two cathedrals in separate panels and the coats of arms of the cities of Winchester and Portsmouth (revised), also the arms of the sees of the two dioceses. It was agreed that it was indeed an elaborate design, and it was unanimously decided to adopt the same, and that Mr. Fussell be heartily thanked for his splendid work.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was agreed to vote a sum of £2 2s. to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund. Mr. W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) was elected a compounding member, and Messrs. A. Butler and F. Sibley (Southampton) full members.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Christchurch on Saturday, July 2nd, 1932.

Votes of thanks to the Vicars of Carisbrooke and Newport for the use of their bells, and for the use of the Church Hall were accorded unanimously.

After the meeting, the members of the Guild, to the number of about 100, proceeded to Carisbrooke Parish Church for service. While the congregation were assembling, a touch of 252 changes of Stedman Triples was rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. Neville Lovett, C.B.E.), who addressed the congregation.

The Bishop and clergy joined the ringers at tea at the Waverley Hotel, and the choirboys were also entertained by the ringers.

After tea, both the towers of Newport and Carisbrooke were open, and the ringers made good use of the bells in all methods, including Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Read, of Buckhorn Weston, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Kingston Magna Church on June 28th: L. Cockerell 1, H. J. Ralph 2, E. T. Griffin 3, W. C. Shute (conductor) 4, T. J. Seth 5. Mr. and Mrs. Read attended the choral Eucharist at Kingston Magna Church, where they were married by the Rev. T. H. Edwards, father of the present Rector (the Rev. W. I. Edwards), on June 28th, 1881.

'OUR LAURA'

CLEVELAND'S PREMIER LADY RINGER.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association are proud of their premier lady ringer. They boast of quite a number of ringers of the fair sex, but there is no doubt that Miss Laura Lancaster, of Middlesbrough, ranks as the 'premier' among them in the northern part of the county of broad acres.

She commenced her ringing in 1925, when she was 18 years old, and so apt a pupil did she prove that in the same year she scored her first peal of Bob Major, ringing the third. She comes from a family of ringers—her father is the vice-captain of the Middlesbrough tower, and her grandfather was a prominent ringer in his time at Tadcaster (Yorkshire).



MISS L. LANCASTER.

[By Courtesy of 'North Eastern Daily Gazette']

She is well known and respected in ringing circles in the North, her cheery disposition and good humour often proving a welcome addition to a meeting of her association. She is a capable and steady ringer in all methods up to Superlative.

Her latest feat was that of banding together a set of the younger ringers of the association to score a peal without the aid of the senior members.

This was accomplished after much disappointment; one time the band turned up one short; next time a rope broke; another time a single was called too soon; and so on. But at last success came their way, and Miss Lancaster and her 'youngsters' had the honour of scoring a really good peal of Grandsire Triples.

Up to now Miss Lancaster has rung some 25 peals, and is eagerly looking forward to the time when she can conduct a peal for her young band.

All her friends (and they are legion) wish her best success in this laudible endeavour.

J. C. P.

MALDON RINGERS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Saturday, June 20th, the ringers of All Saints' Church, Maldon, had their annual outing. The party, numbering twenty, including wives and friends, travelled by charabanc, the first stop being at Saffron Walden, where ringing is now suspended owing to the presence of the death watch beetle in the church. The party breakfasted in the town, and then proceeded to Trumpington, where they were met by the Vicar (himself a ringer), and good use was made of the nice peal of six bells, the Vicar helping in some of the touches. A few hours were spent in Cambridge before proceeding to Ely, where the fine peal of eight at St. Mary's Church (through the kindness of the Vicar) were at the ringers' disposal. After some enjoyable ringing, tea was welcome at Fore Hill on a spacious lawn. The inspiration of strawberries (an idea of the ladies, this) was a very happy one, and they were purchased and contributed to by several of the members. After tea, a far too brief inspection of the Cathedral was made, time being too short to do justice to this gem of architecture, and so on to Soham, where hang a ring of ten bells. Ringing was enjoyed here for upwards of an hour, which brought to a close a very delightful day.

Thanks are due to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and others who met the party at the towers, and so contributed to making the day a success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Eserick on Saturday, July 4th. By the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, M.A., the ring of eight was at the disposal of the members, and was very much enjoyed by all. A service was held at three o'clock in the church, when the Vicar addressed the company. Forty-five members sat down to tea in the Village Institute. At the business meeting, which followed, presided over by Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, M.A., supported by the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer, a letter of sympathy to the hon. district secretary, Mr. A. B. Cook, in his illness, was moved and carried. An invitation from Scarborough to hold the next meeting there, in conjunction with the Northern District, was accepted. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and address, to the local band for their efforts to provide a successful meeting, and also to the organist and the ladies who presided over the tea tables, was carried unanimously. Mr. Cryer moved, and Mr. Fairlam seconded, that a letter of condolence from the district be sent to Mrs. Tunc, of Hemmingbrough, on the sad death of her husband. This concluded the business meeting, and the members then adjourned, some to the gardens of the Vicarage and others to the tower for further ringing in the standard methods, to bring a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

Will members please note that the date of the informal meeting to be held at Wilbersea has been altered from August 15th to August 22nd.

DEATH OF MRS. BILLENNESS. RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Billenness, of 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent, has removed from our midst a lady who devoted many years of voluntary service in entertaining ringers. Considerably more than a quarter of a century ago her two sons (Mr. William Billenness and Mr. George Billenness) commenced their ringing career at Rye, Sussex. In those days the 'seed' of change ringing had only just begun to 'sprout' in the ancient town. The harvests of subsequent years brought fruit more abundantly and of richer quality, both at Rye and in other parishes on the Sussex and Kentish borders. Visitors often came to Rye, and were entertained by the late Mrs. Billenness in her abode. Her house had an ever-open door for ringers, who received a homely welcome from their hostess. She made no distinction. Great men of the Exercise down to young beginners enjoyed her hospitality. Ringers from many parts of the country stayed at her residence.

On going to live at Hawkhurst, Kent, Mrs. Billenness acted as hostess there, but her health in recent years rendered it necessary for her to take life quietly. She passed to the 'Great Unknown' on the last Saturday afternoon in last month, at the age of 79 years. The funeral took place at Hawkhurst Parish Churchyard on the following Wednesday afternoon. At matins, on the Sunday after interment, the service included the hymn, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done.' The voluntary work of the deceased lady in entertaining members of the Exercise will be called to mind by many present-day ringers, who will read of her passing with much regret.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT CHESTER.

On Saturday, June 27th, ten Rotherham Parish Church ringers and eight friends set off by motor bus at 6.35 a.m. en route for Chester. A glorious run on a beautiful morning brought them to Buxton by eight o'clock, and thence over the Pennines via the Cat and Fiddle, several hundred feet higher, and amidst mist and cloud, followed by a steady fall via Middlewich to Chester, where they arrived just after 10 a.m. A splendid breakfast by Host F. Weston (a ringer) of the City Arms Hotel satisfied the inner man, and the party split up to ring and see the sights. A walk along the top of the city wall and alongside it brought them to the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Wall, where they rang touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major, finding it warm work, not owing to the bells, which go well, but to atmospheric conditions. Leaving here, they wandered across the Dee to St. Mary-without-the-Walls, where they were met by some of the local band, as they had experienced at the first church, and soon had the bells going to Stedman Triples, followed by four good courses of Double Norwich. As the visitors had to finish ringing at the Cathedral by 3.45 p.m., they left this splendid peal of St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, and went back to the city, calling to look at the ancient Cathedral Church of St. John on the way. At the Cathedral were rung Stedman and Double Norwich, after which all who had helped to make the day so pleasant were invited to join the company at a substantial tea served by the same author as the breakfast. This over, a move was made to Eccleston, another St. Mary's, built by the Duke of Westminster, some of the party going by bus and some by boat up the Dee. Here Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung, also a course of Bob Royal 'in hand,' on the site of the old church, pulled down about thirty years ago. Then loading up for home, and dropping the Chester friends at various spots on the way, the party returned via Northwich, Congleton and Buxton, after an extremely enjoyable day, due in large measure to those Chester ringers who met the visitors and gave their assistance so willingly. All are most heartily thanked, and the Doncaster ringers will be very glad to have a visit from them at some future time.

A. N.

A TRIP INTO ESSEX

AND WHAT BEFEL A HERTFORDSHIRE PARTY.

The annual outing of the Apsley and Hempstead ringers, accompanied by friends from King's Langley, Rickmansworth and Watford, took place on a recent Saturday. Leaving the Ringers' Rest at 7 a.m., the journey was made via St. Albans to Epping, and from there on to the first port of call—Epping Upland. Owing to a slight misunderstanding, nobody arrived with the key of the belfry, but after a few search parties had been out it was eventually found and a start made. The treble, on being raised, was thought to set a long way back, but it was found in a few seconds that it had no stay on it! Naturally it went right over, but was brought back by four worthy men pulling her over from rope's end! After these little difficulties, the peal of six were rung in several methods for about an hour. A rather interesting feature here is a small bell hung in the louvres, half inside and half outside. The 'National'—and a good one at that—moved on to Epping, where a halt had to be called for postcards. At the third stop the necessary views were found, almost causing the assistant to order a new stock! The morning, now brightening up a little after being rather a doubtful case, caused a much more cheerful outlook on things in general, and the run to Writtle, where there is a fine peal of eight, was made in good time—in fact, with 15 minutes to the good, causing remarks from the ringer who was meeting the party, about having 'ordered one and put some salt by it until he got back.' However, just over an hour was spent at Writtle, good use being made of the bells. Quite a good circular stairway leads to the belfry, but it was thought by a few that it was as well that it was previous to dinner, as one was seen trying sideways! Dinner was the next object in view on arriving at Chelmsford, a splendid meal being made at Cannon's Restaurant. Everybody having had his fill, the journey was resumed to Maldon. For an hour the bells of All Saints' (a peal of eight) were rung to various methods. A curious feature here is that the tower is three-cornered, the bells being rung from the ground floor. Leaving All Saints', a short walk brought in view the tower of St. Mary's, where hangs a peal of six. Several remarks were heard regarding the quaint old staircase—too quaint for some. After ringing for the best part of an hour, an excellent tea was partaken of at the Promenade Restaurant. Leaving Maldon just before six o'clock, a return was made towards Chelmsford, to drop the friend for Writtle to see if his salt was still there! Before arriving there, however, the annual photograph had to be taken, and it turned out splendidly.

Bishop's Stortford was the next and last stop. The peal of ten were greatly appreciated, and several rang their first courses or touches on ten. The ringing terminated with a good course of Grandsire Caters, and a move was then made to talk over the happenings of the day. Another treat was yet in store for those who gathered round, for 'father' sang his well-known song of 'Martha,' which was enjoyed by one and all. After 'Auld Lang Syne' the coach once more moved off, home being reached about midnight, after a most enjoyable day. The methods rung during the day were Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Oxford Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples.

The party take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells, the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness, and the friend from Writtle for his help in the arrangements, all of which combined to make the day so successful.

A TOUR IN THE CHELMSFORD DISTRICT.

On Saturday, June 27th, the Helmingham and Otley bellringers went for their annual outing in the Chelmsford district, where bells are plentiful. An early start was made by motor bus, the first call being at Boreham, where the party were met by Mr. Lincoln, of Chelmsford, who acted as pilot for the day. A course each of London Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major was rung here. At Great Baddow the musical peal was enjoyed by all, a course each of Bristol Surprise, Premier and Cambridge Surprise and Bob Major being rung. Another short run brought the party to Galleywood, where some enjoyed themselves on the common, while others were ringing. The methods were Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major. A snap was taken of the party before starting for Writtle, where it was hoped to get another kind of snap (namely, dinner), for which the journey had provided an appetite. Being unable, owing to a funeral, to ring at Writtle, directly after dinner a move was first made to Widford, where Mr. J. Bennett, of London, met the party, his brother and nephew being with the company. Bristol and Bob Major were rung at this tower before going back to Writtle, where Double Norwich, London Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. Then on to Chelmsford, the main objective, where, after tea, the Cathedral bells were set going to Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, with an attempt at Stedman Cinques, which proved too much for some. On the return journey, a call was made at Bocking, where Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge were achieved. The party would like to thank their pilot, who made the arrangements and helped to make the outing such an enjoyable one, and also the others, who met them and rang with them.

ASSOCIATION FUNDS AND THEIR USES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The question ament the above subject, which I propounded for consideration some weeks ago through the medium of your valued journal, does not appear to have attracted much attention, despite the fact that it is a subject of vital importance to every member of the Exercise who takes a real interest in the working of his own particular association. Considering the simple and direct objects for which diocesan associations have been formed, it is absolutely inconceivable what can be the ultimate use for such balances as some associations have accumulated. Mr. Jack Cripps, in a nicely reasoned reply, regards it as good finance, which commands respect, to be able to work mainly on interest from invested funds, and, of course, it is a very happy state. But although it is excellent in business and personal affairs, it ought not to be the system on which institutions like our diocesan ringing associations, with their limited and definite objects, ought to exist. No doubt these balances have grown imperceptibly during years of working, but it is quite evident that some are out of all proportion to their present needs, and it cannot be right that the associations to whom it applies should take money annually from hon. members, for instance, when they have absolutely no legitimate use for it. Quite recently a clerical ringer was asked whether certain of his parishioners would become hon. members of the Diocesan Guild to which he is attached, and his reply was, 'How can I reasonably ask them when you already have a balance of over £50?'

There are still many ways in which money could be usefully expended. First and foremost, restoration work could be more liberally subscribed to, for nothing creates more mutually sympathetic feelings than help in necessity, and in the case of a non-affiliated tower a judicious subscription might bring lasting returns by a desire for affiliation. Publications could be purchased from the Central Council and other agencies and sold to members at a discount. Method sheets, with explanatory notes, would be most useful in all towers with five or more bells, and many more expert instructors are required. The subscriptions of performing members might also be brought under consideration with a view to reduction, especially in these serious times of trade depression. These are a few lines along which many of our associations might still find a way to advance. Doubtless, many others would occur if a real forward movement was started. I have not alluded to the Benevolent Fund mentioned by Mr. Cripps, as I regard such a fund as quite outside the proper aims of our associations. With Mr. Williams, I agree they ought not to be used as provident societies. In conclusion, may I just assure my fellow-ringers that in this matter I have no special axe to grind, but as a ringer and a member of associations for over forty years my one desire is to see them progress, and more and more fulfil the purpose for which they were instituted.—Yours faithfully,

PLAIN BOB.

FISHY!

All ringers should avail themselves of salmon and trout (not peas) by coming to King's Chapel and Sellack on Saturday, July 25th, and fish from suspension bridge while bells are ringing on either side. Ringing commences at three o'clock, fish mobilise immediately on hearing bells; rods provided. Tea, with fish, will be served on the beautiful lawn (if fine) at Sellack Vicarage, only notify (with or without fish) J. Clark by the 22nd (Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire).

MIDDLESEX RINGERS IN ESSEX.

The ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Finchley, and friends—a party of sixteen—made a journey by road to Great Horkesley, Essex, for their annual outing on Saturday, June 27th. Traveling through Epping Forest, the first halt was called at Witham, where a good two hours' ringing was done in various Minor methods. An enjoyable lunch was partaken of at the roadside on the way to Great Totham, where afterwards all the party took part in ringing. At Wormingford, the ringers were met by the Vicar, who made them welcome. While some visited the tower, others went round the Vicarage grounds. On reaching Great Horkesley, the visitors were met by Mr. W. J. Nevard. A good meal was enjoyed before visiting the tower. After tea, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Barker to the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the various churches, also to Mr. Nevard, who had helped to make the outing a success. This was acknowledged by Mr. Nevard. Touches of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells were rung in the village before the return journey was commenced.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, June 15th, at the Parish Church, Middleton, Lancs, a date touch of Bob Major (1931 changes) was rung in 1 hour 8 mins.: John Hallows 1, Wm. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, Harold Hamer 3, J. Johnson 4, T. A. Ogden 5, J. H. C. Massey 6, J. H. Bastow 7, T. K. Driver 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. H. King 1, A. House 2, Miss G. Church 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, E. H. King (conductor) 6, E. A. Hull 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sunday, July 12th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,072 changes): *F. B. Martin 1, A. J. Martin 2, A. O. Lewis 3, T. Albutt 4, †F. J. Whitworth 5, †G. Perry 6, H. Price 7, R. Lewis 8, H. F. Martin (conductor) 9, F. Crump 10. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal of Caters.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Sunday, July 5th, at the Parish Church of All Saints, 1,264 Bob Major: H. H. Flower 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, A. Brading 3, W. Pickworth (Southgate), 4, P. Long 5, R. J. Snow 6, W. J. Rawlings (Beckingham) 7, A. R. Ward 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs (tenor 32 cwt.), 1,120 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss V. Shorter 1, A. E. Pitstow 2, L. Pitstow 3, J. W. Ward 4, R. L. Lathbury 5, L. Simmonds 6, F. Dench (conductor) 7, E. G. Hibbins 8. Longest length of Surprise Major on the bells.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. H. King 1, W. J. Ellis 2, A. House 3, E. H. King 4, W. Dickinson 5, M. Fensom 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, C. Davidson 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: W. H. Austin 1, W. J. Dove 2, E. Checkley 3, A. Slade 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, H. Hoare (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. J. Dove 1, A. Slade 2, H. Marlow 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Hoare 5, W. H. Austin 6, W. R. Parker (conductor) 7, W. Sturges 8.

For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: E. H. Sibley 1, A. Slade 2, W. R. Parker 3, H. Hoare 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturges 6, W. H. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 28th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, for morning service, 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss Violet Shorter 1, W. Faux 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, T. Dennis 4, B. D. Buttress 5, J. W. Ward (conductor) 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, for evensong, in honour of the patronal festival, on Sunday, June 21st, 1,440 Double Norwich Major: V. Butler 1, W. Rose 2, S. Wright 3, H. Beechey 4, T. Little 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. Brice (conductor) 8. Longest length on the bells in any method since their restoration in January, 1931.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Clemence 1, F. Salter 2, F. Bradley 3, N. Hemmington 4, S. Pinder 5, G. West 6, J. A. Barrett (conductor) 7, A. E. Clemence 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to James Forman, J.P., churchwarden of the above church, who died the previous day.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Hector 1, T. Gale 2, F. Farrant 3, G. Raison 4, F. Strickland 5, H. Gummer (conductor) 6, F. Sweet 7, P. S. Poole 8. Arranged for Messrs. Hector, Raison and Gummer, of Trowbridge, and as a farewell to P. S. Poole, who is shortly leaving for Frome.

LOWER REYFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, June 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: J. Slater 1, F. W. Pritchett 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, G. Cuss (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Grantham 6. Rung for the afternoon service, when the induction of the Rev. G. A. Ward-Jackson to the living of this parish took place.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten callings) with 7.6.8 covering, in 50 mins.: H. W. Palmer 1, G. Jerram 2, T. J. Palmer 3, T. A. Palmer 4, W. R. Kynaston (conductor) 5, N. W. Hawkins 6, A. V. Jerram 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by all except Messrs. Kynaston and Smith, who hail from Swindon.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Street 1, P. Button 2, A. Rainbird 3, F. G. Ringe (conductor) 4, R. Ong 5, A. Pryke 6, B. Hines (first quarter-peal) 7, C. Pryke 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Almond 1, W. Wildney 2, E. Davey 3, E. Durrant 4, H. Wright 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. Also after the service 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. First 720's of Minor on the new bells.

HOLBORN.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Calford 1, C. J. Choet 2, A. Cutmore 3, R. W. Green 4, W. J. Norton 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, T. Langdon 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Alford and R. Foster.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—For the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Bell (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Butler 2, J. Philipps 3, A. Hiscock 4, W. Peck 5, E. Goater (conductor) 6, C. Pipe 7, W. Jolly 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 30th, St. Andrew's Holborn, 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead (6 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A short service will be held, taken by the Vicar. Tea at a small charge in the village nearby. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Glossop, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. K. Percival Smith, the summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea (kindly given by the Church authorities) at the Red Lion Hotel.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Old Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, July 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. A good attendance is requested. Let us have a real good meeting.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on July 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, business meeting follows. Visitors welcomed.—D. L. Board, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 18th. Ringing at all three churches (8 bells). Members of Essex Association are invited. Tea at the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Smarden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby (not Stratford, as previously arranged) on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at the Denbigh Arms. The business meeting will follow the tea. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided for all at moderate charge. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope and E. H. Bagworth, Local Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Castleton on Saturday, July 18th. Church of St. Edmund (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.—C. Sharpies, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—A fete in aid of Church Funds will be held on Thursday, July 23rd. The 8 bells at the beautiful Parish Church will be available to visiting ringers, afternoon and evening. If any company would like to attempt peal during the morning please advise me as early as possible.—Percy W. Fordham, Kings Way, Mildenhall, via Ely.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cudham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, will be reserved only for those who notify me by Monday, July 20th. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931).—The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (D.V.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

OXFORD SOCIETY (Founded in the 17th century).—In connection with the Jubilee Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the society begs to announce that all visitors will be cordially welcomed at its headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Cheap tickets are issued on the railways.—William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided. Please send me a p.c. who is coming not later than the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, near Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at Stone-in-Oxney. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be given a hearty welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, kindly provided by the church authorities. Please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 21st.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above Society will be held at Bingham on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Special business.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. R. Pratt), and the usual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me on or before Tuesday, the 21st inst?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and business to follow. Tea for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 22nd. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Donisborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Sat., July 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea should notify me by Tuesday, July 21st.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Langford-Budville (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Those who want tea please let me know by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Old Brampton on Saturday, July 25th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers requiring tea to Mr. W. Collis, Old Brampton Post Office, Chesterfield, by Thursday, July 23rd.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, July 25th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 21st?—T. Tebbutt, West St., Moulton, Northampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Almondsbury and Alveston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Almondsbury. Kindly notify numbers for tea by the 22nd.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please inform me by July 22nd. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A combined meeting will be held at Rammore on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please send their numbers to Mr. Alan R. Pink, the Railway Hotel, Dorking, before July 22nd?—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ruyton-XI-Towns on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5.15, followed by meeting. Please send number for tea before the 20th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, July 25th, when the Bishop of Ely will give the address at 4.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Bells available; St. Mary's, Ely, Littleport and Sutton-in-the-Isle. Tea at the Central Cafe at 5.1/—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Secretary, Watlington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Blackhill and Consett on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, and Christ Church, Consett, will be available after 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Aidan's Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. W. McFeggan, 22, Cort Street, Blackhill, before the 22nd.—George S. Taylor, Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal cost to all who let Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, know by post. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Monday, August 3rd. The bells (10) will be available for short touches all day, also at Barsham (5) two miles away. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Hall (near church) at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each) followed by meeting. Will those coming to tea please notify me by July 31st?—R. J. Goate, Dis. Sec., Smallgate, Beccles.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available during the day. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Dujon's Café at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 29th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

CHURCH BELL RINGERS' DIRECTORY. July 20th, 1931, will be the last day upon which subscriptions can be received. Forms of application will be sent by return if postcard is sent to me. At least 80 pages, with names, addresses, towers, weights and practice nights given. Empire section of ringers overseas. Many touches of Grandsire and Stedman. Note closing date, July 20th, 1931.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Horsell on June 27th, in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. A good number of members from the district were present, also visitors from Guildford (Cathedral), Ockham, Farnham, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Woking and Cranleigh, the total attendance being 27. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and after tea in the Institute, Miss Fisher, of Aldershot, was in the chair at the short business meeting. The Guild service was held at six, when the Vicar, Canon N. Pares, gave an interesting address.

A hearty vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the keen interest he takes in the ringers. He showed the ringers several interesting things in the church, and some of the visitors went exploring even to the top of the tower, while others watched the bells swinging while a band of ladies were ringing Kent Treble Bob. Methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, and Oxford Single Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The bells were kept going till nine, when they were lowered in peal, and a very successful meeting came to an end, thanks to the joint help of the Ladies' Guild.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Monday, June 29th, for evensong, at St. Peter's Church, Ystradysfodwg, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes): H. Page 1, W. Palmer (first in the method) 2, W. Cross 3, G. Palmer 4, J. Lovett 5, T. Page (conductor) 6, W. Page 7, F. Lasbury 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples rung for the patronal festival service, and to welcome the new Bishop of Llandaff (the Right Rev. Timothy Rees), who was the special preacher.

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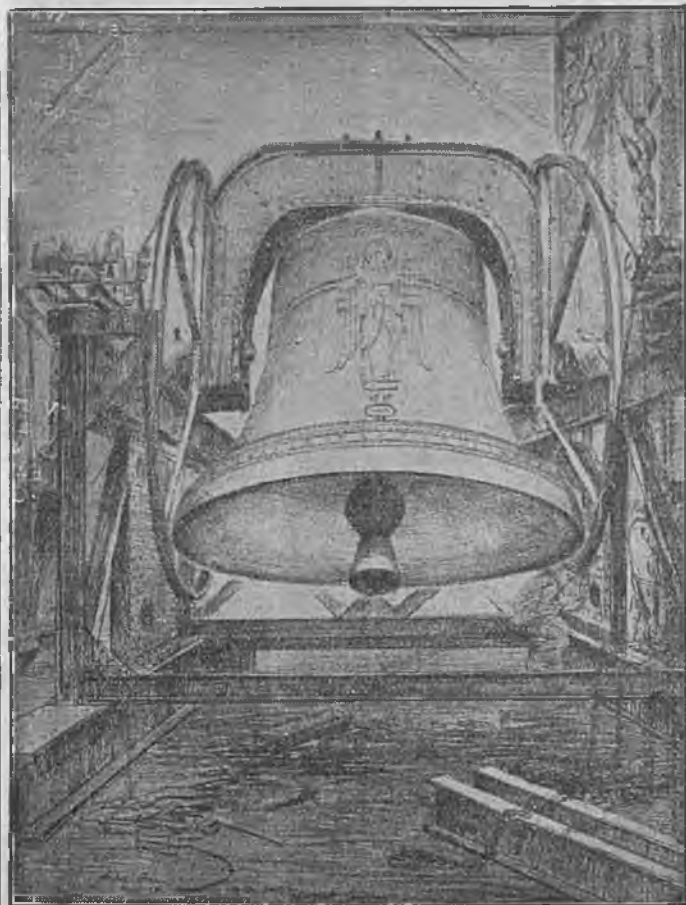
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SURPLUS FUNDS.

We have a good deal of sympathy with the sentiments expressed in recent letters by 'Plain Bob,' on the subject of the surplus funds of the associations. There are several of the larger ringing organisations which, gradually, have built up very substantial reserves running in more than one case into hundreds of pounds, and on the present basis of income and expenditure the balances are likely to go on increasing. Prudence demands that, wherever possible, associations should have behind them a nest egg against a rainy day, and the wealthy organisations must be the envy of those of their poorer brethren, who year after year have a struggle to make ends meet. Beyond certain limits, however, there is little real object to be served in accumulating funds, and even if these fortunate associations already offer extra advantages to their members as the result of their satisfactory position, there is no reason why they should not further utilise their resources in advancing the objects for which they exist.

One of the directions in which, we think, many associations could render even greater service than they give at present is by training instructors and then sending them out to the help of other towers. It is true that a good deal of elementary instruction is already given, much of it of a voluntary nature, but it is generally limited to rudimentary change ringing and the course is usually a comparatively short one. We are quite convinced that much more might be done in this direction, particularly in extending the instruction beyond the stage of one plain method, where it so often stops. Associations that can afford it could find a wide field for useful work in this direction.

In recent years there has been a growing disposition on the part of associations to contribute to bell restoration funds, but even here there are some with substantial resources who might help even more liberally than they do. There can be no question that money spent in this direction gives valuable results, and indirectly brings gain to the association by demonstrating its practical sympathy with the preservation and improvement of bells, and providing increased facilities for ringing. Another way of utilising surplus funds is by setting up a library which, run on right lines, can be of distinctly educative value, while some of the big reserves might also be usefully employed in placing ringing books, such as the Snowdon series, and those published by the Central Council, in the hands of members at a reduced rate.

Many other ways of usefully employing accumulated cash will suggest themselves to those who think about the subject; and unquestionably there is much to say in favour of

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On Tuesday, June 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
* ARTHUR HUME 2	JOHN WOOD 6
PERCY GREEN 3	EDWARD KEMP 7
ERNEST RUTTER 4	LESLIE J. CLARK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE J. CLARK.

* First peal of Treble Bob on 'inside' bell.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	JOHN LYDDIARD Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a token of re-
spect to the late Sir William Hart Dyke, of Lullingstone Castle, who
was buried on the 6th, aged 94 years.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	FRANK CORKE 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 6
*FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 3	†WILLIAM HENLEY 7
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
JOHN DEARLOVE 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON 5
JOHN WALDEN 2	GEORGE LADD 6
JOHN T. BROWN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	CHARLES CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	†SYDNEY TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 6
*WILLIAM BLAKE 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
HARRY MILES 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to 'Bill' Stone.

LEESFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HOLLI'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY PLATT Treble	HARRY CORSER 5
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JAMES LEES 3	WALTER E. HOWARTH ... 7
OGDEN MOORES 4	ABRAHAM BROMLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, April 26th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal (1,440 changes) in 61 mins.: E. Bishop 1, R. G. Townsend 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, H. W. L. Wells 7, S. Palmer 8, T. Townsend 9, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by R. G. Townsend and T. Townsend.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*GEORGE CLARKE Treble	ALBERT NASH 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
†WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 7
ARNOLD HILL 4	HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	RICHARD A. POST 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
JONATHAN HONEY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	HARRY MILES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Mr. H. Miles has now completed 'the circle' at this tower.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST H. EVEREST Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON 5
RICHARD D. DIVAL 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
JOHN O. WELLER 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Mr. P. S. Thompson was elected a member of the association in the tower. First peal of Major on the bells since the rehanging of the two tenors by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 5
JOHN GILBERT 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who attained the age of 13 years on this date. Miss Cawthorne has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES F. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	*ROY A. WOODWARD 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	GEORGE WILSON 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal of Bristol from each bell in this tower. Great credit is due to Roy A. Woodward, who has now rung his first four peals in the four standard Surprise methods in the following order: London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED E. PITSTOW Treble	*CHARLES W. COOK 5
JOHN W. WARD 2	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*LESLIE W. BACON Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
THOMAS BETTISON 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
†JOHN HOLMAN 3	*ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
JESSE J. MOSS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in method. † 100th Surprise peal.

STOWMARKET.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
*STANLEY G. MOSS 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 6
HARRY D. LISTER 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal in the method. Composer's No. 126. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

ARTHUR R. MILES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALEC RICHARDSON 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
ROBERT J. DAWE 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
*WILLIAM FLATT 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
FREDERICK R. BORRITT 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
CHARLES LOONE 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
*FREDERICK A. COLEY 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 480 each of St. Simon's, Chase, St. Dunstan's and Old Doubles, and 720 of Bob Doubles and 2,400 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

F. OSBORNE Treble	A. SMITHSON 3
WM. PARKES 2	H. BAILEY 4
W. RILEY Tenor	

Conducted by A. SMITHSON.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. Smithson by an all-local band. First peal as conductor.

EGG BUCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH WEST BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with twelve different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY 4
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5
GEORGE HARRY MYERS 3	WILLIAM FRANCIS OATWAY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Doubles on the bells, also first peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. Ringers of 2, 3 and 5 have now rung Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, 1 and 4 have rung Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, while the conductor has completed calling Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MARTIN Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	*HAROLD F. MARTIN 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Green, sexton and clerk of this church, on the occasion of his 77th birthday.

WANSTROW.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES F. HATCHLEY Treble	H. J. MARSHALL 4
*HARRY SANGER 2	W. C. SHUTE 5
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	ED. G. LL. COWARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES.

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD SHACKLADY...	...Treble	*ALBERT GORMAN	... .. 4
*GEORGE SKELLAND	... .. 2	JOHN MCKEE	... .. 5
*ROBERT GUY	... .. 3	JOHN BROWN	... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal. Second and third ringers hail from Sefton, the remainder being of the local band. Quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.
ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At 16, GODSTONE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

MRS. COLIN RYDER	... .. 1-2	ALBERT NASH	... .. 5-6
SIDNEY BRIGGS	... .. 3-4	*ARTHUR FIRTH	... .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. NASH.
Witness: COLIN RYDER.

* First peal of Major on hand.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Ramsbury, Wilts, on Saturday, July 18th, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was attempted at the Church of the Holy Cross, but owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers the bells were called into rounds at 2,520 changes in 1 hour 30 mins.: C. J. Gardiner 1, G. Jermain (longest length) 2, E. J. Berry 3, T. A. Palmer (longest length) 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, A. E. W. Smith 6.

CHARLWOOD AND BUCKLAND RINGERS IN KENT

On a not too promising morning in June a happy party set off in a 'chary.' They were the Charlwood and Buckland ringers (who had wisely joined forces for the day) off for a tour of the Maidstone district of Kent. After an hour and a half's ride through winding lanes and leafy bowers, the little village of Shipbourne was reached, the bells soon being raised and set going to 'Woodbine, Cambridge, Kent and College Exercise. A move was next made to Mereworth, where the party were welcomed by one of the local ringers. This church, with its 'wedding cake' spire and huge portico, compels the traveller's attention, reminding him of Wren's city churches, only it nestles in orchards instead. After tapping out some well-struck Violet, Woodbine, London Scholars, Kent and College Exercise, the 'chary' was once again loaded, this time for Wateringbury. The interior of this tower is most peculiar, as all ringers who have rung there can testify. The fourth ringer has to stand partly up the stairs, while the 5th and 6th stand on about six inches of flooring, with a fall at their backs to the bottom of the tower, so instead of pealing the bells there were peals of laughter—peals and peals of it. However, one touch was brought round and the ringers were then welcomed by the Vicar outside. Next on the list was Yalding, but dinner first—dinner such as only Mr. 'Bert' Elliss can conceive. He and Mr. Edwards (both of Charlwood) had motored to Yalding some weeks previously and found an old friend in the landlord of the Two Brewers. These three conspirators produced between them a dinner calculated to make one's mouth water. After dinner, the tower was visited for an hour, and then on to East Farleigh. Here the Vicar is very keen on his bells, and for his benefit, and much to his admiration, they were lowered in peal at the finish of the stay. The grand embattled church of East Malling was next on the list. The touches, the party were informed, were the first change ringing heard on these bells for three years. After tea, the last tower on the list, Ightham, was visited, and here the ringing was finished very appropriately with some splendid striking of Plain Bob, Cambridge and College Exercise, etc., a local ringer taking part in the Plain Bob. The ringing throughout the day was a quite a good standard, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Bert Elliss, Edwards and Thorpe. The outing was the first the two villages have had together, and was an unqualified success. This was in no small measure due to the indefatigable Mr. Horace Edwards, who went over the ground previously, mapped the programme, and acted as guide, philosopher and friend throughout the day. The band would like to take this opportunity of thanking him and also the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission to use their bells and for welcoming the visitors. Even the weather did its bit, and cleared up into a glorious summer day.

H. B. W.

EDGBASTON RINGERS' OUTING.

INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE DAY.

The ringers of Edgbaston Old Church had their outing on Saturday, July 4th. The weather at 8 a.m. gave reasonable promise of a fine day, and the party, about seventeen strong, started off in high spirits Coventrywards, on the way to that fine peal of bells at Monk's Kirby. Here some Stedman Triples and Bob Major were enjoyed before the party re-embarked for the next port of call, Hazelbeech, Northants. On the way the ringers came to the small village of Husbands Bosworth. On seeing a clerical gentleman in the road, it was decided to seek permission to sample the bells there. The aforesaid gentleman turned out to be the Rector, who readily gave the required leave. There was a ring of five, and some of the ringers rang their first 'peal' on five bells! After taking leave of the Rector, the programme was proceeded with, and Market Harborough reached about 12.45, when lunch was partaken of. Hazelbeech was ultimately reached at about three o'clock. There is a fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 15 cwt, in F sharp. After an inspection of the bells themselves, it was decided to attempt a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. This was accomplished in 43 minutes by: G. Pigott 1, J. F. Atkins 2, H. Williams 3, W. Mumford 4, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 5, H. Withers 6, C. Webb 7, W. Dowler 8. There were originally four old bells in this tower, but in July, 1930, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the treble and second and added four new bells, relanging and tuning the old third and fourth, and making a very satisfactory job. Proceeding to Northampton, tea was partaken of, and half an hour spent in looking round the town. The next port of call was Southam, where permission had to be obtained to ring. Fortunately, the charabanc gave a lift to some young fellows on the way, who had been left behind by their motor, and who turned out to be some of the local ringers of Southam. One good turn deserving another, the bells at Southam were soon raised and ringing out Bob Major and Stedman Triples. The homeward journey was begun via Leamington, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon, a stop at the latter place being made for refreshments, and also for the purpose of having a look round the town of Shakespeare. The real excitement of the day did not commence until the party were on their way home. In the first place, the worthy sexton lost his hat, which somehow was pushed against a window of the bus, which window happened not to be there. It should at once be explained that the head of the gentleman concerned was perfectly clear! Then, passing along Colebath Road, King's Heath, it was discovered that a barn and some other buildings had caught fire and were blazing furiously. However, there was no need for the ringers to convert themselves into firemen, as the fire brigade was soon on the scene. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the clergy and others concerned for the use of the bells, and for helping to make the outing the success it was.

W. B. C.

CRAWLEY RINGERS IN HERTS AND BUCKS.

On Saturday, July 4th, Crawley ringers with friends from Charlwood, Horley and Reigate, had their annual outing. Mr. K. Hart, of Brighton, and Mr. J. M. Cripps, of Shoreham, who were week-ending at Crawley, also joined the party. This year Herts and Bucks were the counties chosen, and it was also hoped to have rung in Middlesex, but the selected tower, Pinner, had to refuse owing to illness. At the last moment Watford tower, through the kindness of the Vicar, was substituted. A start was made at 7 a.m. from Crawley, and passengers were picked up en route, and the following towers visited during the day: Watford, Rickmansworth, Amersham, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Slough. The ringing throughout the day was up to a good standard, the following methods generally being rung in the eight-bell towers: Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. In the six-bell tower, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor and Stedman. In the twelve-bell tower an attempt for a course of Stedman Cinques came round in some sort of fashion, but, considering that about three only had ever rung on twelve bells, it was, perhaps, excusable. However, three leads of Treble Ten and a course of London Surprise Major were successfully brought round. Rounds were also rung for others to have a pull. Dinner was taken at Rickmansworth and tea at Beaconsfield, and justice was done to both these meals. Ringing friends met the party at all towers, and gave them a good welcome. At Slough, where ringing for the day ceased at 8.45 p.m., they had the pleasure of Mr. Fussell's company. A rest from labour was then ordered, various parts of the town visited, and finally, at 10.15, the company left for home. Another successful outing was thus accomplished, and the organiser thanks all local ringers and clergy for the kindness in giving permission to ring. At Crawley, the following day, advantage was taken of the help of Mr. K. Hart and Mr. J. M. Cripps, and a good peal of Bristol was rung.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 19th, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 47½ mins.: F. Case 1, E. C. Lambert 2, A. N. Wood 3, T. Read 4, L. Smith 5, T. Roberts 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Foddy 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Taylor.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 441.)

VIII. SOCIAL LIFE.

As I have already remarked, it is pretty certain that there was in 1756 no intention of starting a new society. A number of young and energetic ringers got together for the purpose of ringing peals and escaping the domination of other people. What society the peals were booked by, or whether they were booked at all, was not a great matter to them. No doubt at first the members of the Society of Eastern Scholars considered themselves still Eastern Scholars, and the members of the Society of College Youths considered themselves still College Youths. One of the band, Thomas Bennett, rang a peal with the Cumberlands two months before the Bob Maximus at Southwark, and another a month after. Non-society and 'friendly' peals were not uncommon at the time; Annable's last peal is an example. Some of them, like the Court Bob Royal in 1801, were sufficiently interesting to be remembered, some were recorded on peal boards. But, necessarily, the majority of these performances have been forgotten, and this was likely to be the fate of the Bob Maximus, but for the extraordinary success of the new band and the genius of George Meakins as leader. As peal after peal was rung they were almost compelled to organise themselves as a separate and independent society.

Four things seem to have been usually necessary in these old societies. The first was a meeting place, the second officers, the third a peal and name book, and the fourth a set of rules. The new company did not set up a peal book till 1773, and they did without any formal rules altogether; but the other two conditions were fulfilled quite early. Their headquarters were the Barley Mow, Salisbury Court, Fleet Street (No. 9), which was very handily situated for practice at St. Bride's. It was kept (if not then, later on) by a ringer named Winstanley Richardson (Note 10). Richardson had been elected a member of the Union Scholars in 1757, and in 1765 he joined the new company. From then till 1805 he rang in many of their peals, usually on the treble.

The old society had a rule 'that no Landlord of any House where the Company or Society shall think proper to meet be admitted a Member.' This was, of course, to make sure that the dignity and independence of the society should not be encroached on.

The Junior Society was carried on with spirit and great splendour, admitting none but experienced ringers and persons of the highest respectability as honorary members or visitors, and the Society was regulated by a Master and Stewards chosen annually. The Beadle, when elected, was permanent, with certain perquisites and emoluments for his services in office, who appeared upon all great occasions in a black silk gown and gold laced hat. It was with this Society an ancient custom on the

morning of the annual feast to attend divine service (for which a Guinea was allow'd to the officiating Clergyman for his attendance) and to walk in procession from the Club house to the Church, preceded by the Beadle in full dress, carrying a Staff surmounted with a massive silver head, consisting of a silver bell, beautifully ornamented. This richly chased emblem of their fraternity had the views of three of their favourite Ringing Churches engraved upon it, and when fixed upon the staff head had a prepossessing appearance. This information was supplied by Mr. Wm. Eversfield, late of Gravesend (Note 11), who (to use his own words) said in the early part of his life he once had the honour to dine with those Gentlemen. The Festival that year was held at the Paul's Head Tavern, Cateaton Street, in the City of London—and the cause from which he so well remembered it was that 'there was not a joint of Meat upon the Table, all poultry; and the number that dined (that year) was just above 200. Tickets 15s. each' (Note 12).

The annual feast was the great event in the life of all these old societies. One of the rules of the Union Scholars runs thus:—

'On the first Monday in May Yearly and every Year the Company meet together at such Convenient time and in such place (within the City of London) as to them shall seem most proper; the Stewards to provide a Dinner, and in Order to Defray the Charges of this Dinner the Stewards shall receive of each Member Two Shillings and Six Pence; and for the better hindering of Excess it is further Order'd that the Year's forfeits be disbursed towards the Overplus, if any such be, of the Expense. The Stewards shall expend no more than any other member.'

The old Society of College Youths' rule was as follows:—

'That a general Meeting of the Society be held at least Five weeks before the Feast to take into Consideration and examine the Abilities of the Master and Stewards whether they be able and willing to bear the Expense attending such Feast; and in the Failure of one or more of the Stewards, for the remaining Master and Stewards to provide accordingly, and so judiciously that no Debt may be contracted to fall on the Society.'

All the societies had elaborately engraved dinner tickets usually of great artistic merit. There are copies of three different tickets issued by the Cumberlands, and two by the London Youths in the British Museum. The official handbook of the College Youths (1928) has reproductions of two of their tickets. One of these was issued by the Junior Society, and there are of it only two impressions extant, one in the Guildhall Library and the other in the British Museum. The latter is filled in with the particulars of the dinner of 1763. From it we learn that it was held on Monday, November 7th, at the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapside. It is signed by Thos. Lowe, Master, and six stewards.

The other dinner ticket is the well known engraving by Bartolozzi, which is now used as a membership certificate. How early the custom arose of issuing certificates of membership I have no information; probably not till the latter part of the nineteenth century. The earliest dated one I have any trace of is that of the late Mr. J. R. Haworth. The date on it is August 13th, 1839, the name of the Master is Richard Mills, and the hon. secre-

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tary John Cooper. I imagine that this was not issued to Mr. Haworth till years afterwards, because Cooper was not secretary, but held the old office of beadle.

The peal book was bought by subscription among the members, and was the most magnificent in the history of ringing. It was large folio size, handsomely gilt and bound in crimson morocco. It had many massive silver ornaments about it, and on the front was a silver plate engraved, 'This Book, belonging to the Society of College Youths, London, containing the Members' Names and a recital of the several Performances by them since the year MDCCLVII., was procured by the Voluntary Subscriptions of the Members at Large in the year MDCCLXXIII.'

The later story of this book, and how it was stolen and partly destroyed in 1833, belongs to the history of the next century.

NOTE 9.—There is now no tavern of that name in Salisbury Court.

NOTE 10.—I deduce Richardson's connection with the Barley Mow from his address given in a contemporary document at one time in the possession of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham. He died in his seventy-seventh year and was buried at St. Catherine Cree in the City of London.

NOTE 11.—Eversfield died September 9th, 1847, in his eightieth year.

NOTE 12.—From Osborn's MSS.

THE LATE MR. T. T. GOFTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to endorse every word of Mr. William Pye's letter, and to add that, although Mr. Gofton was such a good ringer and conductor on higher methods, he was never more happy than when ringing Grandsire or Plain Bob to help the beginner. He has told me many times, when we have been away for some first peals of either Plain Bob and Treble Bob, that he enjoyed it as much as ringing Bristol and London Surprise. Men who are so willing to help the young ringers are sadly missed when they depart. May many follow the good example of dear old Tom. We are grateful to our London friends for ringing the muffled peal to his memory.

E. E. PERRY,

President, Durham and Newcastle Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH SECRETARY'S APPEAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Old Church, Radcliffe, and was attended by thirty ringers and friends. A short service was held. The Vicar gave an address, which, though humorous, was delightful to listen to. Tea was served in the Institute, the ringers sitting down to a splendid repast. Their wants were attended to by ladies, to whom best thanks are due.

After tea, the business meeting was held. A vote of condolence was passed to the wife and family of the late Mr. R. H. Cammedge, one of the local band, who came to an untimely end and was buried during the week.

Flixton was selected for the August meeting, St. John's, Miles Platting, for September, and Brookfield for the quarterly meeting in October.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the local ringers and to the ladies were passed, the ringers expressing the opinion that they could not have been treated better.

Further ringing afterwards took place on the splendid bells till close on nine o'clock. Although the numbers were above the average, the branch secretary would like to see more at these meetings. There are some towers which are not represented, and he hopes that efforts will be made to bring the Manchester Branch up to what it used to be—a real, live, go-ahead one.

ELY DIOCESAN AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.

A very successful joint mid-week meeting of the above associations was held at Fulbourne on St. Swithin's Day. In spite of the heavy rain, members were present from Blackheath, Brockley (Kent), Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Harlow, Harlow Common, Melbourn, Newton, Saffron Walden, Sawston, Trumpington and Walthamstow.

A service was conducted by the Rev. R. Machon, in the absence of the Rector. Mr. F. Richardson very kindly presided at the organ, with Mr. B. D. Buttress as blower. The company afterwards adjourned to the Six Bells for tea. It is hoped to hold the next mid-week meeting at Enfield, combining the Essex, Hertfordshire and Middlesex Associations.

Mr. G. Dent proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m. During the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Ipswich and Bristol Surprise Major were rung. Unfortunately a course of London failed to come round.

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The peal of Minor at Wistaston on June 27th consisted of eight 720's, and the length was accordingly 5,760 changes. It was made up of four extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Roy Woodward, of Leiston, has now rung four peals. They have been in the following order: London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise. This is an extremely creditable performance; has it ever been accomplished before?

Mr. Joseph Griffin, who helped to make ringing history at Burton-on-Trent forty or fifty years ago, and who has done great work for the Midland Counties Association, of which he is vice-president, has recently taken up residence at Bournemouth.

There is a movement on foot which, it is hoped, may culminate in Hampshire getting another ring of twelve bells. There is ample room for them in the massive tower at Christchurch, where there is already a peal of ten with tenor of 30 cwt., and where Mr. George Preston has got together an enthusiastic band of ringers.

Waterford Cathedral bells were opened on July 26th, 1872, and the first peal in Ireland rung on them the next day.

The faculty is granted for the addition of two trebles at Over, Cambs, and it is hoped an early start will be made. The order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are repairing the clock.

John Gilbert, a young member of the band at Handsworth, Sheffield, celebrated his thirteenth birthday on Saturday by ringing an 'inside' bell to a peal of Double Norwich Major.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I draw the attention of your readers to the following announcements?—

1. The leaflet promised by the Rev. H. Drake at Liverpool, entitled 'Note on Faculties, etc.', is now in print, and will be included in future in copies of 'The Law Affecting Church Bells.' It will also be forwarded to anyone who sends me an application for the same together with an addressed envelope and half-penny stamp.

2. The sheet containing the Major methods of Double Norwich and Cambridge Court is now for sale.

3. The pamphlet containing the Report of the Conference between the Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is now almost sold out. The remaining copies will be retained for professional use only.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Hon. Librarian.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AN INTERESTING CHIDDINGSTONE 'FIND.'

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 9th. A beautiful afternoon, a good peal of bells, and a fine old-world village, are attractions which might reasonably be expected to ensure a large influx of visitors. Unfortunately, they did not, for only about a dozen (beside the local members) turned up.

The usual service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. C. Salmon). There were also present Col. Sir Henry Streatfield, K.C.V.O., Mr. Mervyn A. Streatfield, and the two churchwardens, Messrs. H. G. Birt and G. Hale.

After the service, the members were kindly entertained to tea at the Castle Inn by Col. Sir Henry Streatfield. The Rector presided over the business meeting, at which seven new practising and one non-resident life member were elected.

Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) reported that he attended the dedication of the new treble bell at Leigh Church, presented by Sir Robert Gower, of Tunbridge Wells, and said that the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had made a perfect 'splice,' and the church now possessed a handy ring of six bells. Mr. Edwards also read a report (taken from an old newspaper and sent to him) of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Chiddingstone bells in 1824, which was about twenty years previous to the earliest previously recorded peal on these bells. An interesting discussion ensued on the probability of the descendants of some of the ringers of the peal still residing in the village. The Rector and churchwardens promised to bring the matter before the Church Council at their next meeting with a view to having the peal recorded in the belfry.

The District Secretary reported that he had received a prospectus of Mr. Morris' book, and suggested ways whereby each band might procure a copy. A copy belonging to Mr. Edwards was handed round for inspection.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., to Col. Sir Henry Streatfield for kindly entertaining them to tea, and to the other gentlemen for their attendance, were passed, and the members adjourned to the tower.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

FUND REACHING ITS CLOSE.

We are getting now towards the close of the fund which we set out to raise in order that the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman may be fittingly commemorated. The total amount subscribed has exceeded expectations, but it is not more than can be usefully spent in carrying out a complete restoration of the bells at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, where Stedman rang, and putting the tower into efficient condition, in addition to providing a suitable memorial tablet and paying the expenses incidental to such a scheme.

The preliminaries involved in preparing for the work are now almost concluded, and Saturday, September 26th, as announced last week, has been provisionally fixed for the reopening of the bells and the commemorative festival. This event is likely to be a memorable one, and already ringers in many parts of England are contemplating a pilgrimage to Cambridge for the occasion. With all the facilities which are offered by motor coach and rail in these days, parties of ringers from any point within a radius of a hundred miles of Cambridge could easily make the excursion, and it is hoped arrangements will be possible for a full and interesting day's programme.

In the meantime ringers should reserve the date. In many towers they may also like to adopt a plan, which is already being followed in one or two places, of forming a 'club' into which weekly sums can be paid toward the cost of the excursion.

Those who wish to be personally, or through their towers, associated with the commemoration scheme, should send their donations without delay to:

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The Lancashire Association, the Warwickshire Guild, the London County Association and the Cumberland Association are among the contributors to the Fund during the past week.

STEDMAN'S BOOKS.

WHY HE DID NOT PRINT THEM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid Mr. Drake's argument is not good enough. If there is one thing about Stedman (outside his books) which has been proved, it is that he was a printer by trade. That was the tradition of the Exercise preserved by Shipway, and Mr. Morris has discovered contemporary corroboration. To say that the tradition is founded on the mistake of a Leicester ringer will not do.

And Stedman could not have been a publisher because that trade did not exist in the seventeenth century, nor till well on in the nineteenth. What publishing there was, was done by booksellers, and Stedman was not a bookseller.

But, it is argued, if he were a printer, why did he go to W. Godbid in London to get his books printed? Why did he not do it himself in Cambridge? Why he went to London we perhaps might know if we knew who financed the books. Presumably they were not published by subscription. The College Youths may have found the money, but we don't know, and it is futile to try and guess. But we do know why he did not print them himself. The sufficient reason is that he was not allowed to. In those days a man could not print and publish a book just as he pleased. A Licensing Act (13 and 14 Car. II. c. 33) was passed in 1662 which limited the number of master printers and type foundrymen, and forbade any printing press to be set up without notice to the Stationers' Company. Sir Roger L'Estrange was appointed licenser under this Act, or, as he was called, 'surveyor of the imprimery.' He had advocated in a published pamphlet that the number of master printers should be limited to twenty, but whether that was the actual number allowed

I cannot say. His powers were most extensive. All printing presses in England, and all sellers of books and papers were under his control. He alone had authority to write, print, or publish anything in the nature of a newspaper. He had the right to enter and search premises for unlicensed presses and books. His subordinates found a man, named John Twyn, in Clothfair, with a book in process of being printed. Twyn was tried, convicted and executed. The Act was in force until 1679, when it expired and was not at the time renewed. It covered the period during which Stedman's two works were published. Here is sufficient reason why Stedman did not print his own books. It has never been suggested that he was a master printer; probably he was employed in some way by University or College authorities.

On the 'Tintinnalogia' you will find L'Estrange's name and his license dated Novemb. 1, 1667; but though the Act was still in force and he was still licenser, it does not appear in the 'Campanalogia.' There is a reason. The year 1677 was the time when there was a great agitation against Roman Catholics, which culminated in the supposed Popish Plot, which the notorious Titus Oates pretended to have discovered. L'Estrange, who, as might be expected, had made himself very unpopular, was accused (unjustly) of being a Papist, and thought it safest to flee the country for a time. And so Stedman's book appeared without his license.

Roger L'Estrange filled quite a large place in the history of the time. He came of an old Norfolk family, and it is interesting to know that one of his descendants, direct or collateral, I am not sure which, was the author of 'Bells of Norfolk.'

A good deal may yet come to light about Stedman and his books, but guessing only confuses the issue.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

SHAKESPEARE AND STEDMAN—A PARALLEL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am profoundly interested in the Stedman Tercentenary, and particularly in the correspondence that is appearing in your columns in connection with it.

It is singular that no one has pointed out the curious parallel between what we know and can conjecture of the life of Fabian Stedman and that of William Shakespeare. Only one solid fact seems to emerge incontrovertible in connection with each, namely, that there are immortal works existing in their respective names. The strange obscurity that envelopes the life history of Shakespeare has led to the theory that the masterpieces generally attributed to him were not really his. A similar supposition with regard to Fabian Stedman would solve many of the difficulties which have occurred to Mr. R. A. Daniell and the Rev. Herbert Drake. I venture to put forward, and with confidence assert, that the real author of both the 'Tintinnalogia' and the 'Campanalogia' was not Fabian Stedman but—Francis Bacon.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT.

Birmingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The July quarterly meeting was held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday. There was a poor attendance, only fourteen sitting down to tea, which was served at the Denbigh Arms, while a few others arrived later. The counter attractions of Nuneaton and Rugby carnivals evidently proved too strong.

Monk's Kirby, though but a village of few inhabitants, boasts a large and imposing church, big and beautiful enough to grace a city, while its bells are renowned in the Midlands. The Earls of Denbigh have been associated with the place for many generations, their country seat (Newnham Paddox) having one entrance in the village.

Guild members from Allesley, Brinklow, Chilvers Coton, Clifton, Leicester, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke and Wolvey, were present at the meeting. Following tea, came the business meeting. Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) was elected to the chair, and apologies were received from the president (Rev. J. A. B. Davies) and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Upon a proposition made by Mr. A. W. Bond, seconded by Mr. A. N. Beamish, it was unanimously decided to send two guineas to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund.

The following places were decided upon for the next three meetings: Allesley for August, Allesley for September, and Warwick for October (quarterly), the date for which was altered from October 17th to 24th.

The election of two members prior to a peal was ratified—Mr. E. Pearson, of Deddington, Oxon, as a non-resident life member, and Mr. G. Robins, of Coventry, as a resident ringing member.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Ringing continued during the evening, in various methods, until eight o'clock. Ringing on handbells included a course of Grandsire Triples by: W. A. Stote 1-2, A. W. Bond 3-4, F. R. Whitehead 5-6-7-8; and a course of Cambridge Minor by: C. Wildsmith 1, A. W. Bond 2, F. R. Whitehead 3-4, W. A. Stote 5-6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, 1881—1931.

BY CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

To-morrow the Oxford Diocesan Guild will celebrate its Jubilee—the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn. Few of the original members now survive, but among them are the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, and his recollections of the early days of the Guild and some of the men who helped to build up its success will be read with interest.

A boy in a Berkshire elementary school, at the time of the second jubilee of Queen Victoria, after writing an account of the doings on the day of jubilee, concluded his effort with the statement: 'The Queen have sat on her throne for 60 years, but is still healthy and in good condition.' If his son were writing to-day on the jubilee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he might well conclude with the same words: 'Still healthy and in good condition.' And if we should ask, 'Why is the Guild keeping its 50th year, after all that lapse of time, still healthy and in good condition?' we should truly answer that it is in this happy state because the tender child which first saw light 50 years ago was so skilfully nurtured and set on its feet by those who fostered its early years, that from its birth it has con-

way, that from that day to this the Guild has prospered and spread its influence throughout the diocese.

With no recollection as to the precise number of members in 1881, we find that a year or so later the Guild had enrolled 188 members, viz., 9 life, 55 honorary and 124 ringing members, with five branches attached, including the 'East Berks and South Bucks' and 'Sonning Deanery' associations, formed a year or more previously. These two organisations promptly threw in their lot with the Guild, making one diocesan body. Compare these numbers with those of last year—honorary 302, ringing members 2,176, with 15 branches, not including the University Society recently come to the front again in the 60th year of its age—and it will be appreciated how great are the strides the Guild has made from its infant days.



THE LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.
First Master of the Guild.

tinued to grow strong and virile during its 50 years of life, bidding fair to attain to a hoary old age of vigour and usefulness.

The recollections of a member from the beginning, residing in the diocese at the time the Guild was first talked about and constituted, and who took a rope in the first Guild peal, November 27th, 1881, may be of interest to members of less standing, and, possibly, to ringers in other parts of the country. The Guild may be said to have sprung out of a paper read by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Vicar of Dunsden, before the members of the Wokingham Clerical Society; the Rector of Bearwood, the Rev. Dolben Paul, was present as a fellow-member; the idea of starting a Diocesan Guild caught on, and these two incumbents, neither of them ringers, and having only one and two bells in their churches, set to work and arranged a preliminary meeting at Reading late in 1880, when it was decided to found a Guild for the whole diocese of Oxford, containing some 650 parishes in the three archdeaconries of Oxon, Berks and Bucks. The actual date of the foundation of the Guild was January 17th, 1881, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson was elected Master and the Rev. Dolben Paul secretary. So well were the foundations laid, so good were the rules as drawn up, so keen and energetic were the founders in making the Guild known and in furthering its interests in every



THE REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.
Present Master of the Guild.

Of course, the excellent rules as at first drawn up have had to be amended and revised from time to time, as necessity and new problems demanded. The very first alteration in the original draft was made by the president, Bishop Mackarness, who objected to the term, 'performing member,' saying that 'it savoured of a monkey and organ.' 'Ringing member' was substituted in deference to his criticism, and has so remained ever since. He it was, the first of the six episcopal presidents, who preached at an early festival held at Abingdon, and was astounded at the presence of over 300 ringers at the service, never thinking there were so many in his diocese. Ringers in those days were but little accounted of. Recollection goes back and brings Bishop Paget to mind—his preaching at the festival held at Chipping Norton, where, unable to remain for the meeting and dinner, he hurried round from the vestry to the south door in his robes and shook hands with every ringer, with kindly words, as they left the church. Appreciated as he was in the University, he was no less revered by railway employees, and by the simple folk in country parishes, always having a kindly word for the humblest inhabitant. One little story we may give. Visiting a tiny parish, with some twelve children in the village school, just

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. INTERESTED VISITORS AT CASTLETON.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Castleton on Saturday, about sixteen members turning up from Bakewell, Castleton, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Heanor, Rotherham and Sheffield. The bells were kept going at intervals from 3.30 to 8 p.m. in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, some very creditable touches being brought round. A very enjoyable tea was arranged at the residence of Mr. Payne, and was followed by a short business meeting presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, August 27th.

The question of the jubilee meeting of the M.C.A. was brought forward by the secretary, and suggestions invited.

The usual votes of thanks were carried, and were suitably responded to by Mr. J. W. Payne. Afterwards, a little handbell ringing was indulged in by some members, others going to the church for more ringing, and others proceeding to explore the many interesting caverns and other places of interest which abound nearby.

It might be mentioned that most of the ringing during the day was accomplished before a large number of interested visitors, some of them of foreign origin, who had obviously never seen anything of the kind before. A sudden breakdown and a tendency to a little back-chat caused obvious amusement, while the final touch of 672 Grandsire Triples, in which Miss M. Benton, of Dore, the only lady present, rang the 5th, caused very great interest among the many lady spectators. Altogether a very pleasant and interesting meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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before an occasion of national rejoicing, probably the coronation day of King Edward, he was told of the arrangements made for its due observance in the village, and was asked for his opinion on them. He highly commended the scheme proposed, but added, 'Of course, you will roast the fowl whole.' Of his successor, Bishop Gore, and his impromptu Latin epitaph on a deceased worthy, delivered to a few clergy round him at the head of the table, at a festival held at Christ Church, one of the wittiest things imaginable, we cannot now speak, nor of the other three presidents, Dr. Stubbs, Dr. Burge, and Dr. Strong, the present diocesan, who is to preach at the jubilee festival. Enough to say that none have been mere figure heads, but have been ever ready to preach for the Guild or for bell dedications. So, too, have the late Bishop of Reading, the Bishop of Buckingham, and Bishop Shaw, the Assistant Bishop, to say nothing of the Archdeacons, all showing a deep interest in the Guild. While six Bishops have been presidents during the last fifty years, the Guild has only had two Masters, the late Rev. F. L. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the one holding office for 28 years, the other for 22. Long may the term be extended! The old Master, as is well known, laid great store on peal ringing, always, if in any way possible, getting together a picked band of peal ringers for a peal on the morning of the annual festival, that those who came for the service might have a demonstration of ringing at its best. It was his belief that the art could be best furthered by ringing as many peals as possible in as many towers as were obtainable in the diocese. His successor, however, has always felt that more good would be done by his personal attendance at branch and even smaller meetings, for business counsel rather than ringing. But few Saturdays must there be in the year which do not see him setting forth, generally having the Guild secretary and treasurer as companions, en route for some branch meeting in the huge diocese—a thing, of course, impossible in early days before the coming of the motor-car. Both Masters have ever been in great requisition as preachers on many a ringing occasion.

Admirable secretaries, and equally admirable treasurers, have from the beginning served the Guild faithfully and proved their more than ordinary worth. With the three trustees, twelve elected members, and 44 representatives of the 15 branches on the committee, the Guild cannot be styled 'a one-man job'—all are keenly interested in the working and good government of the Guild, and do their level best to keep it in a high state of efficiency.

In the early days there was much peal ringing under the chief instructor, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who, in conjunction with the Master, amassed a great number of peals, placing the Guild for many years near the head of the list in peal ringing. With the departure of these two, far fewer peals were rung, but it is satisfactory to note that many young conductors have come to the front fully qualified to take the place of the heroes of the past. It is most satisfactory also to note that the great majority of the members put service ringing first, as holding a more important place than mere pleasure peals. These may well be rung, but the scoring of peals is not so much the object of the Guild as the attachment of men and women to a definite service for God and His Church. This the Guild has ever fostered. Most of its early members have passed away, few only remain. May many of the younger members have the privilege of taking part in the centenary festival fifty years hence, and find as much satisfaction therein as the few old stagers do on the present occasion.

A REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not think that people understand the difficulties of making and using a register of compositions. On the face of it there seems no reason why every extant peal cannot be collected, classified and published, so that when a man has composed (say) a three-part peal of Bob Major all he would need do would be to turn up Bob Major in the register, find the three-parts, and then, if the peal were there, it would not be his; but if it were not there, he could claim it as original. It seems quite simple, but in practice it would not be so easy, nor anything like so easy. Let me give an instance of what could and would happen.

Already there is in existence a complete register of one of the most important methods. Years ago I collected every available peal of Treble Bob, from every conceivable source. The number ran into thousands. These were classified according to a comprehensive system. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson undertook the immense task of proving them, and Mrs. Fletcher typed them. They are now available for anyone to consult. There have been a few published since, but for all intents and purposes the register is complete.

Now suppose anybody takes any one of these peals, reverses it, starts at a different course-end, puts the alternative calling to some of the courses (thus altering the number of changes), and calls it a peal of Bristol Surprise. What are the chances (do you think) that it would be recognised as identical with one of these old compositions? I should say the chances would be very small indeed. An expert would be able to see it if he took enough trouble. When I was making the collection and had everything at my finger tips, I dare say I could have told you in a few minutes, but certainly not now. And the register would be no good unless any ordinary person could use it.

Or, again, suppose you took Penning's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, reversed it, put in the singled-in block with H's instead of S's, and then applied it to St. Clement's Bob Triples by bobbing the same Q sets. How long do you think it would take another person to find out that the compositions were the same?

In other words, although you might have a complete register it would not give you the information you want. What would happen would be that a lot of peals would stand as original that could be got from older ones by the simplest processes of variation. That is what I meant when I said the standard would be lowered.

What register would tell an average person that the following are the same composition?

23456	M.	B.	W.	R.	23456	M.	B.	W.	R.
52364	2		2	2	36452	1			2
24365	2	—	1	2	34562			1	2
62453	2		2	2	63425	—			2
56234	2		2	2	35426	1			2
56342	2		2	1	65243	1		2	1
23645	2	—	1	1	24653			1	1
52436	—		2	2	52436	—			2
54326	1	—	2	2	35264	—			2
25463	2		2	2	63542	—			2
53462	2	—	1	2	65432			1	2
54632	1	—	2	2	36524	—			2
25346	2		1	2	64523	1			2
23456	1	—	2	2	23456	2	—		2

And if you gave the second set of figures to an expert, how long would it take him to check them against thousands of other compositions? I could give you some easy variations much more difficult to detect than this one, but they would take up too much room.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

CUMBERLAND RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Egremont, Cumberland, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 4th. Leaving Egremont at 1.30 p.m. in an 'Austin 12,' the weather being all that could be desired, the run to Millom was thoroughly enjoyed. On arriving at the church tower, Mr. Slater was there to meet the visitors. The bells were soon going to London Surprise Minor, and a well-struck 720 was brought round, followed by 240 Cambridge Minor. At Broughton-in-Furness the party were met by Mr. Barker, who had everything in readiness. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were set going to Stedman and Grand-sire Triples. After tea, a delightful run of 9½ miles brought the excursionists to Ulverston, where Mr. Walker conducted the party to the church. The bells, a handy ring of six, were set going to Cambridge Surprise Minor, and a very nice 720 was brought round. Afterwards a 360 Bob Minor was rung with some of the local men. Home was eventually reached at 11.30, and the order, 'No one to be late for service ringing in the morning,' was given out and had the desired effect. All turned out for service, and a 564 Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round. The thanks of all are due to the Vicars and local ringers who helped so much to the success of the day.

G. W. T.

RECOGNITION OF LONG SERVICE.

AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at St. Oswald's, Bidston, on Saturday last, was made the occasion of a very interesting presentation, Mr. William Wilcox being the recipient of a bell-shaped inkstand. Mr. Wilcox has been a ringer at Bidston for the past forty-eight years, and now feels it incumbent on him to retire from active participation in bell-ringing.

At the meeting which followed an excellent tea, to which about thirty sat down, Mr. H. S. Brocklebank (secretary) called upon Mr. J. W. Milner (branch patron) to make the presentation.

Mr. Milner spoke of the long time during which Mr. Wilcox had belonged to that tower, and said that in these days of restlessness it was good to find one who had stayed in one place and at one church for so long a period. At the same time, such consistency in service carried with it a sense of responsibility which those who moved about more or less escaped. He appealed to the younger members—of whom he was pleased to see so many present—to endeavour to follow the example of Mr. Wilcox, so that they, too, in years to come, could look back on as splendid a record. He then, in a few well-chosen words, asked Mr. Wilcox to accept the gift as a small token of the appreciation of the branch for his work on behalf of change ringing in the district.

The inscription on the inkstand read: 'Presented to William Wilcox, Esq., in appreciation of his valuable services to change ringing, by members of the Wirral Branch, July 18th, 1931.'

Mr. Wilcox briefly replied, thanking the ringers for their kindness. He would always cherish the gift, and would be reminded, on looking at it, of the many pleasant hours he had spent in the belfry and out of it—studying, walking to and from practices and meetings, etc.—and of the many friends he had made during that time. He felt that the time had arrived when he must curtail his activities, and wished the Guild every success in the future.

The Rev. T. M. Standing (Vicar) said how pleased he was to be at such a unique gathering, and spoke very highly of Mr. Wilcox's services to the belfry.

Mr. Geo. R. Newton (vice-president of the Lancashire Association) said that on behalf of the Liverpool ringers he would like to add his testimony to Mr. Wilcox's sterling qualities. When he (the speaker) commenced bellringing, Mr. Wilcox was looked upon as one of their 'heroes,' and there was no doubt that he had done much for the art in the Wirral district, by attending practices at various churches and helping in every possible way.

Messrs. J. Walters and S. Strong (Wallasey) and Geo. Phillips (Woodchurch) also added their testimony to the worth of Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Walters recalling some amusing episodes of their walks together to various churches on dark winter nights.

During the afternoon and evening the six bells were kept going in a variety of methods, all present being catered for, and the meeting was voted most enjoyable by all.

THE LATE MR. PERCY O. LAFLIN.

FUNERAL AT KING'S NORTON.

The funeral of the late Mr. Percy O. Laflin, of King's Norton, took place on Thursday, July 9th. The Rev. T. S. Dunn, Vicar of King's Norton, officiated at the service both in church and at the grave, situated quite close to the tower and bells which Mr. Laflin loved so well. There was a numerous congregation present, including members of the British Legion, who saluted the coffin as it was borne from the church. Members of St. Martin's Guild were represented by Messrs. F. B. Yates, J. George, C. Webb, J. Betterton, H. Williams, A. P. Smith, T. Russam, A. Walker and J. Neal, the four last-named ringing a course of Triples over the grave, while afterwards a short muffled touch was rung on the tower bells. In the evening a muffled quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters was rung by the King's Norton St. Nicholas' Guild, conducted by A. Chambers. There were wreaths from the widow and two sons; the British Legion; St. Martin's and King's Norton ringers; and others.

On Tuesday evening of last week the bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, were rung half-muffled.

The late Mr. Laflin was born at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, on April 5th, 1837, and went to Birmingham early in 1869. For four years he worked with the late Mr. John Carter at Wobley and Scott's revolver works, Birmingham. Early in 1914 he found a post at King's Norton with the Prudential Assurance Co. He served overseas during the Great War, 1915 to 1918, and then resumed his duties at King's Norton, but a seizure early this year compelled him to resign from the Prudential. His end was sudden, but not unexpected by those who knew him so well. He was actively interested in the belfry of King's Norton, and was mainly responsible for the recasting of the old eight bells and the present grand ring of ten bells by Taylor and Co., Loughborough. His love of bells was kept alive to the last, and though he was largely confined to his bedroom he found means to be taken to hear the bells at King's Norton and other towers, and to meet his friends for a short chat. He rang altogether 114 peals, ranging from Minor to Sextuples. An excellent ringer and conductor, he was satisfied with nothing but the best. May he rest in peace. A. W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at the eight-bell tower of Bolney on Saturday, July 11th, and though there were not so many present as expected, several late arrivals brought the number to about 35 or 40 for the occasion. Ringing commenced at 2.45, and continued until 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell). Afterwards a capital tea in the garden of the Eight Bells Inn, opposite the church, was followed by the usual business meeting, the Vicar presiding. The following new members were elected: Mrs. A. Diserens, F. Rowsell, J. A. W. Pittfield and T. H. I. Pittfield, and Mrs. F. Bennett (hon. annual member). The election of Mr. Arthur Markwell, Bletchley, Bucks, was confirmed. By the kindness of the Rev. S. Swan, Vicar of Lindfield, and of the Bolney Branch, the cost of the tea was 9d. each instead of the advertised price of 1s. 3d.

The Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bolney for the use of the bells, and the service, and to the Vicar of Lindfield and the Bolney Branch for their kindness in contributing towards the cost of the tea.

Ringling was again resumed, and continued until about 7.30. It was much regretted that Mr. Geo. Walder, secretary of the Bolney Branch, was prevented by illness from being present. He was visited by the divisional secretary, who expressed the hope of a speedy recovery. Ringling during the day ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise Major.

The following towers were represented: Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Lewes (Southover), Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Turner's Hill, Uckfield and Warnham. Mr. D. Cooper (Beddington) and Mr. Swift (Devises) were present as visitors.

HERTFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on July 4th, and was attended by ringers from St. Albans, Luton, Hitchin, Kimpton, North Mimms and members of the local band. A variety of methods was rung up to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. A service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rev. S. W. Veitch (the new Rector of Harpenden) gave an interesting address, in which he pointed out that in ringing the bells there must be absolute concord among the ringers, which should be applied to the lives of everyone. The association's form of service was used, and the organist also gave his services.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which one hon. member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for use of bells and his address, to the organist for his services, to the organiser of the tea, and to Mr. Ben Jarman for making all arrangements.

YEOVIL RINGERS' OUTING.

Yeoovil Parish Church Guild had their annual ringing tour on Saturday, June 27th. They made the first stop in the charabanc journey at Winscombe, where they were heartily welcomed, and rang the bells of the church. They then went on to Wrington, and rang touches there. Lunch was partaken of at Bristol, where the Vicar of Yeoovil (Rev. J. E. S. Harrison) met them and presided, and expressed his thanks to the ringers for their services during the year. He also outlined the work which was being done to the bells in the Parish Church tower, and said he hoped when it was completed all their difficulties would be gone. After visiting the various places of interest in Bristol, the party were entertained to tea by the Parish Warden (Alderman W. E. Tucker) and Mr. John Goodchild (steward of the Guild). The members spent some considerable time ringing at St. Stephen's, Bristol, and then left for home after a most enjoyable day.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Haslemere on Saturday, July 11th, when 28 members and visitors attended from the local band, Aldershot, Portsmouth, Grayshott, Petersfield, Guildford Cathedral, Lichfield and Witley, but of these only thirteen were actually district members, and this number included the Master, six of the local band, the District Ringing Master and Secretary. It was rather disappointing that more district members did not take advantage of the opportunity of ringing on this first-class ten, but the smallness of the number attending was no doubt largely accounted for by the fact that all the ten-bell ringers in the district (other than the local band) were away on their annual outing.

The Rev. Newton gave an excellent address as part of the usual service.

The Master presided at the business meeting, at which the district secretary read the representatives' report of the Central Council meeting.

Messrs. G. Joy and E. Balchin, of Chiddingfold, were elected ringing members, Mr. A. J. Sowerbutts, of Guildford, an honorary member, and the election of Mr. Robert Swift, at St. Martin's belfry, Epsom, as a compounding member was confirmed. The bells were kept going in various methods, including Bristol Surprise Major, until eight o'clock in the evening, in spite of the verbal protests of an individual, who has recently taken up residence at Haslemere, and who, it is understood, attends at the church promptly on the first note of the treble to express his personal opinion of bell-ringers in general and the local band in particular.

DISTRICT REARRANGEMENT SUGGESTED.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild met at Hawley on Saturday, when it was decided to ask the executive committee of the Guild to reconsider the boundaries of the Guildford and Farnham Districts, particularly in view of a new tower—Grayshott—shortly coming into the Guild. Geographically, Grayshott is connected with the towers of the Guildford District, which already has twice as many as the Farnham District, and while recognising that Grayshott is much more conveniently situated for joining the Guildford District, it was thought some rearrangement might be made.

Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and Mrs. G. L. Grover, wife of the hon. secretary of the Guildford District, was elected an hon. life member—both on the motion of the hon. treasurer (Admiral T. P. Walker).

Fawley is a tower on the extreme border of the diocese, and the meeting was not largely attended, but some excellent ringing practice was put in in the standard methods, while after tea the arrival of additional visitors from Portsmouth, who had been attending a Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild meeting in the neighbouring tower of Yateley, added to the belfry activities.

A service was conducted in the afternoon by Canon Parsons (in the absence of the Vicar), who gave a welcome to the Guild and an interesting address.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, Canon Parsons, the organist, and the caterers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Although the weather in the early afternoon was not on its best behaviour, the summer meeting of the Canterbury District, held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, was a great success. Forty-one members attended, representing Canterbury (Cathedral and St. Alphege), Deal, Herne, Littlebourne, St. Lawrence, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Margate, Sturry, Wickhambreau, Walmer and Brabourne. The Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. K. Percival Smith, M.C.) had placed the bells at the disposal of the ringers from 2.30 p.m., and full advantage was taken of the early start. The Vicar officiated at the association service, and gave an address, commencing with a message of welcome to the ringers, and continuing by reminding the ringers of their part in the service of the church. He remarked that he considered they were a definite link between worship in the church and the public outside.

Mr. Tatham presided at the organ, and the splendid music was greatly appreciated. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where the church authorities had provided an excellent meat tea. The Vicar presided, and was supported at the head of the table by Mr. W. Fairhead (the local secretary), Messrs. F. Brett and H. Smith (district representatives) and Mr. Percy W. Smith (district secretary).

The business meeting which followed was of short duration. Three names were proposed for the next by-meeting, Chilham, St. Lawrence and Herne, and St. Lawrence was chosen by a very small margin of two votes.

In replying to a vote of thanks for his entertainment and help, proposed by Mr. F. Brett, the Vicar said that apparently the rain had the same effect on the meeting as upon a stream—it caused it to swell gradually.

Ringing was afterwards continued until 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' on Sunday, July 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Ellis 1, W. J. Ellis 2, H. R. Newton (conductor) 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, E. H. King 5, E. A. Hull 6, J. G. Nash 7, W. H. Seabrook 8.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for children's anniversary service, at 3 p.m., a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): E. Priestner 1, H. Cousins 2, J. Bengen 3, S. D. Edwards 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Bengen, jun., 6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, July 19th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. M. Page 1, E. B. Mackrill 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Cook 4, L. W. Bishop 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. F. Hunt 7, A. Harding 8. Grandsire Triples was rung for Mr. Bishop, a visitor from All Saints', Wellington, Shropshire (one of the 'locked out' ringers).

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, July 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1,400 changes): *R. C. Peters 1, *Miss B. M. Mills 2, E. J. King 3, *F. G. Baldwin 4, G. H. Grainger 5, J. H. Lucas 6, W. D. Grainger 7, R. H. Gammon 8, E. Hancox 9, E. Corke (conductor) 10. * First quarter-peal of Royal. Ringers of 6, 9 and tenor are from St. Andrew's, Uxbridge.

ZEALS, WILTS.—For Sunday evening service, on July 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor at St. Martin's Church: James F. Hatchley 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, H. Parsons 3, E. Rowe 4, L. Perrett 5, W. Shute (conductor) 6.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Wills 1, E. Hill 2, J. Hosgood 3, N. Wills 4, R. Truman (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, A. Goad 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, F. Wreford 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, a 1,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 40 min.: W. Jones 1, J. C. Pollard 2, T. Lancaster 3, F. Robson 4, E. Burnett 5, S. Breeze 6, W. Ellerington 7, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 8. 4th and 6th are West Hartlepool ringers, and 5th from Kirby Stephen.

SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, July 12th, at St. Mary's Church, after evensong, a quarter-peal of mixed Stedman and Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins., with ten different callings: E. W. Smith 1, A. J. Whittle 2, C. Poole 3, R. W. Rex 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5, H. T. E. Curtis 6. Arranged for Mr. A. J. Whittle, also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The band are Newbury ringers.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, July 12th, at the Church of St. Mary, for matins, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: M. Ginn 1, F. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, H. Robinson 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. On Sunday, July 19th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Robinson 1, M. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

WYE, KENT.—On Sunday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church of SS. Gregory and Martin in 48 mins.: *P. Wildish 1, S. Jordan 2, J. Jordan 3, *J. Ashby 4, *J. Burchett 5, *A. Allard 6, C. J. Head (conductor) 7, *J. Ladd 8, with 4.6.8 covering. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band for nearly 100 years, and C. J. Head's first attempt at conducting. * First attempt.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: J. E. Cooper 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, R. Davies 3, G. H. Humphries 4, F. E. Talbot 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, A. J. Cawley 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 2nd, 5th and 6th.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—At St. Denys Church, for evensong, also for the Centenary Festival service of Christ Church, Warminster, a daughter church, where there is no peal of bells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6-4-8 covering: D. E. Pitcher (first quarter) 1, E. Kill 2, E. F. Marlow 3, E. C. Marlow 4, E. F. White (conductor) 5, H. Knece 6, A. G. Pearce (first quarter) 7, A. R. Mogg 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor in 45 mins., consisting of 360 Woodbine, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: B. Rawlinson (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, E. Bright 3, A. Evers 4, W. Butler (conductor) 5, W. S. Butler 6. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Miss Betty Bright, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd.

SUTTON RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

At Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, on Sunday, July 19th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, and 180 Plain Bob, in 45 mins.: N. Moxon 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, T. Bartholomew 4, E. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers in grateful memory of Mrs. H. M. Cafferata, whose funeral took place the day before at Newark. Mr. H. M. Cafferata is a valued member of the local band, and a vice-president of the North Notts Association.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 30th, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cudham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Founded 1881. Jubilee 1931).—The 50th annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 25th (p.v.). Service in the Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Business meeting in the Chapter House immediately after service. Luncheon in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

OXFORD SOCIETY (Founded in the 17th century).—In connection with the Jubilee Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the society begs to announce that all visitors will be cordially welcomed at its headquarters, the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at Fabb's Restaurant 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Cheap tickets are issued on the railways.—William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at Stone-in-Oxney. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be given a hearty welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, kindly provided by the church authorities.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brightling to-morrow (Saturday, July 25th). Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3. Tea and business to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival of the guild will be held at Macclesfield to-morrow (Saturday, July 25th). St. Michael's bells (12) will be available, and a service will be held there at 4.15 p.m. at which the Bishop of Chester will preach. Tea and meeting will follow in the Duke Street School. Price of tea: to members 1s. 9d., to visitors 2s. per head.—J. C. E. Simpson, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley to-morrow (Saturday, July 25th). The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Green Man Inn 5 p.m. The peal of 6 at St. Ippolyts, 1½ miles from Wymondley, will also be at our disposal after tea.—Two good peals—so a crowd is expected.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above society will be held at Bingham on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Special business.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. R. Pratt), and the usual business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Langford-Budville (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, July 25th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Bartord on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Almondsbury and Alveston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Almondsbury.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, July 25th, when the Bishop of Ely will give the address at 4.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Bells available; St. Mary's, Ely, Littleport and Sutton-in-the-Isle. Tea at the Central Cafe at 5, 1/—B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Secretary, Watlington.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) & **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District).—A combined meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—D. Cooper and A. H. Smith, Hon. Secs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ruyton-XI-Towns on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5.15, followed by meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Blackhill and Consett on Saturday, July 25th. The bells of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, and Christ Church, Consett, will be available after 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Aidan's Parish Hall at 5 o'clock.—George S. Taylor, Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Other towers available during the afternoon: Netheravon 2.30, Fittleton 3, Enford 3.45 (all 6 bell towers). Assemble at Upavon for Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal cost to all who let Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, know by post. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —The re-opening of Coggeshall Church bells will take place on Sunday, August 2nd. Service at 3 o'clock (Bishop of Colchester). A tea will be provided for all ringers present if they send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 29th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Monday, August 3rd. The bells (10) will be available for short touches all day, also at Barsham (5) two miles away. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Hall (near church) at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each) followed by meeting. Will those coming to tea please notify me by July 31st?—R. J. Goate, Dis. Sec., Smallgate, Beccles.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District. —The quarterly meeting arranged for August 8th at Froxfield has been cancelled, as the bells there are not in a fit state to be rung. The next meeting is fixed for October 24th, at Blackmoor.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available during the day. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Dujon's Café at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 29th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, August 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. *Do please advise me.* All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes, before Wednesday, August 5th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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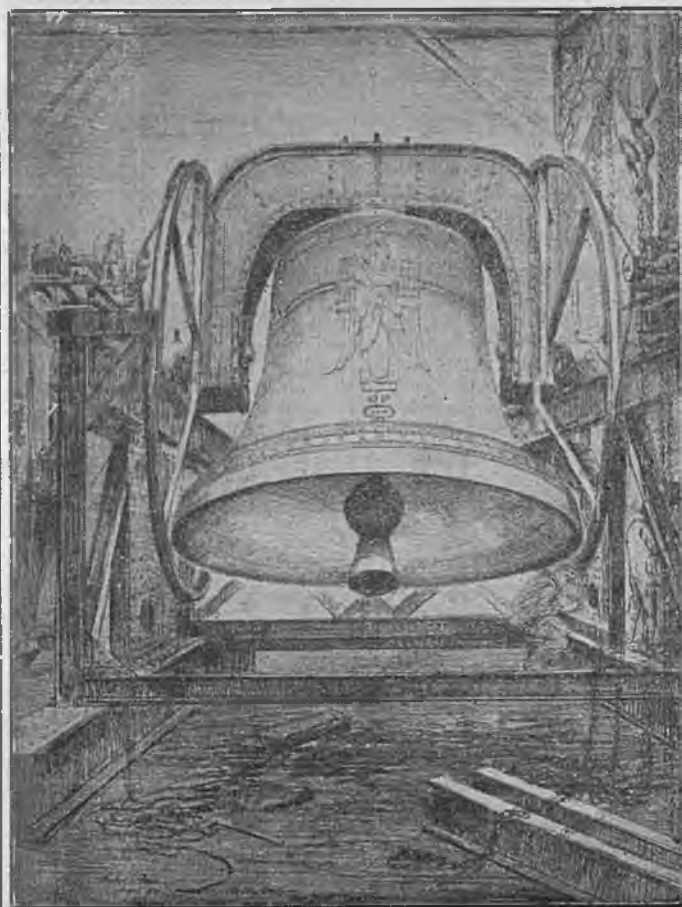
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As a matter of fact, the Exercise owes a great deal to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Both have given us ringers who have, for half a century, been leaders in the Art, and have played an important part in promoting the advance of change ringing. The Oxford Society, which is just now taking on a new lease of life, has not been so consistently active as the ringing guild of the sister University, but the latter has been favoured by the services of the same President for over fifty years. The Oxford Society, however, has sent out many men famous in ringing and more than justified its existence by the part its members played in setting up those organisations which have gone on to do so much for the art in the last half century.

Cambridge University has given us many brilliant men and have supplied not only the present occupant of the Presidential chair of the Central Council, but men who are at this moment guiding the destinies of, among other organisations, the Lancashire Association, the Oxford Guild, the Lincoln Guild, the Chester Guild, the Sussex Association, the Hereford Guild and the Ely Association. In other organisations there are to be found a number who occupy less conspicuous positions but are doing no less good work, and are able to give valuable help in raising the services of ringers to a higher plane. Those who have watched the progress of the associations through the last half century have had opportunities to observe the influence which some of the men from the Universities have been able to exert; but beyond this there has been an incalculable good done indirectly through those who have learned their ringing or had their appetite for it whetted by their connection with the Oxford University Society or the Cambridge University Guild. One

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*WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... 2	*RICHARD A. POST 8
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* First peal of Treble Twelve. This is the first peal of Maximus rung by Freemasons. The ringers of the first six are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and the back six of the College Youths.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 2	*JOHN G. NASH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First spliced peal. This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal ever rung. A Cambridge Royal composition, rung Yorkshire H. to M., Pudsey M. to W., and Cambridge W. to H.

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AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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Tenor 23 cwt.

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WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
ARTHUR J. MARYIN 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
FRED HAWKES 4	CYRIL TANSSELL 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

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Tenor 32 cwt.

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*HAROLD J. HAZELL 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	JOHN W. WARD 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 5	CHARLES CLARKE Tenor

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS VIOLET SHORTER Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	*LEONARD A. SIMMONDS ... 6
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	ERNEST HIBBINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

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Tenor 12 cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	FREDERICK BIGGS 6
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ONE-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	*ALAN W. HANDS 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to W. Lerch, of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, who recently attained his majority.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANK SHACKLETON Treble	*HEZEKIAH THORPE 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	ALBERT SMITHSON 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	ERNEST THORPE 7
JOHN THORPE 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford, and first peal of Oxford on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*HARRY CLEMENCE Treble	JOHN E. HOBBS 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
FREDERICK J. MILNER 3	ALFRED BARRATT 7
LAWRENCE CHADBORN 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED BARRATT.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting the peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*CHARLES R. GOODBURN Treble	†CYRIL M. MITCHELL 5
MRS. F. M. MITCHELL 2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 6
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	HARRY ARGENT 7
JOHN BURLS 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on these bells since being augmented to eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Cyril M. Mitchell, all being members of the local band.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 16½ cwt

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM Treble	*WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	PERCY HARRISON 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major and rung as a birthday compliment to him. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Belton for their hospitality after the peal.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, July 19th, 1930, 720 Bob Minor: S. Rowe 1, J. House 2, E. Tossell 3, C. Field 4, J. Tossell 5, W. Webb (conductor) 6. Rung by the Sunday service ringers.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.

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

*FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, JR. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL ... Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	PERCY JERVIS 6
MISS GRACE BIRCHNALL ... 3	WILLIAM H. TORTON 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, JR. ... Treble	HAROLD MARCON 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	FRANK LORD 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by J. E. CAWSE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LUTHER J. HONESS ... Treble	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 5
HARRY BAKER 2	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Birthday peal for Mrs. T. E. Sone. The 50th peal together by 2nd, 3rd and tenor ringers. This composition, No. 171, is now rung for the first time.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT BACON ... Treble	HENRY EVERS 5
GEORGE W. MOSS 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM DENT 7
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. J. SCHOFIELD.

Mr. E. F. Poppy is from Stoke Ash, Suffolk. Mr. Nevard kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK HALSTED ... Treble	JOHN DEARLOVE 5
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
HORACE GARDNER 3	KEITH HART 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	EDWARD C. MERRITT Tenor

Conducted by JACK M. CRIPPS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY LANDELL ... Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
WILLIAM WASLEY 2	CHARLES J. TAYLOR ... 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	JOHN WHITING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ben Etheridge on his 84th birthday.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, each called differently.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	JOHN J. BASSETT 4
THOMAS FULLER 2	WILLIAM DURHAM 5
WALTER MARSHALL 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Fiona Pratt, of Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst, to Sir Gerard Fuller, of Melksham, Wilts, which took place on the above date at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	JOHN W. WARD 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	IVERNIA WADE 4
ERNEST MORRIS 2	J. HAROLD SPENCER ... 5
T. EDWARD GARDNER 3	PERCY B. INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Morris, which occurred on the 23th and 24th respectively. The conductor has now called a 5,040 from each bell in this tower.

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ALL CANNINGS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twenty-one six-scores of Plain Bob with four callings, and twenty-one six-scores of Grandsire with ten callings.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE W. ENGLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... 3
GEORGE WINTER ... 1	SYDNEY HILLIER ... 4
WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. First peal on five bells by all the band, who are very grateful to the Rector, the Rev. C. W. St. Clair Tisdall, for allowing them the use of the bells, also to Mr. E. H. Burry for having everything in readiness.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... Treble	WILLIAM CORFIELD ... 4
FRANK COXON ... 2	CHARLES S. RYLES ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. Specially arranged for Mr. Frank Coxon, of Spondon, and this was his first peal of Minor. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the 3rd and 5th ringers.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*HENRY BLANNING ... Treble	†EDWARD WATTS ... 4
FRANCIS CECIL MOGFORD ... 2	†CECIL BISHOP ... 5
JESSE BAILEY ... 3	*DENNIS DANDO ... Tenor

Conducted by C. BISHOP.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal on the bells. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. LEACH, KIRKSTALL AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS P. MARJORIE LEACH ... 1-2	JOSEPH TRACKRAY ... 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	*G. WILFRED SLACK ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal in hand.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL. 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, July 18th, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins., after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal: C. Davis 1, J. Tossell 2, N. Combes 3, W. Well 4, C. Mogford 5, Herbert Knight (conductor) 6. This is the first touch of Minor ever rung on these bells, which were rehung by Mears and Stainbank recently. The first peal of Grandsire Doubles ever rung in Somerset was rung on these bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH AT UPWEY.

The summer meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Upwey on Saturday, the towers represented being Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Fordington St. George, Frampton, Sydling, Upwey and Wyke Regis. The Wimborne Branch were represented by Bourne-mouth St. Peter's and St. John's, Poole and Wareham, and North Dorset Branch by Kington Magna, Mere (Wilts), and the West Dorset Branch by Evershot, while visitors came from Ycovil, Newcastle, and Leamington. The bells (also Abbotsbury) were available for ringing until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild office was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector), assisted by the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), who gave an address which was most inspiring, taking as his text, 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.' Following the service it was arranged to adjourn to the Rectory lawn for tea and meeting, but owing to a shower this had to be transferred, to the regret of all, to the schoolroom, where a bounteous tea was partaken of, members and friends to the number of 92 being waited upon by a willing band of ladies under Mrs. Bryant (wife of the Rector). After tea, a business meeting was held. The chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes) sent a telegram stating that he was unable to be present owing to indisposition, and the Master presided.

Sympathetic reference was made by the chairman and secretary to the sudden passing of Mr. W. 'John' Benger, captain of St. Peter's ringers, Dorchester, one of the finest stalwarts in ringing circles in Dorset. Both paid a very high tribute to him, and the hon. secretary read letters from the general secretary (Rev. C. A. Phillips) and the Ringing Master of the West Dorset Branch (Mr. F. Bugler), both paying tribute to the fine services of such a loyal and zealous member of the Guild. The company then stood in respectful silence.

Mr. S. G. Dubben, of Sydling, was elected an associate member, and it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wool.

Reference was made by the hon. secretary to the way the members were taking interest in their meetings, and especially the way the Bere Regis ringers attended, this being due to the keen interest in the Guild and through the generosity of Mr. William Bedford, of the Manor House.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and keen interest, for taking the service, the use of the bells and the schoolroom. A vote of thanks was also carried to the Master for giving such an excellent address and for presiding, to the organist, to the ladies who had waited upon them at tea, and to the secretary for the time and interest he devoted to organising their excellent meetings.—The Rev. A. S. Bryant suitably replied. A warm welcome was given to the visitors, and the meeting being concluded, the members visited the Wishing Well. Others rang on the church bells, and visited Abbotsbury to ring there, while a large number went on to Wyke Regis to put in some good practice.

The ringing at Upwey and Abbotsbury ranged from call changes to Cambridge and London Minor, first in the method on the bells, and at Wyke Regis Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford and Double Norwich Major.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED GRANTS FOR INSTRUCTION BOOKS.

Despite the inclement weather, there was a good muster at the meeting of the South-Western Division at Leyton.

The bells were raised by 3 p.m., and ringing in various methods took place. During a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Brent) a parchment, giving the history of the bells, was unveiled by Mrs. C. Hughes, wife of the Master of the Leyton band. Owing to the rain, the tea, originally intended to be partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, was given in the Old Vicarage, fifty-five sitting down. At the usual business meeting, four new members were elected, and North Weald selected as the place for the next meeting.

A recommendation was made that the association consider the advisability of making small grants to needy towers with the object of purchasing instruction books, it being thought that by so doing the art of campanology would be advanced.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells, to Mrs. Brent for kindly providing the tea, the ladies for their help and waiting at the tables, the organist and choir for accompanying the hymns, etc., Miss Dawson for her splendidly rendered solo, and to Mr. C. Hughes (Master) and the members of the Leyton band for having everything in readiness.

Those present also greatly appreciated the kindness of the Vicar in conducting them round and explaining the various objects of interest in this old and historical church. Tracks were then again made to the tower, and the bells kept going to various methods till 8.30 p.m., a most enjoyable afternoon having been spent once again at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Leyton.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday afternoon, July 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) at St. Martin's Church, in 42 mins.: B. Windsor 1, G. Hughes 2, H. Goodman 3, T. W. Cattell 4, H. Griffiths 5, E. Williams 6, C. N. Winwood (conductor) 7, R. Morton 8.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO YPRES.

PROGRAMME OF THE VISIT TO MENIN GATE.

To-morrow a party of ringers, including a number who served in the Great War, will leave England on a pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, at Ypres, where, on Monday, a brief memorial service is to be held. The arrangements for the trip have been made by Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, and, while some of the party will return to England on Tuesday, others will spend the remainder of the week in Belgium. There has been a keen desire at the last moment to join the Pilgrimage, but, unfortunately, it has been necessary to refuse the latest applications, as the time was too short and the accommodation limited.

The members of the party will meet at Victoria Station (London) to-morrow at 11 a.m., and will travel by the Dover boat train at 11.30. The headquarters for the week will be: The Pension Myra, 4, Rue de la Plate Forme, Ostend, Belgium.



THE MENIN GATE.

where the memorial service is to be held on Monday.

On Monday a motor conveyance will take the party through the chief battlefields of the famous Salient, reaching Ypres at 12 noon, when, by permission of the Burgomaster, a short service will be conducted at the Menin Gate by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C. The prayers will be followed by a course of Caters on handbells, and a chapel will be deposited at the memorial. The chapel, of evergreens and poppies, has a metal bell inset, bearing in gold letters the inscription:—

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Our Immortal Dead.
'The Ringers of England.'

Those who are taking part in the pilgrimage are informed that Sir Henry Lunn's representative will be in attendance at the barrier at Victoria Station, and another representative will meet the party at Ostend. Passports have to be shown at Dover, and baggage is examined, as a rule, at Ostend Customs. Correspondence for members should be sent to headquarters. The Belgian representative is Mr. J. L. Hancock.

NEW GUILD FORMED IN BRISTOL.

At a meeting held at Knowle Vicarage, Bristol, on July 22nd, it was decided to form a Guild of ringers under the title of 'The Holy Nativity Guild of Church Bellringers.' The Vicar (Rev. G. W. L. Wynne) is to be the ex-officio president; the churchwarden, Mr. W. Evans, was elected treasurer; Mr. Sidney Evans was elected hon. secretary; and Mr. W. A. Cave conductor.

Ten lads, all about the age of fifteen (nine of whom are members of the troop of Scouts connected with the church), were enrolled as members. Silent practice is to commence next month, and by kind permission of the Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet, this will take place at St. Mary Redcliffe.

A library is to be started, and an order for the first instalment of books has been sent to the hon. librarian of the Central Council.

The question of affiliation to any association was deferred to a later date. One application for membership was received from a ringer who wrote to say he had a certificate for ringing, but it was decided to restrict the membership to the ten already enrolled.

Work on the tower is proceeding, and the top is now level with the eaves. The faculty for the bells has been granted, and the order for both clock and bells has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and by Christmas Day it is hoped that all will be in full working order.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE EXPEDITION.

A VISIT TO FAMOUS TOWERS.

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist's, Hillingdon, held their sixth annual outing on a recent Saturday. Leaving the church at 7.30 a.m., the party, which included the Vicar of Hillingdon, the secretary of the Church Council, and a few ringing friends, proceeded by motor coach to Slough and Maidenhead. Passing through Dorchester and Abingdon, Appleton was reached at 9.30 a.m. Appleton is a small village some six miles south of Oxford, but the fame of its bells has spread far and wide amongst ringers. The bells are ten in number, with a tenor 14½ cwt. It was on these bells that the longest peal ever rung by one set of ringers, 21,363 changes of Stedman Caters, was accomplished in twelve hours and twenty-five minutes on April 22nd, 1922. The visitors had the privilege of meeting Richard White, who rang the 9th in the peal, and also rang Stedman and Grandsire Caters on the bells. A pleasant hour having been spent, the coach and party continued their way through Lechlade and Fairford. By far the most interesting feature in Fairford Church (excepting its bells, of course!) is the famous sixteenth-century stained-glass windows. There are twenty-one of these windows altogether, and they are said to be of English design and workmanship.

The next halt was made at the Roman Corinium, now known as Cirencester (but not so pronounced!). It was a place of considerable importance until the end of the mediæval era. Considering its fame and fortunes, it is odd that so little in the way of tangible evidences of its greatness remains. But its castle was destroyed in the eleventh century, and its splendid mitred abbey demolished at the time of the Dissolution, so that of its ancient splendour there is little to show but the Parish Church. But what a church it is, of the dimensions of a minor cathedral and the possessor of a magnificent tower and south porch, which is one of the architectural treasures of the country. The bells, of which there are thirteen, are worthy of their tower. The tenor weighs 29 cwt. The thirteenth bell was added by Taylor's to serve as a 'fire' bell, to be rung only by the police. However, by the time the gates were unlocked, the ninety odd steps to the ringing chamber ascended, and the warning given, the conflagration had usually gained a good hold. The system proved too expensive, and a hooter was substituted for the bell. The latter is a semi-tone, and being hung for ringing provides an extra ring of eight. Messrs. Lewis and Bond welcomed the visitors, and rounds, Stedman Caters and Cinques were rung on the bells. A tasty lunch had been prepared at Viner's Restaurant, and many hearty appetites were thereupon appeased! Rain commenced to fall at this period, and continued to do so in no uncertain fashion until the home area was reached in the evening. Although it soaked most things, it failed to even dampen the high spirits that defied it! Minchinhampton Common was crossed, but the wonderful views that can be seen from that delightful spot were hidden by a grey pall of rain and cloud. A somewhat precipitous descent led into the town of Stroud. No time was lost in seeking St. Lawrence's Church, it being drier in the ringing chamber! The ten bells, with a tenor of 21 cwt., were raised, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters rung. Some difficulty was experienced in locating the coach when ringing was finished, and a search party scoured the town. When the coach was found, the driver was indulging in a very pleasant nap, and Stroud was eventually left some twenty minutes behind time!

Painswick, the next stop, is memorable not only for the beauty of its situation, but for the distinction of its old-world houses and cottages, its fine Perpendicular church, and the fact that Charles I. once slept in its interesting Court House. In its churchyard is a famous assembly of yew trees, which, incidentally, no one seems able to count properly, for the number varies in every account. The only thing certain is the falsity of an ancient tradition that there are ninety-nine, and that every attempt to complete the number up to the round hundred has always been frustrated. The bells of Painswick have long been famous for the extraordinary number of long peals that have been rung on them. They are a twelve that are a pleasure to ring and listen to, and it was a surprise to many of the visitors that the tenor is only 26 cwt. Stedman Cinques, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, and it was with regret that the bells were lowered and the coach sought once more.

Between Cirencester and Gloucester lies the full width of the Cotswolds, a name which reduces the plain writer to a numb silence. For there is hardly a hill region in Great Britain which has inspired such a torrent of rhapsodical prose, verse and song. And even the most unemotional of Anglo-Saxons must admit that, to say the least, these fair green slopes certainly stimulate any inborn tendency to lyricism. It is not merely that they produce an endless succession of highly characteristic and charming landscapes; their atmosphere of peace and colour seems to have infected the villages, the farms and cottages, and even the very roads, which become avenues of enchantment instead of merely utilitarian channels of communication. Unfortunately, the drive to Cheltenham was marred by heavy rain, and the hills round were wrapped in driving masses of cloud. Even these had a beauty which is peculiar to these hills.

On arrival at Cheltenham, the Parish Church was sought out at once, and the visitors were quickly in the ringing chamber. The bells were raised, and time permitted of but one touch of Grandsire Cinques. In the open air again, a hasty inspection of the promenade

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A DEVON EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 18th, the ringers of Paignton Parish Church held their annual outing. Leaving at about 8.30 a.m., they proceeded via Totnes, Buckfastleigh (where they were joined by Mr. A. L. Bennett) and Ashburton to Buckland-in-the-Moor, where two capital touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on this handy little eight. The next move was to Widdicombe-in-the-Moor, where, unfortunately, the party found they were unable to do any ringing owing to broken stays. However, a short time was spent looking around the church, during which a musical member of the party played an anthem on the organ. Incidentally, a party of ringers from Beaminster arrived at the same time, and expressed regret at being unable to ring. The party moved on to Moretonhampstead, and it was thought that there might be a chance to ring here. It was learnt that someone working in the churchyard was in possession of the key, but as the individual could not be found the idea was, perforce, abandoned. The party, however, did full justice to an excellent lunch which had been provided at the Ring of Bells Inn, and after a little sing-song the journey was continued. An hour's run via Okehampton brought the party to North Tawton, and here some good touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles were rung on these excellent going bells. The party then went on to Exeter via Crediton, and, after a short stay for tea at Deller's Cafe, made for home, which was reached at about 9.30, all having spent an enjoyable day.

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was made, and Neptune and his fountain much admired. A stampede was made to the Cadena Cafe, and full justice done to the excellent tea that was awaiting the party. These Middlesex folk do like their grub!

Everybody having gathered themselves into the coach again, the homeward trek was commenced. Passing through Northbleach and Burford, a short halt was made at Witney for exercise (if necessary!) and refreshment. Nobody apparently wanting any blankets, a move was made once more. Incidentally, it was still raining! However, the 'Hillingdon Wind Band' gave selections en route to cheer everybody up; whether they succeeded remains a moot point! Possibly the wonderful melodies (sic) drove away the rain, for it had ceased when High Wycombe was reached. Hillingdon Church was arrived at at 10.20 p.m., when the party broke up, tired but happy. Some even fell to discussing where they should go next year!

Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the best thanks of the ringers are extended to Messrs. White, Lewis, Wright and Pates for their kind assistance, which contributed in no small measure to the success of the outing, and to the various incumbents for their kindness in permitting their bells to be rung.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT SOBERTON.**

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Soberton on Saturday last, when nearly 30 ringers and friends were present from Bishopstoke, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ryde, Swanmore, Titchfield, Twyford and Wickham. The bells were available from three o'clock, and, after some rope-splicing had been accomplished, they were set going until 4.30 p.m. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector of Exton, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Soberton, who had recently undergone a serious operation. An inspiring address was also given by him, which was somewhat off the 'beaten track.'

An excellent tea was partaken of in the Girl Guides' Hut, after which the usual business meeting was held, the Rector of Exton occupying the chair.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 24th next; also a mid-week practice at Havant at a date to be decided by the secretary. Mr. G. H. Childs, J.P., a former ringer at Soberton, who was a member with Mr. G. Williams when the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1884, was elected, subject to his consent, an honorary member, as was also the Rector of Exton.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of Soberton and Exton and also the organist for their kindnesses, after which another visit was paid to the tower for further ringing, which, during the day, ranged from the standard methods to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

WEDDING OF A LEIGHTON BUZZARD RINGER.

A wedding was solemnised, on Tuesday, July 14th, between Mr. Albert E. Butcher, a ringer at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, and Miss Sybil K. Burns, of Bedford, the ceremony taking place at St. Martin's Church, Bedford.

The bridegroom has been a member of the belfry for fourteen years, and was previously a choirboy for eight years. He was presented with a dinner wagon and table bell by his friends in the Leighton Buzzard and Linslade belfries.

The happy couple left for their honeymoon at Torquay during the course of the afternoon.

The following band drawn from the two belfries rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 46 mins., at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, during the same evening: L. Lee 1, F. Jeffs 2, H. B. Whitney 3, F. Plummer 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Vickers 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William Pyc, who conducted last Saturday the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal, also called the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus, as well as having conducted peals of Spliced Surprise Major up to twelve methods.

How many who were present at the Oxford Guild's jubilee celebration on Saturday will, we wonder, live to see the centenary? There certainly ought to be some, for there was no lack of 'young blood' present, including the 14-year-old son of Mr. A. D. Cullum, of Caversham, who was probably the youngest ringer there.

ANOTHER LIGHT PEAL OF TEN.

Two treble bells are to be added to the existing ring of eight at North Stoneham, Hants, in the near future. A generous offer to give the two bells has been accepted by the Parochial Church Council.

This augmentation will provide one of the lightest rings of ten in the country, as the tenor is only 9 cwt. 25 lb.

A 'CAMBRIDGE' WEEK.

Ringings 'weeks' will soon be in full swing. The first begins tomorrow, when, with Cambridge as headquarters, peals will be attempted as follows:—

	Morning.	Afternoon.
Saturday, August 1st ...	Ickleton.	Sawston.
Sunday, August 2nd ...		Fulbourne.
Monday, August 3rd ...	Great St. Mary's.	Bourn.
Tuesday, August 4th ...	Soham.	Mildenhall.
Wednesday, August 5th	Barkway.	Braughing.
Thursday, August 6th...	St. Ives.	Royston.
Friday, August 7th ...	Clare.	Long Melford.
Saturday, August 8th...	Littleport.	

The headquarters will be at the Glengarry Hotel, 41, Regent Street, Cambridge.

A PROBLEM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As I sat meditating, half-awake and half-asleep, the shades of four composers of Stedman Triples passed before my eyes, carrying manuscript copies of their peals, which will be found in the historic peals collection of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies' 'Stedman.'

I noticed, in my dreams, that the sum of the number of calls in the four peals equalled 1,482, and that the sum of the number of calls in the second and third totalled 612; further, five times the number of calls in the third was greater by 74 than seven times the number of calls in the first. I desire to know the names of the four composers.

Now then, you mathematicians! Remember, it can be solved!—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. PARKER.

St. Matthew's Guild, Bristol.

ANCIENT BEDFORDSHIRE BELL WELDED.

A Bedfordshire church bell, which was cracked more than 150 years ago, has just been successfully repaired by a modern scientific welding process. This bell belongs to Shelton Church, and was cast as long ago as 1634. The founder's name is not on the bell, but the design of a small shield cast in the inscription and the wording of the inscription show that it was made by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, who in the year that the bell was cast was Mayor of Leicester. The repairs were carried out by Barimar, Ltd., of Holborn, London.

The bell is in a remarkably fine state of preservation, the lettering being unusually well proportioned and regular, and the decorations are very beautiful. It is, indeed, one of the well-known Watts' Nazarene bells, of which there are said to be about 90 in Leicester-shire. The inscription on the bell is as follows:—

'1634.—Ihs Nazarene Rex Ivdeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei.'

When the bell was made the iron clapper bolt was cast into it, and in the course of time expansion of the bolt through rust cracked the bell. The clapper bolt has now been removed, so that there is no fear of the bell cracking again.

Shelton Church is very old, and is now undergoing extensive restoration. There are some serious fissures in the tower, which will have to be repaired before the bell is rebung, but it is pleasant to know that after such a long silence, the bell should shortly be ringing again.

A READING COMMEMORATION.

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, for evensong, on Sunday, July 26th, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Reading Blue Coat School, and also the 50th year of the Oxford Guild, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 55 mins.: A. D. Cullum (aged 14) 1, Miss D. Blencowe 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, C. Pullen 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 6, L. Sadler 7, H. Smith 8, E. G. Foster 9, G. Holloway 10.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY. SAFEGUARDING THE SAXON TOWER.

The committee who are responsible for carrying out the restoration of the bells at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman have engaged the services of Mr. F. W. Troup, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., of London, an architect of great experience in dealing with ancient buildings, and the work connected with the tower itself will be carried out under his advice and supervision. The old building has to be very carefully dealt with, but its security will be amply safeguarded by the steps which it is proposed to take, and which include the provision of a continuous reinforced concrete beam all round the tower to carry the main timbers supporting the bell frame and to spread the strain equally over the walls.

The generous response which has been made to the appeal will enable the scheme to be carried out in the most efficient manner possible, and the memorial to the man, to whom the art of ringing owes so much will be one fully worthy of the Exercise.

As we pointed out last week, the fund, organised by 'The Ringing World,' is reaching its close, and all who wish to be associated with the commemoration scheme should send their donations at once to:

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

The Hon. Treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, and all contributions will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'

At the jubilee meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on Saturday £10 was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, and the Shropshire Association, at their quarterly meeting the same day, made a grant of two guineas.

Saturday, September 26th, has been fixed as the date of the commemoration festival, and already there is the certainty of a memorable gathering for the unique event. Canon G. F. Coleridge has accepted the committee's invitation to preach at the thanksgiving service at St. Bene't's Church, where Stedman not only rang and first introduced his method, but where undoubtedly he worshipped, for he was parish clerk in 1670.

WHAT WAS STEDMAN'S PROFESSION?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope has not read my letter very carefully. I did not argue on one side or the other. I simply summed up the arguments on both sides, as they appeared to me. And while I pointed out that the facts in favour of Stedman being a printer are not as numerous as those on the other side, I hope I made it clear that neither side is proved, nor can be until we find more evidence. Certainly, to say now, as Mr. Trollope does, that it is proved that Stedman was a printer, is merely futile. I do not think I said anything about the mistake of a Leicester ringer. All I meant was, that it is not certain that when we say 'Stedman was a printer,' we are meaning the same thing as a Leicester ringer did when he used those words at that time.

It is not necessary for me to go into the question that Mr. Trollope raises, between publishers and booksellers. On the title page of 'Tintinnalogia' are the words: 'London. Printed by W. G. for Fabian Stedman, at his shop in St. Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet Street. 1668.' And (over the page) there immediately follows: 'Licensed Novemb. 1, 1667. Roger L'Estrange.' I said that this shows that Stedman was the man who was prepared to 'stand the racket.' Mr. Trollope calls such a man a bookseller. And then immediately adds, 'Stedman was not a bookseller.' The printed book, licensed in the most formal and careful way, says he was. Which is most likely to be right?

Mr. Trollope says that Stedman could not print his own book because he was not allowed to. This is not a mere guess; it is a statement absolutely contrary to the evidence. Mr. Trollope shows very

well, and we are grateful to him for what he writes here, that printers in those days had to be licensed. But in no way does he prove that Stedman was not licensed. Therefore, if he were a printer and were licensed, there was no reason why he should not have printed his books at Cambridge. Now the words that I have quoted prove (actually prove in this case, for there is no getting over them) that Stedman was licensed. And that he was licensed not as a printer, but as a publisher, or, as Mr. Trollope calls it, a bookseller. Is it in the least likely, that a printer at Cambridge (who, Mr. Trollope suggests, may not have been a master printer) would have been accepted by such a man as Mr. Trollope describes the licenser to have been, as a publisher or bookseller?

Mr. Trollope says that presumably these books were not published by subscription. This presumption is a mere guess on his part; but if it is correct, it makes it probable that Stedman was a man of some means, or was in touch with someone who was.

Mr. Trollope's guess that Stedman was employed in some way by the University or College authorities is a very wild one, if he were a printer. Colleges would not, and the University could not, employ a printer then. As a business man, he might have had work to do for a college, which would have taken him to London and Leicester, and have brought him into contact with printers. Any such guess seems more probable than that he was a printer himself.

I am glad to read that Alderman Pritchett is so interested in this correspondence. Besides the curious parallel to which he draws attention, there is another. I have, some years ago, shown how that much of Stedman's books were compilations of existing matter. Others have done the same with much of what Shakespeare wrote. In both cases it was the hand of the master who put in a new and valuable way things that were already known, as well as introducing new things of their own making. Further, who knows, if Mr. Trollope and Alderman Pritchett put their heads together, whether they may find out for us who is Mr. W. H., 'the onlie begetter of the Sonnets,' or T. T., 'the well-wishing adventurer.' They might even find the cypher of a new Principle, hidden in the Sonnets, or the cypher of a new play in the Stedman-Bacon books!

I must thank you for giving us the imprint from the title page of the 'Campanalogia.' Would it be possible for us altogether to join and get you to reprint the whole work, in this tercentenary year?

Ufford Rectory,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

A SORRY STORY.

SILENT BELLS IN SUDBURY DISTRICT.

On Saturday week the Suffolk Guild, together with some friends from Essex, sat down to tea at the Parish Hall, Sudbury, to the number of fifty-nine. The Rector of St. Gregory's, the Rev. J. F. Hughes, in welcoming them, spoke of the fortunate position for musical representation in which Sudbury was. He referred humorously to his own attempts at ringing, and expressed the appreciation which Sudbury people felt for the good work the Guild was doing.

Mr. P. O. Bixby, of Long Melford, was then elected to the chair, and Mr. A. Alington's resignation having been accepted with regret, and thanks for his efficient services, Mr. Harold Herbert was elected in his place as district secretary. He was also asked by the meeting to act as secretary for the Clare District until another should be found to succeed him.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Cavendish and Glemsford on the first Saturday in October, and if the annual meeting could not be held in Bury next Easter, it was decided to hold it in Sudbury.

Both before and after the meeting touches in many different methods were rung on the three peals of eight bells in St. Gregory's, St. Peter's, and All Saints' Churches. Ringers from Earls Colne and from Cambridge were on their excursions that day, and joined with the Suffolk men in their ringing.

In connection with the Rector's remarks about Sudbury being especially favoured from a musical point of view, it was remarked that not only has the town three fine peals of bells in excellent condition, but that in the neighbourhood there are an unusually fine number of bells in the churches. Yet these instruments of music, the most costly things as a rule in a church, are rarely heard in this part of the country. For some strange reason few of the bells in the district are rung. In some cases someone has said that the tower is not safe. In others, the bells are 'clocked,' and subsequently cracked. 'Clocking' a bell means that the rope or a cord has been passed round the clapper in order that it may be rung quickly. Two quick blows on a large bell will crack it like glass. Yet in spite of the fact that many of these bells are already cracked, this pernicious practice is still pursued in the churches hereabouts. In no other neighbourhood are so many bells out of order as here. The towers that were mentioned at the meeting as being silent, or not having their bells properly rung, were Groton, Boxford, Korse, Edwardstone, Great Waldingfield, Great Cornard, Little Cornard, Newton, Bilsdon, in addition to Lavenham, where the bell frame has just been struck by lightning. The other churches do not seem to trouble at all about their bells, for they have not even asked the Suffolk Guild for advice, although that is what the Guild is for, and though it would cost them nothing. Is there anything sweeter than tuneful country bells, when they are well rung?

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD JUBILEE.

GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS. INTERESTING SPEECHES.

The jubilee festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on Saturday was marked with great enthusiasm. A gathering of over 350 ringers and friends assembled from all parts of the wide area of the diocese, which includes the three counties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks. They made an imposing congregation when they gathered in the Cathedral for the festival service, and they filled the great dining hall at Christ Church when they sat down together at luncheon. The history of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has been one of progress. There are now 209 towers in affiliation, 2,176 ringing members, and 302 honorary members. The total funds are now £266 2s. 6d., and during the fifty years £434 has been spent on instruction, and £184 on the restoration of bells.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and the lesson was read by Canon G. F. Coleridge. Bishop Shaw was also present.

The Bishop of Oxford was the preacher, and he took as his text the words, 'I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the House of the Lord.' He referred to the part which bells played in the service of the Christian Church, and pointed out that their call to the people applied as much to the ringers as to those outside. The Diocesan Guild, he said, recognised that its work contributed to the true and successful practice of the Christian religion throughout the diocese. Ringers were not merely a body of people interested in change ringing, but were definitely connected with the church and ought to be devout men and women, who obeyed the call as much as others outside. He took it that one reason for the existence of such a Guild as theirs was to promote the appreciation of this view, and it had helped to consecrate the work of ringers. He wished the Guild all possible success in their work in the future, and he congratulated them upon their long service in the diocese.

An offertory was taken for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund, and the service concluded with the 'Te Deum.' The collection amounted to £7 6s.

On account of the large number present—every one of the 15 branches of the Guild was represented—it was not possible to hold the business meeting in the Chapter House, as has been the custom, and the members proceeded to the Town Hall, where the Master expeditiously conducted this part of the proceedings. He was supported on the platform by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Canon G. F. Coleridge and Sir George Dashwood, Bart. (one of the trustees).

The Master first referred to the sudden death on July 4th of Mr. William Pole Routh, of Reading. He was an old and honoured member of the Guild, and a good ringer. He was a member of other societies besides the Oxford Diocesan Guild, including the Ancient Society of College Youths, and would certainly have been there with them that day had he been spared.

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect, and it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Miss Routh and her sister in the great loss they had sustained.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master in his report said: It is perhaps too much to expect that restoration work can proceed year by year at the rate at which it has been going during the last ten years, if only for the reason that the number of towers in need of the bell hanger must be somewhat lessened. So while my advice has been asked in minor matters to a considerable extent during the year, there are only two towers concerning which I have made a report for entire rehanging, namely, Stevenston and Swalcliffe. Following on reports made in previous years, the rings of six at Deddington and Somerton have been rehanging on new frames, and in each case new trebles are contemplated. At Hampstead Norreys a cracked bell has been recast, and the ring of six has been rehanging in the old frame; and at Oakley the three bells have been rehanging in a new frame. Work of a minor character has also been carried out at Finchampstead and Windsor. There are several important schemes still 'pending,' and in this connection I should like to point out that when it is reported on good authority that bells are unfit to be rung, it is not very wise to go on ringing them, still less to force them through a peal, otherwise the parishioners are justified in saying, 'Why worry about the state of the bells?' Perhaps it is partly due to the better condition of our bells generally that the total number of peals rung is about half as high again as last year, and while the honours again rest with the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, yet good contributions have been made in many other parts of the diocese. Oxford, both City and University, is showing the result of the patient work through many years of Harry Miles and Victor Bennett, and the coming to the front of a conductor in Walter Judge; the same may be said of the North Berkshire Branch and Albert Lock. The Guild secretary is to be congratulated on calling the first peal of Cinques at St. Laurence's, Reading, being the first in his native county. So, too, is Harry Curtis, for calling the four peals rung by the Newbury Branch. The Vale of White Horse Branch, where recently change ringing was hardly known, has now put up two peals and two conductors, C. Pearce and H. Taylor.

A peal of Grandsire Caters has been rung on the fine new ten at Banbury, in which seven of the local band—to their credit—took part. The Guild has also held some splendid meetings; perhaps the outstanding ones were the jubilee meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch at Wokingham in May, and the annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch in the fine grounds of Whaddon Manor in June. These and like considerations inspire one to enter upon the Guild jubilee year with courage and hope.

RECORD OF PEAL ATTEMPTS.

In proposing the adoption of his report, the Master added that he had been able to make arrangements for the chronicling in future of all peal attempts which were not successful. He thought it would be a very good thing if they could keep some register of these attempts. A member had been good enough to undertake it, and reports of attempts should be sent to Mr. Gordon Cauldwell, 49, Lonsdale Road, Oxford. Conductors should send notice of all bona-fide peal attempts which were lost, and the reason, if they liked, of the breakdown. Sometimes a peal attempt which only lasted twenty minutes was a matter of great self-sacrifice by the ringers who came long distances.—The report was adopted.

The treasurer's report, presented by Mr. A. J. Wright, stated that the accounts showed a balance of £160 12s. 2d., as compared with £158 4s. 11d. the previous year. The total income was £126 15s. 11d., and the expenditure £95. The amount received from the branches was £86 3s. 3d., being £3 4s. 9d. less than last year. This was the first time since 1924 that he had had to report a reduction. He could only account for this by the fact that there appeared to be a general shortage of young ringers coming on to take the places of those who were retiring. He was certain of one thing, and that was that the branch treasurers were doing their best in every direction to encourage young boys and girls to take up change ringing, and they were worthy of the best thanks of the Guild for the services they gladly rendered. The balances held by the branches showed a decrease of £10. This amount had possibly been given in grants towards restorations. During the year grants from the restoration fund had been given to Banbury, Hampstead Norris and Somerton. This being the jubilee of the Guild, the treasurer gave the following interesting facts to compare with the present position: The first balance sheet available showed that there were 188 members, 9 life, 55 hon. and 124 ringing; five local branches, the membership of which was not stated. The income was £67 11s., and the balance of £39 was brought forward. The expenditure amounted to £51 12s., and 170 attended the annual dinner. During the past 50 years £434 had been expended on instruction and £103 on restorations. These amounts did not include what was given by the branches, so the total amount must be nearly double this sum.

The report, which included the balance sheet, was adopted.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

The secretary's report submitted by Mr. R. T. Hibbert said the Guild was served in all parts of the diocese by most energetic and efficient branch secretaries who had to devote a great deal of time and patience to keep things moving in the right direction. He said this from first-hand experience, having visited all the fifteen branches once or more during the year. Membership in 1930 compared with 1929 was as follows: Hon. members, 302, a loss of 15; ringing and unattached members, 2,176, a loss of 46; towers in affiliation, 209, a gain of 4. The number of peals rung during the year was almost double the number rung in the two previous years respectively. From what the Master and himself heard at all branch meetings, Sunday service ringing was well maintained in all parts of the Guild, so that they had more to be thankful for than they had to cry about. The secretary concluded with thanks to all for their many kindnesses to him.

The report was adopted.

On the motion of the Master, it was resolved 'that the rules "to assist the clergy" be removed from the report, and that a list of the publications of the Central Council be printed there instead, with a note calling the attention of members to the "Revised Rules for a Local Company." The Master explained that the rules in the report were drawn up a long time ago, and he did not think they met the case at the present day. Personally he did not agree with all of them, and it was a pity that they should be taken, sometimes by those in high authority, as the rules of the Guild—they were not; they were suggested to those who wanted suggestion. Recently the whole question of rules for local companies had been gone into by a committee of the Central Council composed of clergy and laity; the rules were now published and could be had for a few pence. His opinion was it was about time the Guild published in the report the list of the Central Council's publications, and it would include these rules, to which, he suggested they should call special attention as being a sort of standard which could be used when rules were wanted in a parish.

Mr. Paice seconded the motion, which was carried without discussion.

The Master was re-elected with acclamation, on the motion of Canon Coleridge, and the treasurer and general secretary were also unanimously re-elected.

The twelve elected members of the committee were reappointed, and the election during the year of 175 members was confirmed.

The recommendation of the general committee that the festival in 1932 should be held in Oxford was opposed by an amendment in favour of Reading, but Oxford was carried by an overwhelming majority.

RESTORATION GRANTS.

The question of restoration grants was next considered. The Hon. Treasurer explained that there was a balance in hand of £31 15s., and grants were now recommended or fell due to be paid amounting to £28 10s. This left only about £3 in hand, and they had a new application from Stevenston. This fund was made up principally of 25 per cent. of the amount received from hon. members' subscriptions, and he hoped every effort would be made to get more hon. members, so that the fund could be replenished. He thought if it were pointed out that a portion of the hon. members' subscriptions went towards the restoration of bells instead of all to the ordinary funds hon. members would be more ready to join.

A grant of £7 7s. was made to Steeple Claydon, and on the motion of Canon Coleridge £10 was voted to the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee. Stevenston's application was then considered, and £5 5s. voted, the treasurer intimating that the collection that day would enable them to give this sum.

On the motion of the Master, seconded by Mr. Sear, it was resolved to add to the rules the following: 'That this Guild be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers and loyally abide by the rules and decisions thereof.'

The treasurer moved an amendment to the rules for local branches, to provide that one copy of the annual report be supplied free to the branches for each hon. member and each tower, and a charge of 4d. made for all extra copies.—Mr. Paice seconded, and expressed the hope that it would not be long before reports would be cheaper still.

Mr. A. D. Barker said at the last annual meeting it was resolved that this matter should be discussed by the committee, and he thought he ought to propose a vote of censure on the committee because they did not discuss it. They had a statement read to them by the treasurer. There was the question also of estimates, but as to discussion, he did not think the committee had discussed the matter at all.

The Master asked Mr. Barker if he was aware that any matter that came before the committee had to be introduced by a motion. On this question the treasurer proposed a motion, and it was open to Mr. Barker to discuss it until he was black in the face if he desired to do so or propose another motion. He (the Master) could not understand Mr. Barker's reason for bringing forward a motion of censure.

Mr. W. Sear said he agreed the matter was discussed in brief form, but it was open to discussion if anyone had anything to say about it.

No one seconded Mr. Barker's motion, and the original proposal was therefore put and carried.

The Secretary proposed that Rule XVIII. be amended to provide that 21 days' notice of motion for committee business be given instead of 10 days as at present.—Mr. Cullum seconded, and the motion was carried without discussion.

Canon Coleridge then gave a resume of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Central Council, with breezy comments upon the various items of business transacted, and he was thanked for his report.

THE LUNCHEON.

This concluded the business, and the members returned to Christ Church for luncheon, which was served in the magnificent dining hall by the authorities of 'The House.' Over 350 sat down to a sumptuous repast, the Master presiding at the head table, supported by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford (Dr. and Mrs. Stobie), the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Canon G. F. Coleridge, Sir George Dashwood, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Devon Guild) and Mrs. Powell, Miss Vera Robinson (daughter of the first Master of the Guild), Canon E. J. Norris and Miss Norris (Reading), Mr. A. J. Wright and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. Among the general company were Mr. George Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), and it is interesting to note that five of the original members of the Guild attended: Canon Coleridge, Mr. J. Jagger (formerly of Oxford and now of Old Hill), Mr. G. Holifield, sen. (Appleton), Mr. J. A. Dart (London), and Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough).

After lunch, the Master submitted 'Church and King,' which was enthusiastically honoured, and the privilege, very rarely granted in that hall, was then accorded of permitting the visitors to smoke.

FIFTY EVENTFUL YEARS.

The Bishop proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,' and remarked that he was interested to see, in the first peal that was rung, the name of a friend of his, Mr. C. C. Child, who lived in those days on his (the Bishop's) staircase and used to have his friends in to ring peals on handbells, which were rather surprising to the other denizens of that stair (laughter). Continuing, the Bishop recalled many of the great events in the life of the nation which had occurred during the 50 years that the Guild had been in existence—fifty eventful years in the history of this country. He imagined the Guild must have had a good deal to do

in 1887, at the time of Queen Victoria's first jubilee, and again ten years later at the second jubilee. Then there was also the change of sovereigns in 1901, and, later, the accession of King George. In these and other things the Diocesan Guild was called upon to express their rather venemant and not altogether articulate feelings through the bells. In addition to that they had passed through the war, when there were occasions for muffled peals, and there were other occasions when they were called upon to express national feeling through the bells. He did not suppose there had been in the history of England any period of fifty years more full of strange, startling and unexpected events than the fifty years since 1881, and in many of these the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild would have been called upon to play their part in their particular sphere. It was a very great pleasure to see such a large number assembled in that hall; it was one of the largest parties ever entertained there in the long history of the building (applause). He was glad, as a member of Christ Church, to welcome them to that hall and to see present such a large number of people engaged in their particular work. He hoped in the future things would go on as well as they had done in the past, and that their work would become increasingly important and effective, because he did not think the future of the country was likely to be deficient either in surprising or interesting events which would require to be marked by ringing in the towers throughout the country, and he was sure that in the three counties, which went to make up the diocese of Oxford, they would be prepared to express the feelings of the nation in their usual way (applause).

The Master, who was received with applause, replied to the toast. It was, indeed, he said, a proud position which he was, unworthily, occupying that day. He was filled with the thoughts of the great work of those who had gone before, and especially of their first great Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (applause), to whom he owed more than he could ever really say. He believed it was wrong for one man or one woman who succeeded another to think that they must do exactly as their predecessor did, especially if they found they had not the gifts to do those things as well as those who went before them. Therefore he had endeavoured to offer to that Guild and diocese just those gifts which he felt he had, and which he wanted to use in some right way. He was not a great conductor—he did not pretend to be, and he never wished to be—but there were those in that Guild who were conductors, and they were by no means entirely among the oldest of their members. He was glad to see that there were young conductors really coming on (applause). Continuing, the Master said he wanted to pay a great tribute to one who was with them that day, and that was their old friend Canon Coleridge (applause). They would find his name recorded in the peal book, which was in the centre of the hall, in the first peal that was rung by the Guild. There he was described as G. F. Coleridge, Esquire, of Keble College, and they were very delighted to have him with them that day. That gathering, concluded the Master, would go down not only in the records of their Guild, but also in the records of that house—he understood he must not call it college—as one of the greatest entertainments in that famous hall (applause).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S PART.

Canon Coleridge submitted the toast of 'The Visitors.' He saw round him, he said, many whom they were delighted to welcome, among them their old and revered friend, Alderman Pritchett, from Birmingham, the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the first ringers' Guild that was ever started, the Devon Guild of Ringers (applause), and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and others. Theirs was the sixth Guild in the South of England to celebrate their jubilee. The Devon Guild was the first. It was established in 1874, and he was one of the first members of it. The Gloucester and Bristol came next, and celebrated its jubilee two years after the Devon Guild. Then came the Winchester Guild and the Essex Association; next year the Salisbury Guild would celebrate its jubilee, and he wanted those present to notice something about some of them. The Devon Guild was started by a Cambridge man, Colonel Troyte (applause). He was greatly assisted by his two brothers, who were Oxford men (hear, hear), the Rev. Reginald Troyte and Capt. John Troyte, both of whom were undergraduates at Oxford. Both these were also members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers (hear, hear). The Gloucester and Bristol Association was started by George Henry Phillott, a graduate of the house, who left Oxford to become an articled clerk to an architect at Cheltenham. There he soon made the acquaintance of Charles Douglas Percy Davies, who later was for many years secretary of the Central Council. He was a Pembroke man, and these two founded the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (applause)—another feather in the cap of the Oxford University Society. The next of the associations to keep its jubilee was the Essex Association, founded by an old Essex boy, who lived with his father in the Vicarage of Retford. He was at Whaddon when he (the speaker) was at Keble. Afterwards he obtained a curacy in Essex, and started the Essex Association. One of those who took part in the founding of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was Arthur De Boulay Hill, then a master at Winchester. He was a leading spirit, and he (the speaker) believed, although he could not be sure on the point, W. H. Poole, a master at Charterhouse, had also a

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good deal to do with the starting of the Guild. Both these men were members of the old University Society (applause). Going on to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which would keep its jubilee next year, one of the leading spirits at its founding was again Arthur De Boulay Hill. All those he had mentioned were members of the Oxford University Society, which was founded on February 2nd, 1872 and he claimed that if the University Society had never done anything else, or had never rung a peal, it proved its worth by sending out such men who had founded these great associations and guilds. Coming to the names which he had to couple with the toast, Canon Coleridge said if the present Mayor had been Mayor of Oxford in the late seventies, he (the speaker) might have had the felicity of ringing in his honour on November 9th. In those days there were certain old town ringers who did not like to lose a day's work, and who used to be glad to get members of the University Society to ring at St. Mary's for them, so that they might draw the pay both for their day's work and for ringing for the Mayor. All he could say was that he was only too pleased to do it, and although Dr. Stobie was not thus honoured, he hoped they might honour him directly after lunch by ringing a touch with six or eight clerical ringers at one of the city churches (applause). They had with them, also, that day, Mr. Lewis, who was president of the Central Council. The Council had been going on for over 40 years, and it had had four presidents, Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. Boughey, Dean of Trinity—

The Master (with emphasis): Cambridge (laughter and applause). Canon Coleridge: Yes, Cambridge. I was president for nine years, and actually took the chair on ten occasions, once in the absence of Mr. Boughey, and now we have Mr. Lewis. No representative body of men in England could possibly be more worthily presided over than by Mr. Lewis. He is a great engineer. Anything he has to say about architecture in its relation to church bells is listened to with profound attention and respect by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (hear, hear). As a result we have come to a great understanding between the two bodies in regard to towers and the way to hang bells, and we hope it will long continue (hear, hear). Mr. Lewis, as president of the Central Council, and Mr. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' have been very much to the fore in connection with the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary, which is to be celebrated on September 26th at the Church of St. Benet, Cambridge. Your Master is also a member of the committee. I do not know whether I am giving away any secret, but I should like to do so, to show that Cambridge is still indebted to Oxford (laughter). Only yesterday, I received a telephone message from the committee asking me to preach on that historical occasion at Cambridge (loud applause). I not only take that as a great honour to myself, but I take it as a still greater honour to the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (applause).

The Mayor of Oxford (who is a member of the medical profession) said he was in an unusual position that day. Generally, in the practice of his profession, he was succeeded by the parson; that day he found the parson had got in front of him (laughter). He also felt in a rather unusual position in having to try to keep the peace between the two rival universities (laughter), and he could only say he was grateful that he belonged to another, the University of Edinburgh, which was famous as a medical school (hear, hear). He knew nothing about bellringing, he added, and he hesitated whether to stay in Oxford that afternoon or whether to leave it (laughter). On the whole, he thought he would take the safe line and, like the Sassenach who got out of the sound of the bagpipes, go away into the country and read what was said about the bells in the morrow's papers (laughter). As a medical man, he was interested to read in their programme that the first peal they rang in 1881 was something to do with Grandsire triplets (laughter). His only connection with ringing was through his wife, whose cousin was Rector of Martley, Worcestershire, the Rev. James Hastings, who, he believed, was a very well-known ringer (applause).

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FIRST MASTER.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said as president of the Central Council, which represented the 46,000 ringers of England, he offered congratulations to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which was, he believed, the largest of all the Guilds. It was certainly one in the very forefront in ringing, particularly in service ringing and in the way in which the proper objects of the Guild were maintained (applause). That had been largely due to the two Masters that they had had—one was an Oxford man, and the other a Cambridge man, so that there the honours were divided (laughter and applause). The favourite method of their first Master was Stedman. Stedman, who was looked upon as the father of change ringing, was born in Cambridge, though he was not, so far as they knew, a member of the University. It was his (the speaker's) privilege to know the late Master of the Oxford Guild, and to arrange several ringing weeks for him. He found he had had the privilege of ringing fifteen peals with him, all of them, of course, Stedman Triples, Thurstans' four-part. These fifteen successful peals involved a few unsuccessful attempts, and in connection with these were some interesting incidents. In one such attempt there were among the band two Masters of the Oxford Guild and two presidents of the Central Council. They were ringing at the time in a

tower where the belfry was somewhat like that at Merton College, Oxford, only more so (laughter), and during the progress of the ringing there was a loud thump on the frame overhead, and all the ringers except the ringer of the bell concerned and the conductor realised that the second clapper had come out. They continued to ring and they proceeded through three courses, while one Master of the Oxford Guild was trying to explain to the other Master that it was not much good going on, and, at the same time, while the two presidents of the Central Council were doing a long dodge behind for a 3.4.5.6, there were strange and wild gesticulations on the part of one president, who wanted the other to dodge with him, while the other did not see the point of working to put a bell with a clapper round one which had not got a clapper (laughter). Eventually the conductor realised what had happened, and they set up. They met again some weeks later and rang the peal (applause). He did not know whether he need say more about the Stedman commemoration, but, speaking for the Cambridge University Guild and for Cambridge University, he hoped they would see at least as many present on September 26th as they had there that day. They hoped to give them a hearty welcome to Cambridge on that occasion. There were not so many bells in Cambridge as there were in Oxford, for none of the colleges had bells, but there were many interesting things to see, although people in Oxford did not realise it (laughter).

Sir Charles Dashwood proposed 'The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, the organist and steward,' all of whom he cordially thanked for their respective services in connection with the jubilee celebration.

Bishop Shaw replied and said he was very glad to hear Canon Coleridge's references to the University Society, which at present was doing excellent work under Mr. Miles and Mr. Bennett. He did not disguise the fact that bells did not appeal to everybody, and that there were times when those who desired to study found them, to say the least, disturbing, but he did believe there were many people in that city who really appreciated and valued bellringing when it did not interfere with serious study or commercial activity. He hoped the University Guild would continue to have a worthy place as one of their affiliated associations, and that they would always have among the undergraduates sufficient who were interested in the art to maintain a strong band, and who would eventually go out and take as useful a part in promoting ringing as those who had been referred to by Canon Coleridge (applause).

After luncheon, the visitors dispersed to the many churches in Oxford, where ringing was enjoyed for some hours. Two interesting bands were made up in All Saints' Church, where six clerical members rang 120 Grandsire Doubles, and seven ladies, with a tenorman, rang a particularly well-struck touch of Stedman Triples.

AN ESCAPE OF 61 YEARS AGO.

HOW A GREAT RINGER CAME INTO THE EXERCISE.

It seems to me but yesterday
Since we were boys together.

Among the 'original' members of the Oxford Guild who were present at the jubilee was Mr. John Jagger, who had his first lesson in ringing on May 6th, 1867, at St. Thomas' Church, his tutor being his father, Mr. Charles Jagger, Master Cooper and Freeman of the City of Oxford, who was a ringer and chorister.

It is extremely interesting to learn that a boyish escapade, that took place exactly 61 years ago last Saturday, was the first step that led to the introduction into ringing of one of the greatest ringers who ever lived. On July 25th, 1870, John Jagger, then a lad of 9½ years, conspired with another boy, Jim Washbrook, aged six, to climb up into St. Thomas' tower, and get into the belfry. There, on the spot, Jim Washbrook received his first lesson in pulling a bell from Jack Jagger, and history records what these two boys afterwards did in their respective spheres in ringing.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a well-attended meeting of the Western Division was held at Flamstead. Ringers attended from Apsley, Dunstable, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Tring, King's Langley, Luton, Totternhoe, St. Albans, Harpenden, and the local company. Ringing on the fine peal of six ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Clare, held a short service, and gave an impressive address. After service, an adjournment was made to the village for tea. Afterwards, with the Vicar in the chair, the meeting was held in the Vicarage. A good deal of discussion took place upon inaccuracies which appeared in the association's 'Annual Report,' and the matter was referred to the general secretary.

Apsley was chosen as the next place of meeting the first Saturday in September. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and all he had done to make the meeting a success.

GREAT TOTTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: F. W. Shynn 1, W. G. Gridley 2, A. Appleton 3, H. Stebbings 4, H. S. Barker 5, E. J. Shynn (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Also rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.**THIRTY BELLS AND EIGHTY RINGERS.**

The annual festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Launceston on Saturday, July 25th, and was splendidly attended, about eighty ringers being present from Launceston, Landulph, Lezant, South Petherwin, Truro Cathedral, St. Gluvias, Gulval, St. Agnes, Werrington, Plymouth, and Launceston. The bells in the three towers were available, viz., at St. Mary Magdalene's (eight), St. Stephen's (eight), and St. Thomas' (six). Werrington (eight), two miles' distant, was also available, and during the afternoon and evening all were made full use of.

The service was held at St. Mary Magdalene's, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. A. Rivers-Tippett), and another practical address was given by the diocesan secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella. The church was beautifully decorated, it being within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and was provided out of the Guild funds.

The business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the president (Dr. J. Symons). As there was entirely no life in the Bodmin District, it was decided to add the five towers in that area to the Truro District, by which means it is hoped to revive interest, and, in time, set it aside once more as a separate district.

A little dissatisfaction had arisen in the Launceston Branch as no branch meetings had been held lately, but matters were settled very amicably, the Rev. Moyses, Vicar of Werrington, being elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. J. Edmunds secretary.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the Vicar of Launceston, in replying, said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild.

When the writer left at 8.25 p.m., the two rings of eight and the six at St. Thomas' were still going in full swing. A. S. R.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. A. C. R. FREEBORN.**FIRST RESIDENT VICAR OF KIDLINGTON SINCE 1545.**

On Friday afternoon, July 24th, the Bishop of Oxford unveiled a tablet to the memory of the late Vicar, Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn (1887-1925). The Bishop was accompanied by the Revs. Lloyd-Jones (Vicar of Kidlington), W. M. Aste (Rector of Hampton Poyle), A. M. Littichale (formerly curate), and C. W. O. Jenkyn, representing the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

In the course of his address, the Bishop said, 'I can remember when there was a long distance between the last house in the parish and Oxford, but now it is being gradually drawn into the city. All this means constant adaptation, constant effort to meet new conditions and build up a new life corresponding to the changes that have come about. Your late Vicar had a great deal to do with these changes. I am quite sure that he was adapting himself and his work to the changes that were gradually growing up around him. It is, therefore, with a very great sense of gratitude for what he has done that we should come here and dedicate a monument to this man.'

In spite of the hour (3.30 p.m.) the church was full, parishioners, friends and relations coming to do honour to their late Vicar.

As the late Mr. Freeborn was for many years chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, half-muffled touches were rung before and after the dedication service, in which the following members of the Guild took part: Before service (300 Grandsire Triples): A. Ivins 1, J. Monk (late branch secretary) 2, R. Coombes 3, V. Webb 4, E. Bennett 5, W. Bennett 6, C. Bennett 7, S. Franklin 8. After service (168 Grandsire Triples): W. Fretts (branch secretary) 1, J. Monk 2, R. Coombes 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master) 4, E. Bennett 5, V. Webb 6, C. Bennett 7, A. Ivins 8.

The tablet, which is of Caen stone, was designed by Mr. R. F. Dodd, and erected by Messrs. Knowles and Sons, of Oxford. It bears the following inscription: 'Albert Corsellis Richard Freeborn, M.A., Priest. Born 13th April, 1860. Died 10th July, 1930. Curate-in-charge of this parish, September, 1886. Vicar, April, 1887, to November, 1925. First resident Vicar since 1545. This tablet was placed here by past and present parishioners of Kidlington and Water Eaton and other friends.'

WREXHAM BELLRINGER DEAD.

The many friends of Mr. Samuel Meadows will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at Wrexham War Memorial Hospital on Saturday, July 18th, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Ellesmere, Salop, on July 21st, and touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung by the Wrexham band in the evening on the Wrexham bells, which were half-muffled.

The late Mr. Meadows was 67 years of age, and was a member of the Wrexham band for about thirty years, and had rung at many churches throughout the country.

At Ellesmere, Shropshire, on Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. S. Meadows, 360 Stedman Doubles, with 7.5.8 covering: R. Riggs 1, A. Allen 2, T. R. Butler (conductor) 3, A. Haynes 4, W. S. Higginson 5, J. Lloyd 6, W. Higginson 7, J. Beddows 8. Also 360 Stedman Doubles for evening service, with 4.5.8 covering, and T. Butler, sen., taking part.

A JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Rammore Common on Saturday, July 25th, and a very enjoyable time was spent by those who were present. The attendance was somewhat smaller than expected, but rainy weather, no doubt, accounted for this, as a two-mile walk uphill from the railway station is not very inviting in the pouring rain. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. with rounds and Grandsire for the beginners, and various methods were practised during the afternoon. Twenty-one ringers and friends sat down to tea, including Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Guild) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. general secretary of the Surrey Association), and also Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, who had motor-cycled over in spite of the rain. The tower was again visited after tea, and the number was strengthened by the arrival of the Master and secretary of the Leatherhead District, who had unavoidably been delayed. Ringing continued throughout the evening until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

The methods practised ranged from rounds and Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major. A course of Bob Triples was rung by special request of the Admiral, who thought he might catch the experts napping with this simple method, but it came round in good style. The striking throughout the meeting was very good, and the only thing wrong was the weather. D. C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BOLTON BRANCH'S 'ROUND-UP' MEETING.**

On Saturday last, what might be described as the Bolton Branch's 'round-up' meeting was held at St. Paul's, Walkden. Shortly after 3 p.m., the bells (a grand new peal by Taylor) were set going, and were kept going with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major until 9.30 p.m. There was a crowded belfry, and one had difficulty in registering the towers represented. Many members got touches in some new method to them, and the striking was good throughout the day.

At the business meeting the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Bailey, M.A.) welcomed the ringers to his church in very encouraging words, and extended a hearty invitation to come again either for meetings or to ring peals. He said he felt proud that the 'silent' peal of Stedman had been rung at his church, and promised to take steps to provide a permanent record by having a tablet fixed in the tower.

For the association's annual meeting, the following nominations were put forward, viz.: Vice-president, Mr. Peter Crook; ringing secretary, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson; auditors, Mr. S. Greenhalgh and Mr. A. Barnes. For the branch, Mr. T. B. Worsley was appointed to serve on the general committee for the next two years, and Mr. Peter Crook was again elected as secretary.

Congratulations were extended to the band who rang the 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples in Walkden tower.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his hearty welcome; also to the ringers for their preparations.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Dibley on Saturday, July 18th. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the bells. Service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. T. Tritton, who also gave a short address, after which tea and the business meeting took place in the Old School. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. Geo. Williams (vice-president), Commander Hamilton and Mr. Geo. Pullinger.

Commander Hamilton and Mrs. Geo. Pullinger were elected as hon. members. Five ringers were elected members, two from Bishopstoke, two from Dibley and one from North Stencham.

The towers represented were Dibley, Bishopstoke, St. Mary's Southampton, Lynton, King's Somborne, and North Stencham. It was decided to hold a combined practice at Southampton in the evening of Tuesday, August 18th.

The next meeting of the district will be held, if possible, at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

AMBLESIDE.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on July 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: W. Robinson 1, J. Sewell 2, W. Nevinson 3, H. Hardy 4, T. F. Hewertson 5, A. Pyc (Essex) 6, T. B. Newton (conductor) 7, W. Fisher 8.

PORTMADOC, NORTH WALES.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: D. Wozencroft (first quarter-peal) 1, P. Roberts 2, R. McMillan 3, J. Owen (conductor) 4, G. Humphreys 5, E. Wakefield 6, H. Roberts 7, G. C. Williams 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on May 10th, for evening service, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, T. Hunt 6, J. W. Ward 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Ward, of Melbourn, Cambs.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Other towers available during the afternoon: Netheravon 2.30, Fittleton 3, Enford 3.45 (all 6 bell towers). Assemble at Upavon for Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal cost to all who let Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, know by post. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Usk on Saturday, August 1st. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The re-opening of Coggeshall Church bells will take place on Sunday, August 2nd. Service at 3 o'clock (Bishop of Colchester).—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Monday, August 3rd. The bells (10) will be available for short touches all day, also at Barsham (5) two miles away. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Hall (near church) at 4.30 p.m. (1s. each) followed by meeting.—R. J. Goate, Dis. Sec., Smallgate, Beccles.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Wortley (8 bells) on Bank Holiday Monday, August 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. W. Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. Bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available during the day. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Dujon's Café at 4 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The quarterly meeting arranged for August 8th at Froxfield has been cancelled, as the bells there are not in a fit state to be rung. The next meeting is fixed for October 24th, at Blackmoor.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 6th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th and 25th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, August 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. *Do please advise me.* All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

CAMBRIDGE.—Our Lady & English Martyrs (R.C.).—Ringing: Sunday morning 9.45; evening by arrangement. Practice: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.—Visiting ringers apply R. Lathbury, Castle St., Cambridge.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Kindly notify me all requiring tea not later than August 5th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes, before Wednesday, August 5th. A good attendance is requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea (1s. per head) for those who apply to Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Thursday, August 6th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this grand lot. Tea can be arranged for later.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in room near to church at 4.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Downham Market on Wednesday, August 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police have again placed their athletic ground in Bromwich Street, Bolton, at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, August 15th. A bowling match will be arranged during the afternoon—Police v. Ringers. Social in the evening. Usual arrangements as to food. Names please by August 12th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells at liberty 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. A service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 12th. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Whitty 1, S. Clark 2, John Brown 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Morris 5, J. Cavill 6, H. Smale 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) by the same band. Arranged for J. Brown, who hails from Liverpool.

HARLOW COMMON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, on July 26th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,248 changes): F. Whitty 1, S. Clark 2, John Brown 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Morris 5, J. Cavill 6, H. Smale 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) by the same band. Arranged for J. Brown, who hails from Liverpool.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, July 26th, for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), at St. Mary's, in 40 mins.: J. J. Lamb 1, E. C. Patten (first quarter) 2, H. Hovard 3, F. Coley 4, B. W. Aldridge 5, J. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Culver 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a 720 Bob Minor: S. Durrant 1, D. Butler (first 720 on 'inside' bell) 2, C. J. Henley 3, G. Bruce 4, F. Tompkins 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, M. Ginn 2, F. Ginn 3, R. Thoday 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, C. Robinson 6.

SALFORD.—On Sunday, July 26th, at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Hollingworth 1, T. Jones 2, W. Robinson 3, W. Pye 4, G. Pye 5, F. Stoneley 6, W. Moss 7, F. Page (conductor) 8. Rung for the afternoon service in commemoration of Humphrey Booth, founder and endower of the above church.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, on July 26th, for divine service, to celebrate St. James' Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Chaplin 1, W. H. Poole 2, H. W. Burden 3, J. Hunt 4, T. Hancock 5, J. Roy 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Priddle 8. Longest length on eight by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, 720 changes (240 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Meekins 1, J. Higgins 2, J. May 3, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 4, E. Hillyer 5.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on July 19th, on the occasion of the choir sermons, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Gaves 1, A. Challiner 2, F. L. Ronan (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. V. Rees 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Tipper 6, J. Worth (conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8.

LONDON.—At St. Magnus', Thames Street, E.C., on Sunday, July 12th, for evensong, 1,440 Spliced Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge Surprise Royal: E. J. Butler 1, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher 2, G. R. Pye 3, A. W. Coles 4, C. T. Coles 5, J. H. Crampion 6, J. G. Nash 7, G. W. Fletcher 8, J. Bennett 9, W. Pye (conductor) 10. First Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Butler 1, N. Curtis 2, J. A. Hill, Bishopstoke (first quarter-peal), 3, A. Newman 4, F. Pitman 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, J. Faithfull 7, J. Elliott 8.

HENSINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Durham 1, J. E. Brown 2, A. Eilbeck 3, W. Norman 4, E. Scambler (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. Forsyth 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by ringers of 1, 2, 5, and 6. Ringers of 3 and 4 hail from Egremont.

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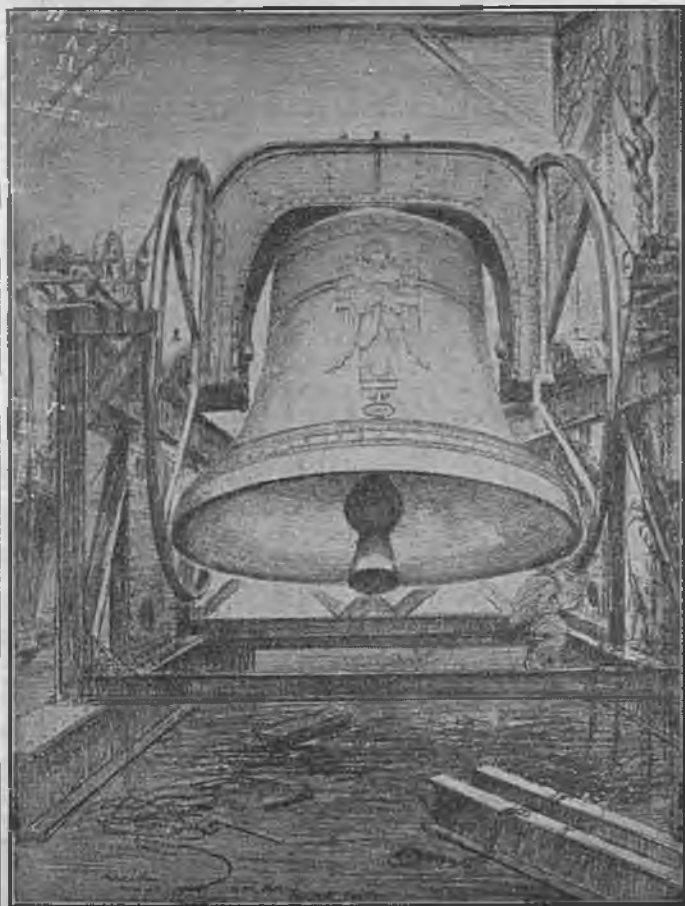
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A PEAL OF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

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GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
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FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition in 23 courses, which contains the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6 with the tenors apart for 16 changes only, is the first to be rung in Norfolk with two bobs in a lead.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. ADELEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 400th peal. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were elected members of the Kent County Association previous to starting the peal.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 2	T. COLIN RYDER 6
ALBERT NASH 3	PERCY GLADSTONE 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 22). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Souls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. ASPINALL'S SIX-PART.

C. PIKE Treble	H. PENNINGTON 5
R. HOLDEN 2	H. JOHNSON 6
JACK KAY 3	J. E. MARKLAND 7
A. HEYWOOD 4	N. CRITCHLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. E. MARKLAND.
* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the above church.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES 5
* FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
* DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
CYRIL TANSALL 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

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RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD NELMES Treble	JOHN CLARK 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
GEORGE WILKS 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
WILLIAM BISHOP 4	HOWARD MEEK Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. E. T. Allaway, of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and a native of Ruardean. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Harper, an esteemed member of the local ringers. Mr. W. Bishop has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	*ARTHUR J. FARR 5
*JOHN G. AMES 2	*JOHN CURRY 6
*ARTHUR REGGALL 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
*JOHN B. HALIFAX 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Ladd, who very kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CRABTREE Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	*RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7
*JOHN BOOTH 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

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

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JESSE W. HARRISON Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
Cecil C. MAYNE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
*ROLAND BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, July 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of six methods, viz., two 720's of Kent, one each of Oxford, Canterbury, Oxford Single Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

JOE WALLIS, SEN. Treble	BERNARD H. WELLS 4
JOE WALLIS, JUN. 2	HARRY K. HOOPER 5
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3	HUGH R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Powell, the oldest resident in this village, who attained the age of 90 years on this day. Also a 21st birthday peal for the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal 'inside' in any method. Also a birthday peal for the niece of the conductor.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 gr.

*ARTHUR J. SMITH Treble	ALBERT FLEET 4
ALFRED KING 2	HORACE H. SMITH 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NORMANBY, NEAR SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, July 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. B. GILLATT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	FRANK LORD 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 9-10	

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witnesses: MRS. C. MCGUINNESS and MR. B. GILLATT.

First peal of Caters 'in hand' by all.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 31, 1931, in Two Hours and One Minute,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4
JACK BRAY 5-6	

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witness: MRS. C. MCGUINNESS.

First of Minor 'in hand' by all, who have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus 'in hand'.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Exeter District was held on Saturday, June 6th, when visits were paid to Stoke Canon, Rewe and Brampford Speke, where use of the church bells was kindly granted by the respective incumbents, who personally welcomed the visitors. Service was conducted in Stoke Canon church by the Rev. S. Heal (Vicar), who, in an address, said he regarded ringing as a test of character and as requiring team work above everything else.

Tea followed in the Jubilee Hall, 48 members being present. At a business meeting, with Mr. A. W. Searle in the chair, a statement was made on the subject of propaganda and instruction, and it was resolved that application be made to the Guild for a grant for specific purposes.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Christow and district on the first Saturday in October.

The Rev. E. V. Cox expressed appreciation of the district's welcome on his becoming associated with the area, and thanks to the Rev. S. Heal and other incumbents, and to the ladies for arranging and serving tea, concluded the meeting.

The Rev. S. Heal threw open the Vicarage grounds to the visitors.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Paignton Parish Church, on Monday evening, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), by numerous authors, was rung in 50 mins. by: W. H. Lewis 1, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 2, H. G. Lewis 3, T. Collings 4, A. L. Pope 5, C. F. Austin 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells by Mr. W. H. Lewis, and rung for the wedding of Commander R. S. J. Nicholson, commander of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and Miss Cecily Georgina Drake, daughter of the Rev. Prob. and Mrs. H. Mackworth Drake, of the Vicarage, Paignton, which took place at the College Church, Dartmouth, earlier in the day. Ringing also took place at the time of the ceremony.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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IX. THE ANCIENT SOCIETY.

Meanwhile the old Society still continued. Though deserted by the more active members and diminished in numbers, it held its meetings and conducted its business with great dignity and decorum. But experience shows that no company can exist indefinitely unless it either rings peals or teaches new members. The peal ringers were gone, and societies like the College Youths did not teach; they got their recruits ready made from lesser bands. And now there was nothing much to attract such. As the old members died off there were none to take their places, and it might easily have happened that the Society got weaker and weaker till at last it faded away unnoticed and unrecorded. This has happened to many a company, both in London and elsewhere. The Society of Norwich Scholars was once the foremost in the country, the equal of either Cumberlands or College Youths. Within the last three or four years, after a history which stretches almost across the whole story of the Exercise, it has disappeared without so much as a ripple on the surface of ringing. The old Society of College Youths was saved from a like fate by its outside members.

Once in 1771 it looked as if there was to be a revival of peal ringing at headquarters. With the help of some ringers from other societies a peal of Real Double Bob Maximus was rung at St. Martin's, but it stands quite alone. Charles Purser came over from the Cumberlands and the Sylvesters from the junior company; probably they joined the Society for the peal, but they soon left it again. As this peal was the first one of Real Double Bob Maximus ever rung, and as there is no record of it on any peal board or in any peal book I give the details.

Ancient Society of College Youths. On March 4th, 1771, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in 4 hrs. 16 minutes, a peal of Double Bob Maximus (5,280 changes) with as many bobs before as behind. John Sylvester 1, Saml. Adams 2, Geo. Byers 3, S. Hawkes 4, R. Moore 5, C. Purser 6, T. Jackson 7, R. Berridge 8, W. Jakins 9, E. Sylvester 10, R. James 11, T. Sylvester Tenor. Call'd by Mr. Byers.

This band rang no more peals and the next for the Ancient Society were by outside members.

From early times there were College Youths scattered over what is now West London and West London suburbs, but then was country villages. Twickenham was one of the earliest centres of ringing in the country. As early as 1733 a peal of Middlesex Triples was rung there, a variation of Bob Triples composed by Annable. The band called themselves the Twickenham Scholars and during the eighteenth century they scored several peals at Isleworth and Ealing and over the river at Richmond and Mortlake. Many of them were College Youths; a Twickenham man rang in Annable's last peal, another was among the subscribers to Holt's broadsheet, and the Society's book contains the names of several others. (Note 13.) All their later peals were rung for the College Youths. (Note 14.)

Closer in, but still out in the country, there were College Youths at Fulham and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington. These men were simply College Youths; the trouble and split at headquarters were nothing to them, and they still remained with the old Society. One of them was a man named James Worster, a keen and ambitious ringer who lived at Chelsea. He and his band rang 6,000 Bob Major at Mortlake in 1775, and they fol-

lowed it up next year with three peals in the same method, one a 10,640. John Cole, who rang the sixth to that peal, belonged to a family whose names appear frequently on peal boards in the district.

With these performances the old Society was once more making history, but in themselves they had little permanent effect. Worster found the place too strait for him and went over to the junior company. He rang in many of their peals and called some.

It was another and a much more notable man who put the Ancient Society once more among the leading peal ringing companies. William Jones is probably quite unknown to the great majority of ringers to-day. Even to those who are well acquainted with the history of ringing he is little more than a name. Yet the chief author of the 'Clavis' has earned an honourable place on the roll of leading ringers, and in his own generation he was a very influential person indeed.

Like all these old ringers, the materials for an account of him and his doings are of the barest description. There is, I think, only one actual sentence of narrative which refers to him, and that in manuscript. But his name is frequent in peal books and name books, and his influence is clearly discernible in the events of the time. He was a man rather better to do than the rest; of no more than average ability as a ringer and composer; he had considerable literary gifts and a distinct capacity for leadership. He was one of those men who, without being themselves brilliant, have the gift of attracting brilliant men and getting the best out of them.

A remarkable proof still exists of the outstanding position he held among his contemporaries. In 1787, when he was at the height of his career and just before he published the 'Clavis,' the 'ancient' Society of College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. John's, Horsleydown. As this was the first peal of Stedman Caters and, except for the Norwich peals, the first on any number in the method, it was a notable performance, and a board was put up to record it. Jones did not ring in the peal. After describing the performance the inscription goes on:—'May this panel transmit their names to posterity with that of the ingenious Mr. W. Jones, on whose abilities his inimitable commentaries so happily concludes with: Here the Cynic and the Panegyrist stop and join in eulogiums to such distinguished merits.'

The inflated style and the whole eulogy sound to our modern ears in rather questionable taste; but eighteenth century standards were not as ours are, and there is no doubt that this is a quite sincere tribute of admiration and esteem.

William Jones first appears as a Cumberland Youth. A man of that name joined the Society in 1754 and it may be he. But I think not. If so, as his last peal was in 1812, his active ringing career extended over nearly sixty years, which is not impossible but rather improbable. In 1767 the name again appears, and this time it is certainly our man. The other was probably a relative, possibly his father. In making investigations into old records we can easily be led astray by the similarity of names. There were many ringing families and fathers, then as now, frequently called their eldest son by their own Christian name. Thus we have two William Underwoods, both notable ringers, two Samuel Mugeridges, both notable tenor men, two George Gross', both notable conductors. Their ringing careers overlapped and sometimes it is very difficult to know which is which.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS—continued.

William Jones rang no peals with the Cumberlands in his early days. The Society's headquarters were 'The Sun' in Shoreditch. He lived in the western suburbs, at Kensington or near by, and got his ringing in the district. About 1775 John Worster formed his band and naturally Jones joined him. He rang in the 6,000 at Mortlake and the 5,264 at St. Mary Abbot's next year. This brought him in touch with the old College Youths' Society's headquarters at 'The Barn.' He was Senior Steward in 1776, and during his term of office the rules were revised. A finely printed copy of them, the only one extant, is in the British Museum. It ends with the following verse:—

'Friends and Brothers to these Rules adhere
Then Spleen and Rancour you need not fear;
These Rules observed for ever will prevent
Commotions and promote your chief Content.'

In 1776 Jones called two peals for the Society, one Grandsire Triples at Bermondsey, the other Grandsire Caters at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn.

How soon he formed the intention of writing a book on ringing we cannot, of course, know. Probably quite early; for it takes a long time, years in fact, to collect the necessary material for such a work. There was a great need for it at the time. Fabian Stedman had published his 'Tintinnalogia' and his 'Campanalogia' more than a hundred years before. The J.D. and C.M. 'Campanalogia,' largely copied from Stedman, was quite a good book when issued in 1702; but the advance in ringing during the eighteenth century was so rapid that it quickly was out of date. It was reprinted four times in 1705, 1733, 1753 and 1766. The last edition—Monk's—was about as much use to a London ringer of 1766 as a treatise on bows and arrows would be to a modern soldier. For a long time, both in London and the country, new methods and new peals had been continually rung. But information about them was hard to get. Except for Holt's peals there was nothing in print, and bands and composers were very loth to part with their figures. Perhaps because they did not want their performances beaten; perhaps because other people might find them false; or from mere conservatism or because means of communication were small.

It is remarkable how very few of the early compositions have survived. In Holt's time the Union Scholars adopted the laudable practice of putting the figures in their peal books, and the London Youths to some extent copied them. But except in rare cases these examples were not followed and much valuable and interesting information has been lost.

The writing of a new book on ringing, therefore, meant a lot of careful and patient collecting of material, and also an immense amount of new work in the way of composition.

In some respects William Jones was well qualified for the task. He knew a good deal about composing and conducting, and he was a fluent writer in the grandiloquent style of the period. But he was wise enough to know that if the book was to be a really good one, he needed the help of someone with far greater technical knowledge and bigger skill in composition than he himself possessed. He was fortunate enough to find such a one in John Reeves, a clever young ringer, and one who bade fair to become the equal or superior in composition of John Holt himself.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PROGRESS AT BARDFIELD.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, July 25th, and although the weather conditions were very unfavourable, 32 members attended from 14 parishes. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and, later, a service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Russell), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) reading the lesson.

Arrangements had been made for tea on the Vicarage lawn, but owing to the weather it was provided in the schoolroom, the Vicar taking the chair. At the business meeting, which followed, four new ringing members were elected. It was also decided to hold a meeting at Foxearth on September 19th.

Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for his excellent and encouraging address; he also thanked the organist, the churchwarden (Mr. Smith), and the ladies who had assisted at the tea. He complimented the Bardfield ringers on the progress they had made. When the peal was augmented to eight, he said, the ringers also advanced, and to-day there was a very good local band there. Some of the older ringers were making way for the benefit of the younger men, which was the proper spirit. Mr. Jennings had interested himself in calling, and he had recently conducted a peal of Double Norwich Major, which was a credit to him (hear, hear).

The Vicar, in reply, thanked Mr. Howard on behalf of the ringers for the compliment he had paid them.

Touches in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, were rung during the afternoon and evening, and it was a great pleasure to see four lads hardly in their teens making splendid headway in change ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Grimsby District meeting, combined with the Lincoln Ladies' Guild, was held at Bigby on Saturday, July 18th. Members attended from Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Elsham, Thornton Curtis, Grimsby, Barrow, and the local members, also ringing friends from Lincoln. Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, secretary of the Lincoln Ladies' Guild, and Mr. Richardson, also Mr. G. W. Fletcher, secretary of the Central Council, and Mrs. Fletcher, the secretary and treasurer of the Ladies' Guild. The bells were kept going during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the president and Rector of the parish, the Rev. H. T. Parry. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ.

During the service a peal board was unveiled by Mr. G. Blanchard, conductor of Bigby tower, and dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. H. J. Parry. It is a beautiful work of art on vellum, given and designed by the Rector, being his first peal, and the first peal on the bells. Mr. G. Blanchard conducted the peal.

Thirty-four members and friends sat down to a splendid tea, very kindly provided by the president and Mrs. Parry. The president presided at the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two new members were elected. A collection for the district bell fund amounted to 15s. 7d. It was decided to cancel the Thursday, July 30th, meeting at Burton-on-Stather, also the Claxby, Thursday, September 10th, meeting. It was decided through an invitation to arrange a meeting at Thornton Curtis during September. Mr. H. Rushby proposed, and Mr. G. Atkinson seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the president and Mrs. Parry for the splendid tea they had provided, also to the Rev. Parry for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and for his excellent address.

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Reeves played a large part, indeed a decisive part, in the story of the College Youths, but his ringing career was chiefly elsewhere, and an account of it will come better in another connection. He joined the Cumberland Society on February 21st, 1761, being then about twenty years old. He was elected to the usual minor offices in due course and rang in many peals. In time there came to him, as to other young and ambitious ringers, the desire to lead and to call peals. The Cumberlands had no lack either of leaders or conductors. George Gross was then at the height of his career and, besides him, there were Samuel Wood and others. Reeves had therefore to go elsewhere, and in 1774 he joined the London Youths.

This society now comes into the story, and a short sketch of them is necessary.

NOTE 13.—Between 1735 and 1752 there are twenty-five names of Twickenham men in the College Youths' name book.

NOTE 14.—Not all these peals are in the College Youths' peal book. I have come across instances of peals rung for the society and recorded on boards which were not entered at headquarters.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Burstow on Saturday, July 25th, when, despite the heavy showers, about thirty ringers put in an appearance at this little church. They came from Buckland, Charlwood, East Grinstead, Horley, Reigate, Redhill, Turner's Hill, and the local band. There was some good ringing during the day. At the service an interesting address was given by the Rector of Burstow (the Rev. A. Bradley), who afterwards kindly entertained the ringers to tea in the Institute. After ten, the business meeting was proceeded with, the Rector occupying the chair. Three new ringing members were elected from the Reigate tower, viz., Cyril Hygate, Ronald Tuffin, and George Swallow.

The next meeting is to be held at Linspsfield Chart in September. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his welcome, and address at the service, and for his hospitality in providing the tea. Thanks were also accorded to the ladies for waiting at the tables, and to Mr. John Bradley for presiding at the organ during the service.

The ringers made another visit to the tower and kept the bells going from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor till about nine o'clock.

A LAST TRIBUTE.

At Ellesmere, Salop, on Sunday, July 26th, the bell's of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled for the morning service as a last tribute of respect to the late veteran ringer, Mr. Samuel Meadows, of Wrexham, who died suddenly at the age of 67 years on Saturday, July 18th, and was interred by his own request at Ellesmere Cemetery. 360 of Stedman Doubles were rung by the following: A. Biggs 1, A. Allen 2, T. R. Butler (conductor) 3, A. Haynes 4, W. S. Higginson 5, J. Lloyd 6, W. Higginson 7 and J. Beddows 8. Up to about thirty years ago deceased was a prominent member of the Ellesmere band of ringers, and almost until his death took an active part in the ringing of St. Giles' Parish Church, Wrexham, where he will be greatly missed. He will also be missed by the fraternity of ringers throughout the whole country, by whom he was well known and esteemed.

LADIES' FIRST 720.

At All Saints' Church, Hartford, Hunts, on Tuesday, July 28th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss J. Shepherd 1, C. Pannell 2, E. Pannell 3, Miss H. Hibberd 4, J. Smart (conductor) 5, R. Hibberd 6. This was the first 720 rung by the Misses Shepherd and Hibberd, and the first 720 away from the treble by C. Pannell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the association at Consett and Blackhill, on Saturday, July 25th, was well attended and successful in every way. After about an hour's ringing on the fine peal of Christ Church, Consett, one of the ropes broke, and another showed signs of following suit, so the party made tracks for St. Aidan's, Blackhill, where the light peal of eight was kept going until teatime, when a further move was made to the Parish Room, where a sumptuous meal had been prepared.

Thanks were then accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. F. Macfeggan, the local secretary, for the excellent arrangements he had made.

An invitation had been received to try the six bells of the Blackhill Roman Catholic Church, and most of the party accepted it, but, with a tenor of 22 cwt. and the bells very hard going, the striking was far from perfect. The belfry contains a board and several cards recording 720's rung in different methods. These are all called 'peals.' Afterwards, there was further ringing at St. Aidan's.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Leeds and District Society's annual visit to Calverley took place on July 25th. Except for a break for tea and the business meeting, ringing was continuous from 3.30 until 9 p.m. The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. Hey (vice-president) being in the chair. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Rothwell, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Burley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Idle and the local company. The following resolution was passed: 'That all members are asked to observe the fixed meeting dates and not fix other ringing on these dates.'

Mr. Jackson (St. Chad's), proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements. Mr. P. J. Johnson (St. Michael's) seconded, and Mr. C. Pratt replied on behalf of the local company. The methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: B. Prestidge 1, H. Hill 2, B. Boote 3, A. Round 4, T. A. Townsend 5, A. Prestidge, son, 6, A. Prestidge, jun., 7, H. Hubbard (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. All are members of the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Masonic peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus recorded last week was also rung under the auspices of the Kent County Association. It was arranged as a compliment to W. Bro. White, on his installation as W.M. of 'Holmesdale' Lodge, No. 874.

Roy Woodward's performance at Leiston in ringing four Surprise methods in his first four peals gave rise to the inquiry whether this had been previously done. Mr. Walter Perkins informs us that Fred Palmer, of Irthlingborough, rang, in 1930, four peals, viz., Cambridge, London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise. In this year he has rung Irchester and Superlative—all inside and at the first attempt.

There is not much that is new now left for a beginner to do, apparently, except to ring Spliced Surprise for his first peal!

EIGHT BELLS.

PEAL FOR HUSBORNE CRAWLEY CHURCH NOW COMPLETED.

Last year's patronal festival at Husborne Crawley was notable for the fact that over £100 was raised, which saw the completion of the tower restoration fund. This year the Vicar was able to state on Sunday that the two new bells wanted so badly to make a peal of eight for the church belfry had been ordered and would be delivered in a few weeks. The money to meet the expense would be forthcoming, so that no debt on the parish would be incurred. The announcement came as a great surprise and caused lively satisfaction. When the big church restoration scheme of twenty years ago was carried out and the beautiful peal of six was renovated and rehung, the frame was made for a complete peal of eight. The Vicar and his band of ringers make no secret of their delight that their cherished dream of this result will so soon be realised.

A QUICK SOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The solution of Mr. A. E. Parker's problem in to-day's 'Ringing World' is:—

1. J. J. B. Lates, 248 calls, p. 133 in 'Stedman.'
2. T. Thorstans, 250 calls, p. 128 in 'Stedman.'
3. Wm. Shipway, 362 calls, p. 124 in 'Stedman.'
4. Jos. Tehhs, 622 calls, p. 121 in 'Stedman.'

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'THE MAD HATTER.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly branch meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Devizes Branch, was held at Upavon on Saturday last. During the afternoon the towers of Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford were visited, and, as they are all six-bell towers in good condition, some good ringing practice was got through. Thanks are due to those ringers with private cars who so loyally assisted by taking the members around. The first two cars arrived back at Upavon in time for a short touch on that beautiful peal, while the remaining cars and motor-cycles completed their journey, and all assembled for the Guild service. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Watson, who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. Tea was followed by a short business meeting, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The chairman spoke with pleasure of the activities of the branch members, special mention being made of Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church), where Mr. Norman Andrews, of Trowbridge, has been teaching an entirely new band with excellent results. He also congratulated the members who had taken part in the two branch peals rung since the July meeting, at Urchfont and All Cannings. The following were elected members: The Rev. J. O. Thompson, Rural Dean of Urchfont, associate member, and Mr. N. G. Kuce, of Warminster, ringing member. The next meeting will be held at Rowde on September 5th, with ringing at Bromham in the evening, also there will be an evening practice at Heytesbury on Wednesday, August 19th, at 7 p.m. The next lecture on 'Ringing' will be given early in September. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and ringing at Upavon was continued till 8.15. The following methods were rung both afternoon and evening: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James', Southbroom, Rowde, Warminster, Upavon, Mere, Kingston Magna, Swindon, and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge. Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, took part in the ringing during the evening.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A summer meeting was held at Ely on Saturday, July 25th. This new venture was in the nature of an experiment, and proved a great success, as about 40 ringers came from as far as Croydon (or Surbiton, besides local centres. The bells of St. Mary's, Ely, are unfortunately the only ones in the town, so that Littleport and Sutton in the Isle were secured for the use of those coming from the north or south. The special ringers' service was held at 4.30 p.m., when the Bishop of Ely, who has recently become president of this association, gave an excellent address. After tea and meeting, a photograph was taken. This turned out a very fine group, copies of which can be had from Starr and Rignall, City Studio, Ely. Several young ringers took their part well in eight-bell work.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

BELL RESTORATION CONTRACT.

The Committee responsible for carrying into effect the restoration of the bells of St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, in celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary, have placed the contract with Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Their work will be confined exclusively to the bells and frame; the work in connection with the tower, which includes, as mentioned last week, a reinforced concrete beam entirely round the structure, will be entrusted to a firm of builders who specialise in work on old buildings.

The two contracts involve an expenditure of considerably over £400, so that, despite the generous response that has been made, there is still more money required to enable all the subsidiary details, such as the faculty and architect's fees, the memorial tablet, etc., to be adequately provided for.

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FABIAN STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I appreciate the humour of Mr. Pritchett's letter, but I do not admit a resemblance between the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy and anything I have ever written about Stedman. I have never attributed his books to any other person or questioned his ability to write them, though, likely enough, he got the benefit of advice and assistance from friends, as writers on technical subjects still do. I have always accepted the traditions about Stedman, but I do not know of any that constrains us to assume that his entire life was spent at Cambridge. In reality our knowledge of his later life was a blank, and when Mr. Owden Stedman communicated the 1713 will to the College Youths I considered that he had satisfactorily filled that blank, and in the thirty years that have since elapsed nothing has been established to confute him. Of course, future discovery may throw further light on this subject one way or the other, and I should not have troubled you with any communication about it had it not been that it has seemed to me that my use of the word 'civil servant' without explanation has latterly caused some misunderstanding and so raised a quite unnecessary difficulty which I wished, if possible, to remove. As what I wrote to 'The Bell News' in 1903 cannot now be readily accessible to the majority of your readers, I thought it the best course to restate the matter at length.

Mr. Trollope has answered for me Mr. Drake's question why I said Stedman was a printer. I accept the tradition and regard the Leicester account as a confirmation. It is no disparagement to Stedman so to call him. In the seventeenth century plenty of the sons of the gentry were apprenticed to trades, and I believe Stedman came of a family of respectable standing. As to publishing, I suppose him to have adopted the best means open to him at the time to get his books circulated.

Mr. Drake is in error in thinking I had copies of the will printed, except the one I sent to 'The Bell News.'

R. A. DANIELL.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Usk on Saturday, August 1st. There was a very good muster of representatives from both dioceses. The bells, a lovely ring of eight by Taylor, were set going early in the afternoon. Various methods were rung until 4.30, when service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Edward Morgan, M.A., officiating. The address was most interesting. Tea was most generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Morgan. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and various items commented on. The report of the representatives to the Central Council meeting held at Liverpool was given by the hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones. Reports of instructors and bell restorations were dealt with, and new members elected. It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire meeting at Shirenewton, and the next Glamorganshire meeting at Cowbridge. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and his wife and to the ladies for serving at the tables were passed. The bells were kept going until late in the evening.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The 44th annual festival was held at Macclesfield on July 25th. The proceedings commenced with the Guild service, held in the Parish Church of St. Michael at 3.30 p.m. The Guild sermon was preached by the Bishop of Chester, who gave a most interesting and useful address on the relation between ringers and the Church. The service was followed by tea, at which fifty were present, most of whom attended the meeting afterwards.

The chief feature of the meeting was probably the confirmation of four grants—one each of £5 and £5 5s., and two of £7 10s., to Kidsgrove Church, the Stedman Tercentenary Fund, and the churches at Market Drayton and Rosilverne respectively.

The officers for 1931-1932 were re-elected to their positions, with the exception of that of general secretary. As Mr. J. C. E. Simpson had expressed his inability to continue in that office, the Guild were fortunate in securing the services of two of its members, Rev. W. R. Ingham, of Middlewich, the new general secretary, and Mr. H. Parker, of Northwich, the report secretary. The duties of secretaryship were by this means divided and made less onerous.

On the proposition of Mr. E. W. Elwell, it was decided to hold the annual meetings in future alternately on August Bank Holiday and on the last Saturday but one before the same, in order to secure more time for the preparation of the annual report, the publication of which by Easter Monday, the date on which the Guild have recently been meeting in alternate years, is not always possible.

It was also decided, on the proposition of Mr. A. Crawley, to print and issue a broadsheet of the Guild rules to each tower in union, as this had not been done for some years, and there were therefore many members at present in ignorance of these rules.

A motion to the effect that the words 'and loyally carry out the rules and decisions thereof' be added to Rule 18, which reads: 'The Guild shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Bellingers,' was by a large majority postponed for discussion till the next annual meeting (although carried by the committee meeting), on the grounds that the rules and decisions of the Council were about to undergo extensive revision.

Other business which was transacted included (a) the passing of a resolution proposing the transference to the list of life honorary members of the names of ringing members who had been in the Guild 40 or more years, and (b) a decision that in future any member of the Guild of five or more years' standing who leaves the diocese shall without further payment become a non-resident life member of the Guild, provided he claim the privilege at the time of leaving in writing to the general secretary.

BLACKPOOL'S WELCOME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, June 28th, I happened to be spending part of my holiday in Blackpool, and, as is usual on these occasions, turned up at St. John's to ring for morning service. On arrival at the tower I found about five other South Lancashire ringers, who with myself were invited to take hold, and with the aid of the local ringers enjoyed ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples, followed by a grand touch of Double Norwich. In the evening, some of the visitors even got in a touch of Cambridge Surprise Major. After this the holiday makers were informed by that genial veteran of the Fylde district, Mr. Chas. Sharples, that he had arranged for a peal attempt at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, for the following Wednesday. The band, which included Mr. Sharples and two other Blackpool men, decided to ring Stedman. Unfortunately, the attempt came to grief through a shift just short of half-way.

I would like, on behalf of the visitors, to thank the Vicar and sexton at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, for their kindness in allowing us to use the bells. Also, we wish to thank Mr. Sharples and the Blackpool ringers, who are to be commended for the way in which they arrange their service ringing.—Yours truly,

R. L.

ESSEX RINGERS IN SURREY.

The ringers of Shenfield and South Weald had their annual outing on Saturday, June 20th, and spent a most enjoyable day in Surrey. Calling first at Croydon, the party were shown over Messrs. Gillott and Johnston's Bell Foundry, and amongst the many interesting things to be seen was the carillon of 72 bells (the largest number of bells ever cast for one tower), with a tenor of 17 tons, for the University of Chicago, the guide demonstrating the many octaves and their splendid tone. The next stop was at Merstham, where the ring of six were kept busy for a short time, before the party went on to Buckland, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar to the beautiful old church, parts of which date back to the eleventh century. On a light peal of six (tenor 6½ cwt.) some good ringing was enjoyed by all. At Leigh the visit was cut short in order not to be late for lunch at the Queen's Head Hotel, Nutfield. After this the handbells were brought into use, and much appreciated by all present. Then a delightful hour was spent with the tower bells before proceeding to Godstone for tea and an evening with the local band and some old friends. Home was reached about 11.30, all agreeing that it had been the best outing the combined towers had ever had.

THE RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO THE MENIN GATE.

A NEW PAGE WRITTEN IN THE ANNALS OF THE EXERCISE.

MEMORABLE TRIP TO BELGIUM.

'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 to the Menin Gate.' Thus wrote Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, in the one thousandth number of 'The Ringing World.'

The pilgrimage has been made and a new page has been written in the annals of ringing.

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Mr. Willson's thoughtful suggestion materialised sooner than most people imagined. With characteristic initiative he set to work to investigate the possibilities of such an undertaking; he shouldered the business of prospecting the field and arranging the details, and the result has been that during this week a party of thirty, representing the ringers of Great Britain, has made the trip to Belgium and solemnly and reverently at the Menin Gate, on the road which so many trod never to return, remembered their fallen comrades of the belfry and all the rest of that heroic host who found their journey's end in the garden of God.

The pilgrimage has been an education and an inspiration to those privileged to take part in it, and it was a pity that a number, who made last-minute applications to accompany the party, could not be included on account of lack of time and accommodation. The 'pilgrims' who made up the little company consisted of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C. (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), who acted as chaplain, Mr. Wm. Willson (Leicester), Mr. H. Barton (Ventnor, Isle of Wight), Mr. Wm. Bibby and Mr. J. E. Bibby (Frodsham, Cheshire), Mr. W. H. Biggs (Twickenham), Mr. E. W. Button (Rolvenden, Kent), Mr. J. W. Cotton (Overseale), Mr. W. H. Curson (Netherseale), Mr. W. H. Dove (Northampton), Mrs. L. East (North Collingham, Notts), Mr. R. F. Elkington (Austey, Leicestershire), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking, Surrey), Mr. G. Harden (Rolvenden, Kent), Mr. H. D. Harris (Woburn, Beds), Mr. L. W. Jacques (Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts), Mr. C. H. Jennings and Mr. P. A. Jennings (Wyke Regis, Dorset), Mr. Johnson (Austey, Leicestershire), Mr. H. W. Lidbetter (Isleworth, Middlesex), Mr. R. Overy (Haslemere, Surrey), Mr. R. Philpott (Guildford, Surrey), Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. H. J. Poole (Leicester), Mr. R. A. Post (Oxford), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rodger (Paisley, Scotland), and Mr. J. H. Wildman (Grantham). Of these, the chaplain, Messrs. Curson, Jacques, C. H. Jennings, Pulling and Rodger actually saw service on the Ypres salient. Mrs. East lost her husband on the French front, and was able to visit his grave at Arras, and Mr. Elkington was able to find the name of his brother Ernest inscribed on the Menin Gate.

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Multiplication of trains and the general confusion inseparable from August Bank Holiday traffic resulted in the failure of the 'pilgrims' to make their prearranged common rendezvous at Victoria Station on Saturday morning. Some travelled by one train, some by another; some by one boat, some by another, and it was not until they arrived at Pension Myra, Ostend, that eventually they all met. The trains were crammed, the boats packed to capacity with holiday makers, but happily the sea was on its best behaviour, and a perfect crossing was made. The second party, 'chaperoned' by the 'commanding officer,' had the handbells with them, and these were brought into play both on train and steamer, but the only thing that really remains to be recorded in this direction is the first course of 'keg-meg' on the North Sea. The ringing was never of the serious type, but, if truth be told, it was only 'put on' to divert the thoughts of certain ringers from anticipation of mal-de-mer. Dinner and the gay and brilliant promenade of Ostend were the distractions of the evening. The strange coinage was a constant source of amusement at this early stage. Having persuaded an honest Belgian to give one as many francs as possible for a Belgian note, if one made a purchase the only thing to do seemed to be to lay on the counter a handful of money and permit the shopkeeper to help himself, and it was astonishing how rapidly a handful of Belgian money melted. In trying to check up on the rate of exchange, one well-known ringer was heard to ask, 'How many of those millimetres do you get for a franc?' 'It isn't "millimetres" at all,' said his companion. 'Millimetres mean feet. What you mean is "centipedes." There's a hundred of them to a franc.'

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The thunder of the guns round Ypres must have been recalled to those who served in the Salient when they were awakened about 4 a.m. on Sunday by a violent storm which passed over the town, but it did not bring the pilgrims to breakfast any earlier. The day was more or less a free one, but advantage was taken of the morn-

ing to endeavour to ring on handbells the first peal in Belgium. Complete with umpire and witness, a band of five took their places under a spreading vine which adorns one of the dining-rooms of the Myra, and launched straight into a peal of Stedman Caters, with Harold Poole at the helm, Alf Pulling as look-out man, and three others in the crew, who carried out the orders from the bridge. There were numerous spectators at the start, who afterwards drifted away—and wisely, too—to enjoy the charms of Ostend's sea front. When they returned, probably from curiosity to know how the peal was faring, but more likely to discuss the luncheon fare, they found the ringing still in progress, and heard the only serious trip. A pretty big sea was shipped when the look-out man's warning was misunderstood by one of the crew, but the helmsman brought the boat back on to her course, and she ran into harbour safely after a voyage of 2 hrs. 56 mins., amid the plaudits of the spectators and the deep relief of 'Madame,' who was anxiously waiting to lay the tables for lunch. The first peal had been rung in Belgium—a land of bells—



THE CHAPLET DEPOSITED AT MENIN GATE.

and the first peal on ten bells on the continent of Europe. It was not the first peal on the Continent, for it is on record that four members of the College Youths rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire at Calais. But ringing history had been made, and the first of a series of 'adventures' had been safely negotiated.

In the afternoon the 'week-end' members of the party made a non-conducted visit to Zeebrugge, which will for ever be remembered for one of the most daring and glorious episodes in British history—the storming of the Mole and the blocking of the Bruges canal. To the visitors the walk along the Mole to the spot where the great epic was enacted and the visit to the war museum was full of thrilling interest, and one stood in reverence before the towering memorial on which St. George stands, with his sword transfixing the dragon, and read the names of 'Vindictive' and those other vessels whose names stand out in letters of blood on that great page in the annals of the fighting services. Never was story told more succinctly or adequately than in the brief inscription which records that the memorial was erected 'In memory of St. George's Day, 1918, when every moment had its deed and every deed its hero.'

Monday was a day of great experiences, and will long leave among the party stirring recollections. The central act of the pilgrimage was performed, a tour was made of the Ypres salient whose defence by the British Army was one of the most heroic epics of the war, and cost us a quarter of a million lives, and a visit was paid to Bruges to listen to the most famous of all the Belgian carillons. It was a day crowded with interest; for some it recalled vividly the tragedy and comedy of many personal experiences; for others it put numerous well-remembered events into a new perspective, and corrected those indefinite notions which so often arise when knowledge is not gained at first hand.

The service at the Menin Gate will remain an ineffaceable memory. The Burgomaster of the proud city of Ypres, which has arisen phoenix-like out of the ashes of the war, had given his official sanction to the ceremony, and attended in person to meet the 'pilgrims.' Traffic was diverted, so that the proceedings might not be interrupted, and when the chaplain took his place in the centre of the roadway that passes through the great gateway, noble in its massive proportions and simple design, a hush fell upon the great assembly of visitors—people of many nations—who silently took their places along the sidewalks, and, bareheaded, watched with reverent interest the ceremony which, amid all the many scenes that have been witnessed at the Menin Gate, was unique in at least one respect.

Behind the chaplain stood Messrs. Jennings and Jacques bearing the chaplet, and, forming a semi-circle round them, were the handbell band, behind whom stood the other members of the pilgrimage. A hush fell over the assembly, which must have numbered nearly, if not quite, a thousand persons.

Then the chaplain spoke, his clear voice coming distinctly to all who stood within the confines of the gate. He began with a short exhortation:—

'Mr. Burgomaster, citizens of Ypres, brothers and sisters from the British Isles,' he said. 'There have been many British people who have stood here since the Armistice and paid their respects to the memory of the illustrious dead who gave their lives in the Great War. We, to-day, represent the church bellringers of Great Britain to the number of some forty thousand. Of that number, 1,071 gave their lives in the war, and some of them have their names on the Menin Gate. We are here to-day to pay our tribute of respect in a way which brings back a memory of a great science and art, in which we, with them, engaged in the days gone by, and in which we are still engaged. We propose to ring for a short space handbells after the manner in which our church bells are rung in our home land, and at the conclusion to deposit at the Menin Gate a chaplet which is significant of that science and art and music which we love and they love with us.'

He then asked the assembly to join with him in spirit in short prayers. The first was in remembrance of those who fell in the war:—

'O Heavenly Father, we bless Thy Holy Name for the memory of our brethren who fell in the Great War; do Thou, we pray Thee, crown the gift of their matchless courage with the gift of eternal peace, and grant that we, encouraged by their example and strengthened by their fellowship, may with them be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Then, after a prayer for union and concord within the nations, came the collect so often associated with ringers' services:—

'Grant, O Lord, that all they for whose passing away from this world these bells shall sound, may enjoy mercy, light and everlasting rest in the Paradise of Thine elect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.'

The prayers concluded, the handbells spoke. A whole pull in rounds—then silence; complete and absolute, throughout the gateway, which lasted for the space which another whole pull in rounds would have encompassed. The second whole pull, and again silence; a third, and once more silence. Then the bells struck into a course of Grandsire Caters, which was beautifully rung at a stately pace, but it is safe to say that never was a course rung under more trying conditions for the ringers. Remember the place; remember the circumstances; remember the watchful interest of a thousand pairs of eyes; remember the anxiety of the ringers that nothing should mar the solemnity of the occasion, and you can imagine the strain which these five men must have felt as they discharged the duty entrusted to them. It was magnificently done, and this record would not be complete without their names: Raymond Philpott 1-2, Redvers F. Elkington 3-4, Alfred H. Pulling 5-6, Harold J. Poole 7-8, Henry D. Harris 9-10.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the chaplain, as the senior in rank of the ex-Service men present, deposited the chaplet, and, returning to the centre, brought the deeply impressive ceremony to a close by reciting the Ascription.

The chaplet occupies a conspicuous position among many hundreds which line the sides of the memorial, and was inspected with interest by a large number of visitors.

Afterwards the pilgrims were snapshotted on the ramparts by the Gate, and a large number of the public followed them apparently in the hope of hearing some further ringing, which, to them, was an entirely novel thing.

The massive splendour of the Menin Gate, and the noble dignity of its proportions, have to be seen to be realised. It contains the names, cut in the stone, of nearly sixty thousand British officers and men, 'who fell in the Ypres Salient, but to whom the fortune of war denied the known and honoured burial given to their comrades in death,' and over the entrance at either end, surmounted by the British lion, is inscribed: 'To the armies of the British Empire who stood here from 1914 to 1918, and to those of their dead who have no known grave.' As one stands and looks for the first time on this great memorial and scans these dedicatory words, involuntarily there comes a catch in the throat when one reads that last sentence. They passed out of sight, British soldiers, 'known to God,' but a proud and grateful nation has seen to it that their names shall be for ever remembered.

En route to Ypres, a diversion was made to inspect the monster gun, now derelict, known as 'Long Max,' which, during the war, from the seclusion of a great wood, shelled Dunkirk, 28 miles distant. This enormous engine of destruction was made by Krupp before the war, and is said to have been one of fifteen prepared for the bombardment of Dover from the French coast. Along the road towards Ypres was Houthulst Forest, of evil memory. This has now given place very largely to fair farm lands, but there still remains a portion where, above the new undergrowth, blackened and perished tree stumps are still a reminder of the war. It was a curious coincidence that at the very time the 'pilgrims' were passing this spot, clearing operations were in progress, and several explosions, sending up great showers of earth and tree roots, were witnessed.

Poelcapelle, with the Guynemer monument to that famous French air 'ace' who finally crashed at this spot, and the striking Canadian memorial in the St. Julien cemetery, where rest the two thousand men of the Dominion who lost their lives in the first gas attack launched by the Germans, were the next main points of interest. Then Hill 60, where, from the summit with a panorama laid out on both sides of the ridge, the party listened to a short but graphic story of the struggle which ebbed and flowed over this historic ground, where Mr. Rodger had himself fought with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and in the storming of which he took part. The itinerary then took the party past 'Hell Fire Corner' to the great objective of the tour, the Menin Gate.

Ypres itself is a new city—a great testimony to the courage and the resource of the Belgians. It is no collection of cheap and shoddy buildings erected amid the debris of its former self. With wise vision the authorities insisted upon the rebuilding of the town with some resemblance to its former picturesqueness; hence its architecture is varied and typical of the days before its destruction. A magnificent cathedral, a delight to the eye, both internally and externally, and worthy of the faith for which it stands, rears itself above the city, while close beside it remains the only substantial evidence of the ruthless fate which overtook the old town. A portion of a wall of the famous thirteenth-century Cloth Hall and the heavily-shored remains of the ancient tower still stand as a reminder; but for the rest Ypres is a city of substantial appearance and, at this season of the year at all events, considerable activity.

It was with interest that the padre pointed out the route by which he once entered the ruined city on a visit prompted by curiosity early one morning, and by which he and his companions much more quickly decamped when the Germans resumed their bombardment at an unexpectedly early hour.

A place of conspicuous interest is St. George's Memorial Church, the English Church of Ypres, in which the regiments who fought on the Salient are commemorated, together with their first commander-in-chief, Lord French of Ypres. The interior is light and cheerful, and yet strikes a note of solemnity. There is said to be a desire to place a ring of six bells in the square tower.

After Ypres came Steenstrate, Dixmude, Pervyse and Nieuport, inseparably connected with countless deeds of valour in the holding up of the invader in his rush to the Channel ports. It was in this area that the sluice gates of the Yser canal were opened, and miles of country flooded, and the first serious check offered to the Germans in their endeavour to reach Dunkirk and Calais.

While touring through this section the pilgrims stopped and inspected a typical British cemetery, at Essex Farm. There are 177 of the hallowed plots 'which are for ever England' dotted along the battle front. They are beautiful spots, cared for by the British War Graves Commission. Every grave is marked with a stone, most of them recording the name and regiment of the soldier who lies beneath, and, where known, the date of his death. His regimental badge is carved at the head, except in the case of those who have been unidentified, and these, which, like the rest, bear the insignia of the Cross, are engraved with the simple inscription: 'A soldier of the Great War. Known to God.'

Those who have loved ones lying in any of these cemeteries, and who are unable to visit these hallowed places, can take comfort from the fact that the graves and all the surroundings are beautifully kept and cared for. On every grave flowers bloom, and to walk through one of these cemeteries is like walking through a glorious garden tended by loving hands. The British cemeteries on the battle front

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are a revelation to those who have not seen them before. The first resting place of untold thousands of these men was often in a shell-swept desert; their last resting place is a beautiful and holy spot.

At Nieuport there is preserved a section of the Belgian trenches and dugouts, which have now been made permanent in concrete, and have become a show place for excursionists. They lined the southern bank of the Yser canal near the sea, while the Germans were similarly entrenched on the other side of the narrow strip of water. While the pilgrims were inspecting this last point of interest of the excursion, a terrific thunderstorm broke and drove them hurriedly to the shelter of the coaches. The rain came down in a deluge before Ostend was reached, but the storm had passed by the time dinner was over, and the party set out upon their second excursion of the day.

Twice a week during the summer the famous carillon at Bruges is played. Monday was one of the occasions, and it was seized upon by the pilgrims to gain yet another new experience—and it is an experience to hear a continental carillon. Bruges is perhaps the most celebrated of all the Flanders bell towers, and Longfellow has stirred the imaginations of thousands by his poem describing the bells of this quaint old Flemish city. Night was falling as the pilgrims set foot in the ancient market square. From far above them came the strange, ethereal music. Seated in front of the cafes on two sides of the square, standing in groups about the spacious market place, where the flower-decked pylons raise their slender stems, or wandering aimlessly to and fro, were hundreds of the citizens of Bruges, and visitors listening to the playing of M. Nauwelaerts, the carillonneur of the city. It seemed weird, and almost mysterious music, but the carillon is different to the bells which we delight to ring. It is an instrument like a piano, which must be heard as a whole, and when played by the deft hands of a master it has a charm all its own—a charm which is very dear to the heart of the Belgian. And while the audience listened, suddenly the tower was illuminated by spot lights. The whole setting was transformed. The delicate tracery of the beautiful tower was thrown out in bright relief against the dark background of the sky. It was a piece of fairyland dropped into the middle of a commonplace continental scene. It was wonderful. And long after the bell music had ceased and the pilgrims were speeding on their way to Ostend, this white pillar could be seen rearing itself to the sky and standing out in the blackness of the night like a beacon.

On Tuesday came the parting of the ways, and duty called ten of the pilgrims back to England. They left with great reluctance, but with the happiest of memories. What has befallen the remainder since Tuesday morning will be told later. But even in this review the whole has not been told of the events which filled three days, packed from beginning to end with incident and interest.

The expedition was carried out through the organisation of the Free Church Touring Guild, of which Sir Henry Lunn, Ltd., act as agents, and by this means the comfort and convenience of the party were secured in every detail. It has been a tour without worry, and much of its smooth working, and certainly a large part of its interest, has been made possible by Sir Henry Lunn, Ltd.'s, two representatives, Mr. J. L. Hancock, who acted as guide on the battlefields, and Dr. P. L. Collignon. Nor must the indebtedness of the pilgrims be overlooked to Mme. Janhere, of the Pension Myra, Ostend, which has been the headquarters for the week, for her attention to the needs of the party.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

The Saffron Walden Society were once again favoured with fine weather on their annual outing, held on Monday, July 6th. Leaving at 9 a.m., they first visited Royston, where the bells were set going to Stedman Triples. After a few changes had been rung in a touch of London, the fifth rope broke, and this stopped further ringing here. After a look round the interesting old caves, the party moved on to Baldock, where London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. Going on to Hitchin, the society was met by the Vicar, Rev. R. F. R. Routh, and some of the local band. They were especially pleased to meet the Vicar, who so often visited the Saffron Walden tower whilst he was Vicar of Castle Camps. The methods rung at Hitchin were Stedman Triples, London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, the Vicar and members of his band taking part.

Lunch was then taken at the Sun Hotel, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh being present. Subsequently, the journey was continued to Cardington, but owing to illness near the church, no ringing could be done here, and, after inspecting the church and the grave of the victims of the R101 disaster, a move was made for Bedford, which was reached at 4.15 p.m. This gave ample time to look round the town and have tea, before meeting at the tower at 6 p.m., where members of the local band were waiting to meet the visitors. The methods rung here were Stedman Caters, London and Cambridge Surprise.

The homeward journey was commenced at 8 p.m., and Saffron Walden reached at 10.15 p.m., all agreeing that a very enjoyable day had been spent. The society would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the steeple-keepers for having everything ready.

L. E. P.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HARLOW COMMON.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, on Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: S. Clark 1, W. Wheeler 2, L. Cordell 3, H. Smale (conductor) 4, J. Brown (longest in method) 5, I. Cavill 6, J. Cordell 7, C. Button 8. Arranged for ringers of 5th and tenor.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evensong, at St. Alfege Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. (a variation of Thurstans): A. F. Petrie 1, H. Hoskins 2, E. E. Richards 3, J. J. Lamb 4, P. C. C. Davis 5, W. Berry 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, F. W. Thornton 8. Rung also as a compliment to Miss Doris A. Hoskins, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd, on obtaining her degree of B.A. (London). This was a happy reunion, after a lapse of six years, of five of the original Sunday service ringers at this church.

OXFORD.—At All Saints', on Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: A. Badder 1, A. Williams 2, A. Hawes 3, W. Simmonds 4, J. A. Dart 5, H. Gardner 6, H. Miles (conductor) 7, H. Bunce 8. Arranged for Mr. J. Dart, of London, and to mark the jubilee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor, and first of Stedman by the 2nd and 6th ringers.

GORING, OXON.—On Sunday evening, July 26th, for divine service, 720 Grandsire Triples: R. Barkus, jun., 1, J. Napper 2, W. Aldridge 3, L. Haynes 4, J. Bower 5, W. Napper (conductor) 6, G. Wilson 7, R. Barkus, sen., 8. This is the longest length by all except the ringer of the 5th, and are all Sunday ringers at the Parish Church.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on July 19th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Pipe 1, C. Abitt 2, F. C. Clarke 3, T. Hoggar 4, F. J. Crapnell 5, C. Clarke (conductor) 6. Also 180 of Bob Minor. Much credit is due to Tom Hoggar in ringing his 2nd 720 on an 'inside' bell. He only started change ringing a few months ago.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 12th, at St. James' Church, after the afternoon service, 720 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Winter 1, V. E. Swift 2, G. Cuss 3, S. Hillier 4, W. A. Swift (conductor) 5, F. Green 6. Also at St. Mary's, for evening service, on August 2nd, 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Bolwell 1, E. G. Swift 2, V. E. Swift 3, R. Swift 4, W. A. Swift (conductor) 5, F. Green 6. First 720 of Cambridge by all except the treble and fourth ringers.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, at St. Matthew's Church, in 22 mins., 720 Bob Minor: W. L. Toogood 1, A. Teale, jun., 2, W. Burgess 3, W. Woodhead 4, R. Clarke 5, W. Draper (conductor) 6. For evensong, 1,184 Bob Major in 42 mins.: W. L. Toogood 1, J. A. Teale 2, L. W. G. Morris (conductor) 3, W. Woodhead 4, W. Burgess 5, P. Cannon 6, R. Clarke 7, Wilfrid Draper 8. This was the longest length by all the band except the ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

FULNEY, Lincs.—For Civic Sunday parade service, on May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Humphries 1, L. Everett 2, G. Cooper 3, Miss D. Clay 4, R. Mackman 5, A. Grounds 6, Hy. Nichols (conductor) 7, C. Quinton 8.

TWICKENHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Miss P. Giles 1, Miss K. Bradford 2, Miss J. Stapleton 3, A. E. Bradford 4, W. H. Hollier 5, E. A. Morris 6, C. W. F. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Lovell 8. All are members of the local band, except ringers of 5 and 7.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Mary's, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 London Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise and 720 Ipswich Surprise. The ringers were L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, E. Sitch, H. Wright, and A. Bradley; London Minor conducted by L. Camp, the rest by A. Bradley.

BARLEY, HERTS.—For the evening service, on May 3rd, 960 changes of Grandsire Doubles: Dennis Howard 1, R. Howard 2, W. Mansfield (conductor) 3, H. Howard 4, F. Hayes 5, W. A. Tack 6. Longest length for the ringer of the treble, who is 14 years of age.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, F. Springham (conductor) 2, H. M. White 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, E. Bird 5, G. Talbot 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, on the occasion of the Sunday School sermons at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 55 mins.: A. V. Rees 1, A. Challinor 2, P. L. Ronan 3, J. Pipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Worth 6, W. Gayes 7, J. Waumsley (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. First quarter-peal of Major on the bells.—For evening service, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the same band, with J. Worth as conductor.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for divine service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: H. Warnett, sen., 1, Charles Walker 2, H. James 3, J. Bennett (conductor) 4, W. Fox 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Goodwin 8.

VISIT TO WELLS.

The ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, had their annual outing on July 18th, when, with their wives and friends, and accompanied by the Rev. W. Smith, they journeyed by coach to Wells, Somerset. They started at 6 a.m., and after a delightful run through Worcester, Tewkesbury, Cheltenham and Cirencester, a halt was made at Malmesbury for refreshments and a view of the old Abbey. Leaving Malmesbury at 9.30 via Chippenham and Bath, Wells was reached soon after 11 o'clock, and a little later the party were met by the Bishop of Taunton, who kindly acted as guide on a tour of the Cathedral, which was much enjoyed. After dinner, the ringers adjourned to the tower to ring on the Cathedral's celebrated bells. The party then made a tour of the Palace grounds, which are very beautiful and were much admired. Leaving Wells, a glorious run through Chewton Mendip in beautiful sunshine brought them to Bristol, where tea was served. The ringers then made a move to St. Stephen's Church, where they were met by Mr. Wm. Knight and Mr. John Burford, secretary and conductor respectively of St. Stephen's band, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were brought round and much appreciated by the visitors. A start for home was made at 7.30, and, after a short stay at Tewkesbury to have a peep at the pageant being held there, the party arrived home safely at 11.15 p.m., with the unanimous feeling that it had been a very enjoyable day. Mr. W. Farley was responsible for the major part of the arrangements, assisted by Messrs. A. E. Whatmore and C. W. Cooper, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded.

EARLS COLNE RINGERS VISIT SUFFOLK TOWERS.

The St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 18th, when 16 members travelled by motor coach to various parts of Suffolk. Leaving home at 8 a.m., the first call was made at Long Melford, where, after inspecting the church, ringing commenced for the day. Leaving Melford, the next halt was made at Bury St. Edmunds. Here the company had a fine opportunity of seeing some of the historical parts of the town, including St. James' Church and the Norman tower. The next call was made at Elveden, where they received a great welcome from the Vicar, who conducted them over this beautiful little church with its exquisite carvings. A cloister, leading from the church to a beautiful tower erected in 1922 and containing an excellent peal of eight bells, adjoins Elveden Park, the country seat of Lord and Lady Iveagh. Going into the tower the company was met by some of the local ringers, and a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Everyone regretted that time would not allow a longer stay, and away the party sped to Mildenhall, where they found an excellent lunch awaiting them at the High Street Cafe. Lunch over, they were joined by some of the local band, and enjoyed some very good striking on the fine peal of eight. Away again to Newmarket, where, as before, they received a very warm welcome. This being a six-bell tower, the young members of the company soon distinguished themselves. Twenty-five miles now separated them from Sudbury, where they were due for tea, and, arriving there at 5.30, they were delighted to meet the Vicar of Earls Colne (the Rev. O. L. Martin), who is president of the Guild. All took tea together with members of the Suffolk Guild. After tea, all three towers in Sudbury were visited, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Home was reached at 9.30, everyone agreeing that the excellent organisation had given them a most enjoyable day. The secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell), as well as the company, is grateful to all the ringers they met en route and for the great welcome that was accorded them, which was the means of making the outing such a success.

DARLEY DALE RINGERS' OUTING.

A party of Darley Dale ringers and their friends visited various towers in Staffs and Cheshire on July 25th. Proceeding by way of the Via Gellia to Ashbourne, a brief halt was made to view the beautiful old church, but as it is now under repair it was not seen at its best. Leek was the next stopping place, and here the ringers had the use of the Parish Church bells for about an hour, when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The journey was then resumed by way of Congleton, Middlewich and Northwich to Great Budworth, an old-world village having a high situation overlooking Northwich. It has a fine old church with a peal of eight bells, which were rung to Grandsire Triples, Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. Here the party partook of lunch, after which they continued the tour to Cheadle, near Stockport, passing through Altrincham en route. At Cheadle the ringers were again permitted to use the bells, and the methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Minor. After tea, they resumed the journey to Hazel Grove, which was to be the final stopping place of the tour, and here, again, the ringers had the use of the bells of St. Thomas' tower for touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. At about 8 p.m. the last stage of the journey was begun, and Darley Dale—by way of New Mills and Buxton—was reached about 10 p.m., at the end of a 'perfect day.' The ringers wish to express their thanks to the local men at the various towers who gave them a helping hand to assist them over the difficulty of being somewhat shorthanded.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The SS. Peter and Paul's Guild of ringers held their tenth annual outing on Saturday, July 25th. The party proceeded by motor coach to Beccles via Stowmarket and Bungay. The first ringing of the day was a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by the roadside. Reaching Beccles, the party were conducted to the detached campanile of St. Michael's Church by Messrs. Goate, sen., and Goate, jun. Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, and Kent Major were tapped off in style on this fine peal. The next halt was St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, where courses of Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob Major were brought home. After lunch the journey was continued to St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth. This church, the largest in England, having an area of 25,023 square feet, was much admired by the visitors. The ringers were greeted by members of the St. Nicholas' Guild. The following methods were rung: Stedman Triples, Kent Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters, also a well-struck course of Grandsire Cinques by members of the two Guilds. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Goate (2), Woodley, Haywood and Harwood, and all others for their kind help, also the incumbents of the three churches visited.

YARMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of St. Nicholas' company, Great Yarmouth, was held on Saturday, June 27th, and was favoured with excellent weather. A start was made from Yarmouth at 8 a.m. in a 14-seater saloon coach, and, after a fine run, Bury St. Edmunds was reached, where, at the Norman tower, a touch of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the fine peal. Members of the local company were present. The visitors proceeded to Lavenham for dinner, which was served at the Swan Hotel and greatly enjoyed. At the tower of SS. Peter and Paul's Church they were met by members of the local company, and touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung before departing for Wymondham, where tea was awaiting the party. On the fine peal of eight at St. Mary's, touches of Kent, Double Norwich, and Stedman were rung. This brought ringing for the day to a finish. The journey home was broken by a short stop at Norwich, and Yarmouth reached at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The company take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents for their kindness in granting permission to ring at their respective churches, also Mr. Chinery and the other ringers at Bury, Mr. A. Symonds and his sons at Lavenham, Mr. W. Clover and others at Wymondham for their kindness and the hospitality shown to everyone. J. H.

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HOLBECK, LEEDS.—On Thursday, July 30th, at St. Matthew's Church, 800 Bob Major: W. L. Toogood 1, S. Roper 2, L. W. G. Morris (conductor) 3, A. Teale, jun., 4, F. W. Perrens (Coventry) 5, C. E. Lawson 6, E. Clarke 7, P. J. Johnson 8.

DEANE, NEAR BASINGSTOKE.—On Wednesday, July 29th, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins.: A. Taylor 1, B. Garrett (first 720 on 'inside' bell) 2, H. Garrett 3, H. Balaam 4, W. Hunt (conductor) 5, J. Chesterman 6. Rung at a combined practice.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD (late St. James' Society).—August Meetings:—Sunday, 2nd, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, 4th, St. Mary Lambeth, 8 p.m.; Monday, 10th, St. Clement Danes, 7.30 p.m.; Monday, 24th, St. Clement Danes, 7.30 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E. 5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District. —The quarterly meeting arranged for August 8th at Froxfield has been cancelled, as the bells there are not in a fit state to be rung. The next meeting is fixed for October 24th, at Blackmoor.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 'St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th and 25th, St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hendon on Saturday, August 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. *Do please advise me.* All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E. 4.

CAMBRIDGE.—Our Lady & English Martyrs (R.C.).—Ringing: Sunday morning 9.45; evening by arrangement. Practice: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.—Visiting ringers apply R. Lathbury, Castle St., Cambridge.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. —A ringing meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. —Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this grand lot. Tea can be arranged for later.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in room near to church at 4.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Reports can be obtained and subscriptions paid.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Downham Market on Wednesday, August 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting on Saturday, August 15th, at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow. Ringing 4 to 8. Break 5.30 to 6.30 for tea and meeting. Social hour and handbells 8. Postcards appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W. 6.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, August 15th. Service 4.30. Tea will be arranged only for those who notify Mr. W. Piggin, near Church Crich, Matlock, by Thursday, August 13th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12th, at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. —A meeting will be held at Laceby on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (5) ready early. Service 4.15. Tea (1/- per head) 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to Messrs. Graham Bros., Laceby, Grimsby, by Thursday, August 13th.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everyone heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, August 15th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 36, Congleton Road, Biddulph, before August 13th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne (6 bells) on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open at 2.30, service at 4.30. Tea in the Club Hall (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, August 12th. As this meeting is arranged by invitation of the Vicar in connection with the Jubilee of the church, a good muster of members is desired.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police have again placed their athletic ground in Bromwich Street, Bolton, at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, August 15th. A bowling match will be arranged during the afternoon—Police v. Ringers. Social in the evening. Usual arrangements as to food. Names please by Aug. 12th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Meeting at Burwell on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (5) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Ringing at Fordham (6) during the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells at liberty 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. A service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 12th. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells of St. Peter's (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 1/- each to those who notify Mr. S. Boundy, 19, Queen's Road, Buxton. Burbage bells (6) may also be available. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Arley on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea announcement later.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Rd., Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 9d. All ringers welcome. Please advise for tea, and oblige.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Yorkshire Association.—Southern Division.—Will members address all correspondence to 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

MARRIAGE.

BLACK—YORK.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Kettering, by the Rev. H. D. E. Rokeby, on August 1st, 1931, Robert G. Black, of Geddington, to Doris E. York, of Kettering.

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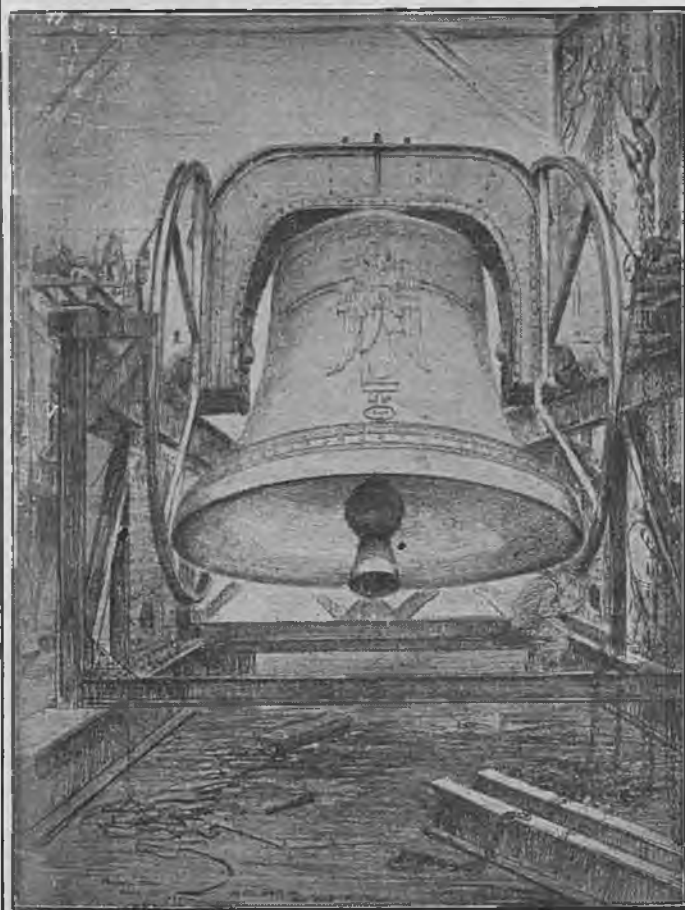
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AT THE MENIN GATE.

A new page, as was said last week, has been written in the history of ringing. By the pilgrimage to the Menin Gate at Ypres ringers have paid their tribute to the great host of the heroic dead, who gave up their lives in the war, in a manner characteristic of their craft and unique among all the scenes of homage that have been witnessed at this historic spot. It was no casual thing this visit. It was deliberately planned as a tribute to the men who fell in Flanders; it was carried out with reverence and solemnity. Prompted by the brief ceremony and the ringing of handbells round the grave of the unknown warrior in Westminster Abbey seven years ago, it has set the seal to the desire that representatives of the Exercise should do homage at the greatest British war shrine outside these isles. But it has done more than that. It has carried the English art of ringing beyond our shores and given a new standing to the Exercise in a land of bells. The pilgrimage was given official recognition by the Burgomaster of Ypres; it was reported in the Belgian newspapers. Many hundreds of visitors to the Gate witnessed the impressive little service, reverently shared in it, heard the handbell ringing, and, to whatever nationality they belonged, must have gone away impressed with the fact that the church bell ringers of the British Isles were a body of no mean importance.

That is one side of the pilgrimage. There was another side to it, which added something further to the performances which will go down in history. The first peal was rung in Belgium, which was also the first ten-bell peal on the Continent, and the first ten-bell peal in France was also rung, in addition to a peal of Triples in Belgium. This was by no means the least interesting feature of the trip, and it serves to recall the fact that the only previous peal on the Continent was rung nearly seventy years ago in Paris by a visiting company of Cumberland Youths. Moreover, the pilgrimage was the most ambitious excursion of the kind ever organised among ringers. It may be that others in future will be tempted, by the success of this excursion, to go abroad and ring peals in other countries. Travel—apart from any ringing that may be done—broadens vision and educates the mind, and now that it has been shown that such expeditions can be made a success, we hope others will show a desire to follow in the steps of the pioneers. But no succeeding trip can have a greater significance than the one just concluded; and none can touch the imagination more than this one. It was an extremely enjoyable excursion for all who took part in it, but the central act of the pilgrimage was an inspiration. When every other recollection has faded, the service at the Menin Gate will remain a great and lasting memory.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	* ARTHUR G. BASON 8
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	EDWIN R. GOATE 9
GEORGE MAYERS 4	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 10
WILLIAM R. DUNCAN 5	JAMES F. DODFIELD 11
CHARLES F. SAYER 6	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JACK M. CRIPPS Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WALTER PERKINS 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
HENRY G. GAYTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 8
KENNETH SNELLING 4	HENRY PAGE 9
WALTER J. BOWDEN 5	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER 2	NORMAN HEMMINGTON 7
SAMUEL PINDER 3	GEORGE WEST 8
* CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	HAROLD WALKER 9
FRANK BRADLEY 5	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* Elected a life member of the M.C.A. previous to starting peal.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chadburn.
First touch in the method as conductor. The ringer of treble hails
from St. Giles', Northampton.

PRETTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Messrs. Greenwood, Rogers and Groombridge, jun., were proposed
members of the Essex Association previous to starting for the peal.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor by T. Groom-
bridge, jun., who has previously called a peal of Cambridge Minor,
Major and Maximus.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

On Thursday, July 9th, at King's Norton Parish Church, Birming-
ham, in 55 mins., with half-muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Grand-
sire Caters as a last token of respect to Mr. Percy O. Ladlin, who
was buried in the churchyard the same afternoon: F. B. Yates 1,
H. H. Fearn 2, W. B. Cartwright 3, H. J. Turner 4, H. Williams 5,
C. Webb 6, J. Eaton 7, G. E. Fearn 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9,
J. Withers 10.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY	Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ...	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
THOMAS H. REEVES	3	JOSEPH W. PARKER	7
THOMAS STEPHENSON	4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

First 5,000 in the method by all except the ringer of the 6th. Rung in honour of the baptism of the infant daughter of Wm. Oxley, a local ringer, which took place during the ringing of the peal.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, July 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBT. SPERRING	Treble	EDW. V. RODENHURST ...	5
GEO. R. JONES	2	JAS. SWINDLEY	6
JOHN HAYES	3	SAM JONES, JUN.	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	4	JAS. H. RIDING	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

This peal was rung for the 8th anniversary of the 17,280 by the same band standing in original places with the same composer and conductor. S. Jones' 150th peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.*On Wednesday, July 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. WHITING	Treble	JAMES BENNETT	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	2	T. WILLIAM LAST	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	GEORGE WHITING	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN. Conducted by G. WHITING.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE D. GREEN	Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
WILLIAM KEEBLE	2	GEORGE W. ABLITT	6
THOMAS LINCOLN	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	7
PERCY GREEN	4	ARTHUR HEAD	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE D. GREEN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE	Treble	PETER CROOK	5
JOHN BOOTH	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for Mr. E. Jennings, of Kendal.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Saturday, July 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: J. W. Jones 1, H. Rowe 2, F. Atwell 3, G. Popnell 4, A. Bryant 5, I. Farmer 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, N. Churly 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells and first quarter of Stedman Triples for the ringers of 2, 5, 6 and 8, who are local ringers, the others are from Newport, Mon. Rung after a peal attempt.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

AND THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS,
MANCHESTER UNITY.*On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

BRO. GEORGE THOMPSON, Kingfisher Lodge	Treble
BRO. CHAS. HY. WEBB, Pride of Croft Lodge	2
BRO. HARRY HILL, Crown Hill Lodge	3
BRO. JOHN ISON, St. Nicholas Lodge	4
BRO. THOMAS WRIGHT, Admiral Lord Nelson Lodge	5
BRO. BERT RIDGWAY, Good Intent Lodge	6
BRO. PERCY A. ALDSAM, Good Intent Lodge	7
BRO. FRED COTTON, Loyal Nelson Lodge	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by BRO. F. COTTON.

Umpire: BRO. WM. HUMPHREY, Good Intent Lodge.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th. The peal was also a birthday compliment to ringer of treble, and rung to celebrate the christening of the first grandchild of the conductor. Bro. J. Ison was re-elected a member of the M.C.A. before commencing the peal. First Oddfellows' peal by Hinckley district.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.*On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FULCHER	Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
WALTER BARRETT	2	RUSSELL RICHES	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	FREDERICK BORRETT	7
CECIL BARRETT	4	ERNEST WHITING	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
KEITH HART	2	JACK M. CRIPPS	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	NELSON ELLIOTT	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, August 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART.		PETER CROOK, SEN.	Treble
		PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
		ANNIE POTTER	2
		EDWIN JENNINGS	6
		ERNEST COTSFORTH	3
		JOHN POTTER	7
		*WILLIAM PICTHALL	4
		WILLIAM DICKINSON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, August 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK	Treble	FRED READ	5
WILLIE AARON	2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	3	FRED COCKSHOTT	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by H. HOBBAARD.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Arranged for Mr. C. Wallater, of Willenhall, Staffs, and rung after meeting short for Cambridge.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
HENRY J. GAYTON 3	KEITH HART 7
JOHN FEIST 4	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor

Conducted by JACK M. CRIPPS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* 150th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	ALFRED J. BATTIN 5
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	HARRY BAKER 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 4	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES HARRISON Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JOHN BOOTH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5132 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	HEZEKIAH THORPE 5
JOHN THORPE 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
ALBERT SMITHSON 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	PERCY MERSON 5
* HERBERT W. BURDEN ... 2	† JOHN ROY 6
† WALTER H. POOLE 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	SYDNEY PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. First peal on eight as conductor.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, 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 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON ... Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
FRANK AINSLEY 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4	NORMAN PATTERSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT L. PATTERSON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Annie Tate Ritson and the Rev. Gerald M. Neill, which was solemnised earlier in the day. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Stanley M. Ritson, the donor of the two trebles.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

* FREDERICK A. WAITS ... Treble	GEORGE GREEN 5
PERCY GREEN 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
† FRANK C. RINGE 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	† WILLIAM E. CREATER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST G. BAILEY 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Quickest peal rung on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EASTON MAUDUIT, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

* WALTER LACK Treble	ALFRED J. ELLIOTT 3
ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... 4
† FRED WOODING Tenor	

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

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

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* HARRY CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS 4
THOMAS STEAD 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE 5
CHRISTOPHER LAW 3	* FRED REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal. Rung on St. James' Day. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HENSINGHAM.—On August 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): A. Durham 1, R. Richardson 2, R. E. Scambler 3, J. E. Brown 4, W. Norman 5, A. Ellbeck (first quarter-peal of Minor as conductor) 6. Ringers of 5 and 6 are from Egremont.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILFRED P. LAMBERT Treble	* WALTER CRABE 4
ALBERT WOOLLEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JOHN E. METCALFE 3	WALTER J. TILLY Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal 'inside.'

KIMPTON, BEDS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

* WILLIAM KIMBLE Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
SYDNEY CARTER 2	JOHN WELCH 5
WILLIAM TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal and first attempt.

ST. IPPOLYTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. IPPOLYT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM STANLEY Treble	WILLIAM TACK 4
ROBERT HOWARD 2	BARNARD PATMORE 5
SYDNEY CARTER 3	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

WALKERN.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two 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, College Single, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM STANLEY Treble	JOHN WELCH 4
WILLIAM TACK 2	SYDNEY CARTER 5
ROBERT HOWARD 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Believed to be the first time that five members of Herts County Association have taken part in three peals in one day.

COLNE ENGAINNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WALTER ARNOLD Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 4
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 5
FRANK CLAYDON 3	* ALBERT L. DIXEY Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal.

WHICHFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In twelve different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR LARGE Treble	FRANK TOFFLEY 4
WALTER LARGE 2	HORACE LL. TERRY 5
WILLIAM COLEMAN 3	FREDERICK KINCHIN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE LL. TERRY.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

* ARTHUR FIELD Treble	FREDERICK DALLAWAY 3
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 2	WM. GORRINGE 4
JAMES POWELL Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES POWELL.

* First peal, and proposed a member of association before starting. First peal of Doubles by all the band, and first as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

EAST CARLTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)

E. A. MARSH Treble	H. FAULKNER 4
R. D. SMITH 2	J. G. GEARY 5
R. RUSSELL 3	R. ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

H. Faulkner was proposed a member of the Guild before starting.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

ARTHUR WARREN Treble	FREDERICK RANDALL 3
SIDNEY ROWNY 2	CECIL SERGANT 4
ALBERT STAPLETON Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT STAPLETON.

Rung as a quarterly peal for the above branch.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

* GEORGE W. CLARKE Treble	JACK D. BELL 4
† ERIC J. SARGANT 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY 5
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

* First attempt for peal on six bells. † First six-bell peal away from treble and first attempt.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 120's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ALLEN Treble	CHARLES JEFFES 4
THOMAS J. HOLL 2	JOHN MALYAN 5
THOMAS A. BLOW 3	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal in these spliced methods by all the band, on the bells, and by the association.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 4
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
* HENRY J. SANGER 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal in the method.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz., Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD 2	WILLIAM NEAL 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CHARLES E. BLACK 5
*ALBERT E. SCOTT 3	JOHN T. MACHIN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eight methods. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday peal for ringer of 4th.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At Campsie, the Residence of Miss Helen M. SHANKS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

*MISS HELEN M. SHANKS 1	*CECIL J. BARRER 3
RONALD RAYNER 2	BERT COCKS 4
OLAVE E. BROYD 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

* First handbell peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Helen M. Shanks, who was elected a member of the association previous to the peal.

The handbell peals rung on the Continent are recorded on page 527.

BIG MEETING AT PETERBOROUGH.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild took place at Peterborough on Monday, August 3rd, and was well attended by ringers from various parts of the country, about one hundred being present. The bells of St. John's and St. Mary's were fully utilised, and some good ringing was done, one feature of the ringing being a touch spliced, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, which was much appreciated by all who heard it. Service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. Inglis, the Guild form being used. Tea was provided at the Dujon Cafe, and 70 sat down to an excellent meal.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford), the officers were elected for the year. The towers were again visited, and some good ringing was done, a most enjoyable day being spent by all.

BRAINTREE RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Michael's, Braintree, took place on Saturday, July 4th. Leaving Braintree at 7 a.m. by coach, a pleasant run of two hours took them to Elveden, and this fine ring was soon set going to Bristol Surprise.

Thetford and Diss were next visited, and, after lunch at Diss, calls were made at Redenhall, Fressingfield and Peasenhall. Tea was partaken of at Ipswich, and afterwards St. Mary-le-Tower was visited, where the party were met by several members of the local company. Braintree was finally reached again about 11 p.m., a very happy time having been spent by all.

The methods rung during the day were Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and at St. Mary-le-Tower, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The company wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also the steeplekeepers for having everything ready for them.

GUILDFORD S. NICOLAS' OUTING.

The S. Nicolas' Guild, Guildford, ringers enjoyed another pleasant half-day outing on July 11th, thus adding the ninth to a series of annual trips all favoured by fine weather. The outing took the form of a return visit to the High Wycombe ringers who visited Guildford on Whit Monday.

The party of 21 members and friends, on arriving at High Wycombe, were welcomed by members of the local band, and very soon the visitors, many for the first time, were trying their hands on a peal of twelve bells. Although not used to the weight of metal, they acquitted themselves well.

After tea, a visit to West Wycombe was made for the peal of eight bells. The return journey included Windsor Great Park, and the Thames was crossed by Cookham Bridge. The company wish to record their thanks to the Vicar and his band of ringers for their personal welcome, and for their assistance with the local arrangements for the trip.

A. C. H.

THE BUCK, THE BOAR, AND THE OX.
PAROCHIAL HOLIDAY AND DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.

For their fourth annual outing, St. Mary's Society, Slough, decided to attend the jubilee festival of the Oxford Guild, and, notwithstanding the violent rainstorms experienced during the journey, made good use of the conveyance kindly lent to them for the day by the Parochial Church Council. The towers of Goring-on-Thames and Wantage were visited on the outward journey, and those of East Ilsley and Bucklebury on the return, the bells having been placed at their disposal by courtesy of the respective clergy.

Starting from 'Churchgate' at 8.30 a.m., with a 'send off' by the Rector, the course of the Thames was followed via Windsor, Reading and Pangbourne. Here a cosy little car was standing by the roadside, its owner, the editor of the 'Ringing Empire,' taking an early 'snack' on the pilgrim's way. Our crossing the railway bridge recalled a carving on the stone parapet in the shape of a coffin that records the death of the father of one of the party, whom he never saw, Mr. Smith, accidentally killed at his work on the line. The river bridge connecting Streatley (six bells) with Goring is in a picturesque situation, equalling the famous Marlow section of the river, and we were able to view it whilst the internal regions of the 'infernal' engine of the car were adjusted by the driver. At Goring Mr. Bower kindly shewed us the way to his Norman tower and its belfry, without windows, a glass ceiling affording a borrowed light, and the ancient 13th century bell preserved in the nave of the church. The restoration of the bells in 1929 was the result of a legacy left by the late Mr. H. A. Lacey-Smith, churchwarden in 1925. The tenor is 8 cwt. 21 lb., and the bells sound like flutes, both within and outside the tower. This is a good example of a valuable bequest being faithfully and properly employed, but there are instances on record in the past where the money has been diverted to other purposes; in several cases where the testator's wishes have not been respected, and a valuable specimen of the founder's craft sadly destroyed.

Passing through Blewbury, a stop at Upton Lodge, with its 1,000 acres of fine Berkshire farm land to be bought cheap to-day, was ordered for our 'eleven's,' and Wantage was duly reached to time. A very fine Cruciform church, with central tower, a lumpy ring of bells (tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat) restored in 1892 by Mears and Stainbank. Mr. F. May, of Capetown, South Africa, will be interested to hear that his name is perpetuated by a brass plate on the staircase wall in this church to the memory of Fred May, who died in 1904, 'for 46 years a bellringer in this tower.' Near it is another plate in memory of the Kent family of three generations, who were parish clerks here—John (33 years), his son John (17), and his son A. John Kent (35), in 1918. Not a bad record. Holding office in the church often runs in families like wooden legs. Resuming our drive over the rolling downs, Oxford and its Tom tower was reached in time to join in the record gathering of the Guild, and dine with the Lord Bishop in Christ Church Hall. A tropical downpour about three o'clock drove some 300 ringers to the friendly shelter of one or other of the many towers in this city. Most of the Slough band visited St. Ebbe's Church, and returned to their coach on the 'ebb tide,' the programme naming 4 p.m. for the home start. East Ilsley was reached at 5 p.m., and the ropes were at once manned, as another company from Swindon had not kept their appointment. We found a contrast from the mighty Tom of Oxford in Tom's tiny trebles at Ilsley. They, however, made a good octave (tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.), the old bells, dating from 1589 by Carter, having been reinforced by the use of rubber stops let into the balls of the clappers, thus producing a pleasing hum when the bells are rung. Lost in the folds of the Berkshire downs, Ilsley is a secluded village, past its prime when the flocks of sheep in thousands were brought to the now decayed sheep pens for sale. There were formerly 13 licensed houses in one street, I believe, at one time, and the dear old Cathedral of the downs shows its former importance by having north and south aisles as well as the usual chancel, nave and western tower. On the tower pier is carved 'W.A.S. 1625.' Was that a premonition of 'has been' in regard to its agricultural importance in the days of King Charles? The belfry walls tell us that members of the Hibbert family were mostly born with a rope in their hands, and a patent 'reversible' peal board has records on each side giving their names. They have saved a length of the old 1589 bell frame for a hat and coat rail, and provided half the band for the first local peal on the octave by 'scratching' about for three generations. Of course, the local company were all in Oxford and not expected back before ten. This did not deprive us of an excellent Berkshire tea at 6.30, which Tom's sister bountifully spread before twelve hefty 'strings.'

Bucklebury was reached at 8 p.m. Some of the narrow lanes being difficult to negotiate, we slowed up for a unit of artillery on manoeuvres, and at last found a 'pilot' with a small car to lead us into the village, after several miles of inquiry. The pilot proved of value afterwards in a course of Double Norwich on the bells in 'her' home tower. Three Bucklebury ladies, including 'Stella,' joined in our touches, and Mr. Matthews, who does not ring by 'rope sight,' for the simple reason he is unable to see. There is a fine oak chest, iron bound, in the church, probably fourteenth century. The belfry still preserves its tall-boy candlestick, now superseded by an 'oil'

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PUTNEY MEN IN KENT.**A HUSTLING 'O.S.'**

The annual outing of the St. Mary's, Putney, ringers took place on July 18th and 19th, a tour of the Maidstone district having been arranged at long range by the 'outing secretary.' Punctually at 7 a.m., a party of stalwarts (eh!) met at Cannon Street and proceeded to headquarters at Maidstone via Strood, thereby obtaining a good view of Rochester Cathedral and Castle, reaching the said headquarters a bit late, but quite ready for the topping breakfast provided at the Central Temperance Hotel. This outing secretary (hereinafter called the O.S.), odious person, hounded the company out at the double, for he had a bus waiting, he said, and 'don't waste the clock' (apologies to H.M.). The bus took the party via Linton to Marden, where no ringing was possible owing to the opposition of a well-known contributor to the 'News Chronicle.' As a solatium, a prominent member was photographed in the ancient stocks, and it is hoped a 'fiver' will be forthcoming from the 'Chronicle's' snapshot competition as a result. The party were conducted round the church, and the points of interest well expounded by the Vicar. Being over schedule time, we proceeded to Staplehurst, where Mr. Wenban was in attendance, and some good touches were rung on a very good old style eight. Still this outing man harped on the said clock, so we had perforce to hop on to Frittenden, being received there by Mr. and Mrs. Baker. Several touches on these nice light and very ultra modern eight bells were rung in good style. 'Do you know,' quoth the O.S., 'lunch awaits us at Head-

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lamp, which requires a blowpipe to extinguish it. The veteran tower-keeper, Mr. Wignore, waited upon us, as he has done for others before during the past 55 years. We started at 9 p.m. to wind our way out of the maze of country lanes in this part of the county, eventually getting a good road at the Bladestone Inn, with its fossilised history of 1666, and so on to Reading and Slough, reaching St. Mary's Church at midnight. All the members agreed that the combined 'parochial holiday' and 'diocesan festival' was a real treat, and wish to thank, through the press, all those who so kindly aided their day's tour of Bucks, Berks and Oxon. It afforded an opportunity for our coachman to see friends at Isley, and Messrs. Smith, of Pangbourne, Barkus, of Goring, and Hudson, of Wantage, to ring in their native parishes.

And so it will be when the old ones are gone,
Our flaming youth will still carry on.

W. H. F.

corn, so get aboard, and never mind looking for postcards, "youse fellars." So we waved adieu, and midway to Headcorn pulled up and rescued Mr. Sone, of Linton, from a jaywalker's fate. Lunch was impromptu and welcome, but still this O.S. persisted we were behind schedule time. Consequently, we hied us to the waiting Mr. Hodgkin, who gave us a hearty welcome, and we soon had his bells going to some lively touches. Sneaking the said Mr. Hodgkin into the bus, we ran for Harrietsham, through some of the loveliest and narrowest country lanes, glimpsing glorious views of the Weald of Kent. A handy light eight was here made good use of, and we pushed on for Leeds. ('Sort of a machine-gun outing,' someone muttered under what breath he had left.) Arrived! Saw grave of the great Barham! Rang! Inspected the new style 'pencil work' peal boards on the walls. 'Parti-ed' for tea at the George ('Good old George!'), left for Maidstone and more ringing at All Saints', several local men and one lost soul of ours meeting us there. Stedman and Grandsire Caters brought the day's ringing to a close, and the kind O.S. gave leave for all to have the remaining twenty minutes to themselves. 'You wanted a ringing outing,' he said, 'and, well, by Heck, you've had it.' Supper, a pipe, a rousing welcome for some late arrivals, a good bed, and up betimes, for the O.S. wanted us at Linton for morning service. A larger bus having been put on specially, we arrived and did our best with a nice eight, one touch of Stedman Triples being quite the outstanding effort of the whole trip. A walk (beautiful, but somewhat marred by showers) to Boughton-mon-Chelsea, and round and back under the guidance of Mr. Sone, and, ah! here's the bus home to dinner, up to time. The afternoon; a band to Leeds on the off-chance, for the Saturday night arrivals. No off-chance; hard luck! Remainder, boating and swimming party on the Medway. Evening, Grandsire and Stedman Caters at All Saints', a try at Double Norwich (why didn't Charlie do his near places!), and a train just before 8 p.m. for home. During the day a well-known member was presented with a medal for his assiduous attempts to keep things merry and bright all the year. It was regretted that he of the 'Thousand Initials' could not be with us on this occasion. The outing secretary would like to thank all the gentlemen who gave permission to ring, and those who met us and gave us such a welcome, and especially Mr. Sone, through whom most of the work of organisation was done. J. H.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Friday, August 7th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Pankhurst 1, P. M. Mayne 2, G. Edwards 3, J. Denton 4, H. Markwell 5, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 6, A. Richardson 7, H. Seal 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne, who were on holiday in the district.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Five members of the Hertford County Association took part in three peals of Minor on Bank Holiday, and one of them, Mr. Robert Howard, cycled over 50 miles into the bargain. Not a bad day's pleasure—or was it work?

A copy of Mr. Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' has been presented by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Rev. C. A. Phillips to the library of Salisbury Theological College, where a lecture on bell-ringing, with handbell illustrations, was given by them during the summer term. The book is inscribed in Latin as a gift to the students, 'future colleagues alike in the service of the sanctuary and in the ministry of the tower.'

The band who rang the peal of Treble Ten at Brighton, recorded in another column, represented ten towers. They were mostly visitors spending their holidays in the town. Two other peals arranged for the visitors were rung last week in Sussex.

Mr. William Pye celebrates his 61st birthday to-day, and his friends and admirers throughout the country will wish him 'many happy returns.'

A hundred and twenty years ago next Tuesday 5,376 'Cambridge Surprise 8-in, the first in the North of England,' was rung at Keighley.

The ring of ten bells, which replaced the original peal of twelve at York Minster, was opened on August 19th, 1765.

The handbell peal rung at Campsie, Stile Heddingham, on July 3rd, is believed to be the first peal ever rung in a caravan and in which a Scotch lass has taken part. Miss Shanks, who rang the treble, is from Glasgow, and was an absolute stranger to the art of change ringing two months before the peal.

It has been found necessary to cancel the meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which was to have been held at Dyrham.

A FALSE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE.

DISCOVERED TWO YEARS AFTER PUBLICATION.

After ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Bourn, Cambs, on the afternoon of August Bank Holiday, the 'Cambridge week' tourists discovered that the composition was false.

It is a three-part 5,088 by Arthur Craven, and has been rung a number of times. The figures appear in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's annual report for 1929 (No. 299), it having been called in that year at Rothwell, Northants, by Mr. E. Jenkins. Mr. Frank Bennett called it at Speldhurst, Sussex, on May 2nd this year, and Mr. George Williams has also called it. It has been rung to Yorkshire Surprise, but in that method the peal is true.

It is somewhat strange that more than two years should have elapsed since its publication before the falseness of the figures, as a peal of Superlative, was found out.

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

WELL-KNOWN RINGER AND COMPOSER.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick A. Holden, of Ewerby, Lincs, who passed away on Thursday of last week, leaving a widow and five children to mourn their loss.

Mr. Holden was well known both as a ringer and composer. He began his ringing career in Surrey, but, joining the Royal Marines, his service movements took him to many places. In the course of the war, during which he was present at the landing at the Dardanelles, he transferred to the Royal Naval Air Service, which was later absorbed in the Royal Air Force, in which Mr. Holden completed his service. After his retirement, he took over the Post Office Stores at Ewerby, Lincs.

Mr. Holden had taken part in a considerable number of peals, including one rung by Service men, and he had numerous compositions in various methods, including Treble Bob. It was one of his peals of Maximus that was rung at Shoreditch by the Freemasons three weeks ago. He had been invited to take part in the original peal attempt, but was unable to do so on account of his health. Shortly before his death he went into a sanatorium at Bourn, Lincs, but the dread disease of tuberculosis had him too firmly in its grip. He had many friends throughout the Exercise who will deeply regret his death, and whose sympathy and condolence will go out to the bereaved family. Mr. Holden was about 48 years of age.

The funeral took place on Monday. In the evening an attempt for a half-muffled peal of London Surprise Major was unfortunately lost at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, after which touches to the memory of the deceased were rung. Among those taking part were Messrs. W. Pye, J. E. Davis, J. Bennett, C. W. Roberts, J. Nash, J. H. Crampin, J. Waghorn, E. Brett, F. Digby and W. Madgwick, most of whom had known and rung peals with Mr. Holden.

A FAMILY TOUCH.

Six members of one family rang six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles at St. Nicholas' Church, Kemerton, Gloucestershire, on August 3rd. They were Stedman Devereux 1, Arthur Devereux 2, Edwin Devereux (conductor) (aged 78) 3, Thomas Devereux 4, Harry Devereux 5, Ernest Devereux 6. Ringers of 2, 3 and 4 are brothers, 5 and 6 are sons of the ringer of the 4th, and treble the son of the conductor. He was christened Stedman in memory of the great Fabian, whose tercentenary is being celebrated this year.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

PROBABLE COST OF SCHEME NEARLY £500.

Those who wish to have a personal part in the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, Cambridge, should send in their contributions at once, in order that the committee may know exactly what sum is at their disposal. In addition to the main scheme there are various incidental items which have to be met, and it is above all essential that the amount necessary should be assured before the work is completed.

The rehanging of the bells in new fittings, on the reconstructed frame erected at a lower level in the tower, necessitates the insertion in the building of a reinforced concrete beam round all four walls—a somewhat expensive but very important safeguard for the future stability of the ancient tower.

Among the other items which have to be provided for are the memorial tablet, a chiming apparatus, and architect's and faculty fees. The total cost is likely to be little less than £500.

Contributions should be forwarded to

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FABIAN STEDMAN'S LONDON FRIENDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I say that, after making some investigations into seventeenth-century ringing, I agree with Mr. Daniell that the Fabian Stedman who died in London was most probably the same man as the Cambridge printer who wrote the 'Tintinnologia.' Direct proof is still lacking, but among other things I have discovered that he had many friends in London who had quite sufficient influence to get him a post in the Audit of Exchequer, and who, doubtless, had the will to do so. Among them was Francis Wythens, who was knighted by Charles II. for loyalty, who was 'with one consent kicked out of the House of Commons as not fit for gentlemen's company,' who was the judge that sentenced Algernon Sidney, Lord William Russell, Titus Oates, and most of the other prisoners in the famous political trials of the time, and who was the colleague of the infamous Lord Chief Justice Jeffreys on the Bloody Assize in 1685. Another was Sir Henry Chauncey, who was the magistrate under whose warrant the last arrest and conviction for witchcraft was made in England. Another was Sir Christopher Milton, brother of the author of 'Paradise Lost,' but, unlike John Milton, a royalist and a papist. Another was the fourth Lord Breton, grandson of the first Master of the College Youths, and himself a ringer. And others.

I wrote in my 'College Youths' that the 'J.D. and C.M. Campanalogia' was largely copied from Stedman. I ought to say that the authors 'hope and are assured that the Courteous Reader will not think that we have borrowed any other thing but the name from so Unnecessary a Book as the same is now,' and they explain that it was 'at the request and desire of the Book seller' that they called their book the 'Campanalogia.'

With reference to the peal of Real Double Bob Maximus rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in 1771, it is interesting that the 'Clavis' says the first true peal of the method was rung by the Society of College Youths in 1784, and the longest peal by the ancient Society of College Youths in the same year. The words 'true' and 'ancient' are in italics. This looks as if the 1771 peal was false.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SURREY RINGERS' WEDDING.

An extremely interesting wedding took place on Saturday, August 1st, when two ringing members of the band at All Saints', Benhiton, Sutton, were united in the bonds of matrimony. The bride was Miss E. Stevenson, who has been a ringer for several years, and the bridegroom Mr. E. Enticknap, vice-captain of the local band. The 'Wedding March' was played after the ceremony by Mr. C. S. Poole, the organist, who is also one of the ringers. To celebrate the occasion, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung: G. Burrows 1, H. E. Good 2, E. G. Talbot 3, F. Woodiss 4, W. C. Smith 5, Roy Davies 6, D. Cooper 7, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 8. This followed an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after an hour's ringing.

RESTORATION OF COGGESHALL BELLS.

FUNDS RAISED BY CHURCHWORKER.

The bells of Coggeshall Church, which had for some time been silent for want of repair, have now been restored. Thanks to the unflagging zeal of Miss Margaret Gardner, a lifelong churchworker, something like £250 has been raised during the past six months to put the bells in order. A very gratifying feature is that the money has by no means been confined to the present congregation. Varying amounts have been received from ministers who had previously held the benefice, friends who had worshipped in the old church, Non-conformists who rightly regarded the church as a parish church, and those without any definite church, who gave out of regard for the organiser. The restoration work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, includes the recasting of the 3rd bell, the rehanging of the other seven bells with various new fittings, including ball bearings. These bells have also been quarter turned. The oak frame has been strengthened by means of angle brackets and vertical bolts. Most appropriately, the bells were ready for a service of dedication by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, August 2nd, the patronal festival of the Parish Church, when a large congregation was present at the service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Lickford, assisted by the curate, the Rev. L. W. Davey. After the recast bell had been dedicated by the Bishop, a few rounds were rung by members of the Essex Association.

In the course of an eloquent discourse upon music, his lordship said there was nothing more beautiful or effective than the ringing of the church bells; they were the voice of the Church. Addressing a few words to the ringers, the Bishop said he had been connected with ringers for over 40 years. He noticed how keen they always were; they went on ringing as long as health and strength permitted, and they enjoyed a great privilege in so doing. As to those who had contributed so willingly and so liberally to the cost of the bells, thanks be to God for the part they had played. He earnestly prayed that God's blessing might for ever rest on all those who had had any share in that splendid effort.

The collection for the bell fund realised £10.

Following the service, a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by the following: F. Ridgwell 1, C. H. Howard 2, W. Keeble 3, F. Clayton 4, A. Saunders 5, W. Arnold 6, C. P. Duffield 7, D. Elliott 8.

About 50 members were present from four counties and 16 parishes, and were generously entertained to tea at the Woolpack Inn by Miss Gardner.

Preaching at the evensong, the Vicar expressed his gratitude for the generous support given to the bells fund. He also thanked the visiting ringers for their services.

There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon and evening in various methods, including Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major. A local band of probationers are eager to acquire the art of change ringing, and various members have promised to give them every possible assistance.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Bank Holiday, a general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Beccles. The bells started about eleven in the morning, and were kept going for the rest of the day by visitors from Leiston, Loddon, Lowestoft, Stowmarket, Framlingham, Ufford, Grundisburgh, as well as many ringers on holiday from more distant parts of the country. A short business meeting was held after tea, at which it was decided to hold a meeting at Fressingfield at the end of August and at Woodbridge later in the autumn.

One new member was elected, and the Guild secretary called attention to the scarcity of hon. members of the Guild, and the fact that half of the present hon. members were from one parish. He appealed to the ringers to endeavour to get more hon. members to help the Guild's financial position.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Beccles for granting permission for the meeting to be held there, after which the company adjourned to the church for more ringing.

A variety of methods were rung during the day, many ringing their first touch on ten bells, and some their first courses in the four standard Surprise Major methods.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.

A very useful practice meeting in connection with the Halesworth District was held on Tuesday evening, August 4th, at Wissett Church (six bells), with a view to helping the young ringers of the district. Members attended from Halesworth, London, Chediston, Wissett, Huntingfield, Heveningham and Wenhamston. Many touches of Grand-sire Doubles and Bob Minor were brought round, in which several beginners took part, and 360 Grand-sire Doubles was rung by: Miss Roe (first 360) 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, E. Garrard 3, R. Bullen 4, L. Hamond 5, J. Nunn 6. A 360 Bob Minor—J. Nunn 1, F. C. Lambert 2, E. Garrard 3, G. Gown (first 360) 4, W. Kerrison 5, R. Bullen (conductor) 6—and some excellent rounds with learners from Heveningham and Huntingfield were rung.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, Rev. A. Trousdale, for the use of the bells, at the close of a most enjoyable meeting.

THE RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO THE CONTINENT.

THE END OF A HECTIC WEEK.

The chief scribe left for Woking on Tuesday morning with instructions to carry on with the story and to 'make it snappy.' Here I take up the threads. It has been a hectic week. Every day has been filled to overflowing. Tuesday found us again at old Bruges, that quaint old Flemish city of bells, churches and waterways. Our guide took us through the Church of the Holy Blood, with its historical relics of Corpus Christi. This was followed by a visit to Notre Dame, where the paintings and sculptures of old masters were described by a Belgian artist. Here is a 'Madonna and Child' by Michael Angelo, one that our American cousins would give untold wealth to possess; here is a Van Dyck 'Crucifixion' of 1626, before which few can stand unmoved. The atmosphere of sacred art is indeed found in such places, and one can only deplore the decadence of the modern in comparison.

After lunch, several members of the company, out for freak records, climbed to the top of Bruges bell tower and rang a course of Stedman Caters, undoubtedly the first ever rung there. Their names

warnings fitfully until the fog lifted. Some of us went along the coast to the snug hamlet of Brecedene-sur-Mer, where we dug ourselves into the sandhills overlooking the North Sea, and started for a peal of Triples. A seat on sand is comfortable for a time, but it has its limits, and, after 1,500 had been rung, the 'seats of the mighty' began to feel very unstable, and the attempt went into the limbo of lost peals.

Thursday was more propitious, and the peal was got in 2 hrs. 31 mins. This was rung in the large bathroom of the hotel, and every precaution was taken that no one would want to use the bath while we were ringing the peal. This recalls to mind another incident of a bath. A certain well-known ringer who attends the Central Council tried to obtain a bed at a hotel in Chelmsford very late, and when there were no rooms to be had. At breakfast next morning he turned up looking rather mouldy, and when asked where he was staying, whispered, 'I'm sleeping in the bath on a rug, but don't tell anyone. If the water is turned on, I'll be drowned.'



THE 'PILGRIMS' AT THE MENIN GATE.

In the background can be seen some of the panels on which are recorded the names of the thousands who died in the Salient and have no known grave.

must be handed down to posterity: R. Philpott 1-2, R. Elkington 3-4, H. J. Poole 5-6, H. D. Harris 7-8, L. W. Jacques 9-10.

In the afternoon we motored to the Mole, Zeebrugge, where, on the spot, we were treated to a thrilling account of the landing and bombardment of April 23rd, 1918, by Major Clegg, whose personal knowledge of the historic epic carried his hearers away with enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, several made the journey to Brussels, while H. J. Poole went on to Cologne to find his brother's grave in the British cemetery there. This he succeeded in doing. Those at Brussels had a glorious day in the capital of Belgium. Anyone who has seen the Grand Place will admit that there is no finer square in Europe, its ancient buildings dating back six hundred years. Some of these with colonnaded balconies are decorated with old gold and colours, while the chief of them, the Hotel de Ville, the Town Hall, or Mansion House, must be seen to realise their beauty. The Germans never touched anything here, probably thinking they were in Belgium for good; hence its splendid condition. Although the motor 'konked out' several miles away, the company safely returned about 11 p.m.

Those who remained on the sands realised what sea fog means to those 'who go down to the sea in ships.' Throughout the night and until mid-day the bell-buoy and siren were tolling and calling their

In the afternoon we went on the sands, and again dug ourselves in. Soon we were surrounded by a 'skade' of bare legs, and the ringing highly amused their owners, who thought we were doing it for a living. Although Ostend is the hub of continental holiday makers, one can occasionally hear English spoken, and among the various foreign tongues, a cockney voice cried, 'Wot abaught it, cockies?'

There are several hand kiosks in the centre of Ostend, and one not far from our hotel. It seemed an ideal place to ring, and someone dared us to take possession. Although the police are rather small in stature and are somewhat suggestive of a famous film comedian, they are armed with a staff and 'shooting iron,' so it is wise to give them plenty of room. We discussed the possibilities, and at 11 p.m. four men might have been seen skulking along towards the bandstand, each with two bells. The band platform was quite four feet high, but we went over the top and started a course of Triples. The place was about empty when we began, but in ten seconds folks were running towards us in swarms. They came from all quarters—estaminets, shops, houses and adjoining streets. Dogs commenced howling at what one called the 'moosic,' but we decided to stick to it. Then amid all the uproar, a policeman appeared and gesticulated towards us. We finished the course, however, and jumped for it. I don't quite know how we got back to our 'trenches,' but I do

know who was the first to get there, though modestly forbids me to mention his name. Ahem! It shows what Britons will do when dared. After this, no one can say that we dare not perform in public.

Friday was our last day, and we hoped to score two peals in two different countries. We crossed the French frontier at 10 a.m. and reached Dunkerque. This ancient city has a fine public square dedicated to 'Au Brave Jean Bart.' Who Jean Bart was or what he had done, we had not time to enquire. We wanted a room for about three hours, and experienced some difficulty at first, but the sight of English money smoothed the path somewhat, and ultimately we got an ideal room near the great Cathedral and in the square (or place). We got going as soon as possible, and without a trip the first ten-bell peal in France was accomplished in 2 hrs. 51 mins.

Back to lunch, within two hours we were rushing towards Holland. I knew a place at Sluis, and had carefully earmarked it for a possible peal long ago. We reached the frontier and crossed after showing our passports and the inside of the handbell bag. The Dutch police have a sword as well as a 'shooter,' so it is unhealthy to give them any back-chat. The sight of a handbell seemed to amuse the official, especially when rung near his ear.

Soon we reached the cafe near the canal, and started for Stedman Triples. The band was: R. Philpott 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, H. J. Poole 5-6, L. W. Jacques 7-8. The halfway came up at 1 hr. 12 mins., after which a few trips occurred. They were got over. At the beginning of the last quarter-peal the tapping was good, but the air was getting somewhat electric. Handbell ringers will understand. More than one of the band was beginning to feel nervy, and when that happens it is usually the end. As umpire, I affirm that the bells were all right, but the climax came about 600 changes from home, when the conductor stopped, thinking they were wrong. It was perhaps as well to do so, as it was fine practice for a better peal next time. Thus ended the ringing, although at night at our hotel five men were busy on the carpet 'lapping' Caters and Royal. At midnight we joined hands around the room and sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' passed a vote of thanks to Madam de Janhere, the hostess, for her admirable hospitality, and to our guide, philosopher and friend, Dr. P. L. Collignon, and 'so to bed.'

Every one of the party was emphatic in describing the tour as 'the best ever,' and hoped for an annual reunion. We shall see.

I ought to mention that a course of Triples was rung on both the Holland-Belgium and Belgium-France frontiers, with 1-2 and 3-4 in Holland and 5-6 and 7-8 in Belgium, also 1-2 and 3-4 in France and 5-6 and 7-8 in Belgium, by standing across the frontier line. We leave to future record breakers the stunt of standing astride the line, with half a man in one country and half of him in another!

W. W.

PRESENTATION TO THE ORGANISER.

With the midnight votes of thanks on Friday came a surprise for the organiser of the pilgrimage, Mr. Wm. Willson. The party had assembled in the lounge, together with all the other visitors in the hotel, who, by the way, had been not uninterested spectators at various times of some of the handbell ringing that filled the brief intervals between eating and expeditions. When Mr. Willson had thanked all those who had helped in making the pilgrimage such a pronounced success, Mr. C. H. Jennings said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. It was to make a little gift to their friend, Mr. Willson, as a small token of the appreciation of the 'pilgrims' for making it possible for them all to visit Belgium. The pilgrimage to Menin Gate was his original idea; the service had been most inspiring, and was another mark in the annals of his ringing career. They must not forget also that the trip had been an enjoyable holiday, and they had all gained new experiences by it. They had all been a very happy family, and history had been made by ringing handbell peals in Belgium and France. They owed Mr. Willson a great debt of gratitude for having made the pilgrimage such a success. On behalf of all those who had taken part in the pilgrimage he asked him to accept a smoker's companion, and trusted that every time he used it he would think of the happy time they had all had together in Belgium (applause).

The gift consisted of a cigar case, ash tray and novelty cigarette case. The latter caused great amusement. By pressing a button, a stick dips its beak and brings up a cigarette.

Mr. Willson, who had been taken completely by surprise, thanked the givers most heartily. Anything, he said, he had done or could do for ringers and ringing he would always be pleased to do. He was delighted that they had held the service at the Menin Gate, the idea of which occurred to him after the ringing over the grave in Westminster Abbey (applause).

Madame de Janhere then presented Mr. Willson with a handsome bouquet, and in characteristic continental fashion kissed him on both cheeks.

The return passage on Saturday was not entirely a pleasant one. After being out two hours, a gale sprang up with heavy seas. Some of the party got drenched and had to seek what shelter they could on the crowded boat, while, to make things worse, the boat had to wait outside Dover harbour in a choppy sea for about an hour. But over this picture it might be as well to draw a veil. In the rush on landing, the party became separated, and so there were no final farewells, but the pilgrimage was a great and happy experience.

THE PEALS.

OSTENDE, BELGIUM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT HOTEL MYRA, 4, RUE DE LA PLATE-FORME,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON 7-8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 9-10	

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

Umpire: L. W. JACQUES.

Witness: R. A. POST.

The first peal in Belgium and the first peal of Caters rung on the Continent of Europe.

OSTENDE, BELGIUM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT HOTEL MYRA, 4, RUE DE LA PLATE-FORME,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 12 in F.

L. WILLIAM JACQUES 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpire: W. WILLSON, who took off every bob change.

First peal on handbells by ringer of 1-2.

DUNKERQUE, FRANCE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT HOTEL L'CATTOEN, 35, PLACE JEAN BART,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON 7-8
H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 9-10	

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

First peal of Caters rung in France.

PILGRIMITEMS.

Mr. A. J. Rodger found his brother's name on the Menin Gate.

The principal streets of Ostend were gaily illuminated with festoons of many-coloured electric lamps every evening during the week. It must have been in honour of the pilgrims.

It was a great deal further from Ostend to Dover last Saturday than from Dover to Ostend the week before, and the route had a lot more lumps on it.

The pilgrims returned, as they went, in two boats, but both 'got it in the neck.' All those who returned on Saturday will vote unanimously for a Channel tunnel.

The handbell bag was a source of suspicion every time it was taken through the customs—and it had to pass through several times, for it went into and out of France and Holland as well as Belgium and England.

The vacant handstand near Hotel Myra was a great temptation to the handbell ringers all the week—it was not surprising that they succumbed on the last night of their stay. It might have been awkward if they had been locked up for a breach of local regulations, but perhaps some of them might not have been altogether sorry if it had resulted in their escaping the ordeal of the next day's crossing.

It would be interesting to know exactly how many rolls and bottles of bok were consumed by the pilgrims during the week.

THE FIRST PEAL ON THE CONTINENT.

The first peal rung on the Continent was accomplished nearly 76 years ago—it was rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths and not the Ancient Society of College Youths, as stated in the article last week. The following is the entry in the society's copy peal book:—

Boulevard Bonne Neuville, a Paris.

On Sunday, July 15th, 1855, the under-mentioned members of this society rang at the above establishment, upon the handbells retained in hand throughout, Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5,040 changes, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. They sat thus:—

Edwards Sawyer 1-2.
John Cox 3-4
Cornelius Andrew 5-6
George Banks 7-8

The above peal was the first ever accomplished on the Continent of Europe. It was conducted by John Cox.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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X. THE LONDON YOUTHS.

The Society of London Youths was founded in or just before 1753. The headquarters were 'The Three Goats Heads' in Whitechapel, and they practised at St. Mary Matfelon and St. George's-in-the-East, or, as they called it, St. George's in Middlesex. The whole district has, of course, utterly changed since then. The Society's history was much the same as the other companies. They paid the usual visits to outlying towers, and they had their annual feast. The dinner ticket was an engraving with the arms of the City of London and two views of St. Mary's and St. George's surrounded with decoration. The early peals were mostly in the plain methods, Bob Major and Bob Triples, but two were of unusual interest. One was 5,200 Court Bob Major in 1764, the other a 'Compleat Peal of 5,012 Tichborne's Invention' in 1768. This consisted of one course of Bob Triples and forty-four of Bob Major, and is the first 'spliced' peal on record.

In 1766 Christopher Wells joined the Society. Wells was a clever and brilliant young ringer, but a somewhat flighty and unreliable person (Note 15). His first peal was with the junior Society of College Youths at St. Magnus' in 1761, and the following year he rang a peal of Grandsire Caters with the same society at Fulham. This peal is not in the College Youths' book. He joined the Cumberlands on November 5th, 1763, and rang four peals with them. His first peal with the London Youths was one of Grandsire Caters (5,435 changes) at St. Leonard's on June 29th, 1766, which he composed and conducted, and he became the leading man of the Society. Under his influence they reorganised themselves into a sort of parody of freemasonry. They called themselves 'Brethren of the Most Noble Order of the Bell'; they had their 'Grand Master,' 'Senior Deputy,' 'Tyler,' and other officers; they probably had (though of this there is no direct evidence) their secret meetings and cabalistic signs. They dated their peals 'in the year of Bells, 3256.' This they got from the reference in the Pentateuch to the golden bells on the robe of the High Priest; for, according to Archbishop Ussher's Chronology, the Mosaic Law was given in B.C. 1490. The following is from their peal book:—

'St. Mary Whitechapel. By Order of the Grand Master. The United Society of London Youths, Brethren of the Most Noble Order of the Bell, Did ring on Saturday, Dec. 27th, 1766, in the year of Bells 3256, a Compleat Peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Triples without a Single, in 3 hrs. and 10 mts. Being the first Peal since the Constitution. The Performers were: Br. Isaac Simpson 1, Br. James Brown 2, Br. Joshua Brotherton G.M. 3, Br. Henry Yarley 4, Br. Robert Reynolds T. 5, Br. Christopher Wells S. 6, Br. Thomas Harrison 7, Br. John Clark A. Tenor. Compd. and Calld. by Br. Chris. Wells S.J.'

Another peal was rung 'by direction of the Senior Deputy.' This went on for about three years till 1769, when Wells ceased for a time to meet the Society and all this frippery was dropped. It is noteworthy that one or two peals rung in 1767, in which Wells did not take part, are booked in the ordinary way.

Many of the peals rung during these three years were composed by Wells, who *did* know a great deal about composition. It was he who first found out in 1768 that Treble Bob Major can be false with the treble in 1-2 without showing at the lead end. 'The rumour of this discovery,' says the 'Clavis,' 'soon spread a general alarm throughout the whole art, scarcely a peal being rung but

its truth was now suspected; and, indeed, many of their fears were but too well founded, for on a strict investigation of the peals then rung two out of three were absolutely false.'

This knowledge did not save Wells from calling a false peal of Treble Bob Royal in 1767.

In 1769 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stepney. This peal was call'd from the Scale of the late Mr. Jno. Holt by Bro. Chris. Wells, who Reversed the Courses by calling the Left Half method first, and the first Last; never done before.'

In 1769 Wells ceased to meet the Society. This time the reason was not the usual one of either ambition or disagreement, for his name does not reappear in any of the other societies' records. Probably it was the same cause as has interrupted many a young ringer's career, both then and now. I suspect he was courting.

John Reeves joined in 1774 and at once began to call peals. They were mostly Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters, his own compositions. Unfortunately, the custom of putting the figures in the peal book, which was usual with Wells, was dropped, and we have no means of comparing them with the 'Clavis.' One was a peal of Grandsire 8-in, the earliest, I believe, recorded. It is not in 'Snowdon.'

Wells turned up again in 1776, and, with his help, 5,236 Grandsire Cinques was rung at Southwark; and about the same time William Jones joined the Society. The next year the Company rang 5,280 Bob Maximus at St. Bride's. Wells called this. (Reeves, Treble; Jones 2.) A month later Jones called 5,201 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate.

At this time we may be sure that active work was done on the new book and many of Reeves' best compositions date from these years. In 1780 the necessity of proving Treble Bob when the treble is dodging in 3-4 and 5-6 was discovered and more of the old peals were found to be false.

On February 11th, 1778, Jones joined the Cumberlands, no doubt with the idea of getting further support for his book. There he enlisted the help of another colleague, Thomas Blakemore, and sent him to join Reeves. Soon after, they rang at St. Giles' in the Fields the first Major Surprise peal ever accomplished. 'Jany 30 1780 at St. Giles in the Fields a peal of Cambridge Surprise 5088 changes in 3hrs. 26mts. T. Bulgin 1, R. Wilson 2, R. P. Donkin 3, T. Blakemore 4, W. West 5, J. Anderson 6, J. Reeves 7, Allen Grant Tenor. Composed and Conducted by J. Reeves.'

The composition was false, and indeed, when we remember that it was rung before the necessity of testing the truth of Treble Bob Major with the treble in 3-4 and 5-6 was discovered, it is scarcely to be wondered at. The performance, of course, cannot stand as a peal, but in general interest and as a landmark in the history of ringing it stands before the great majority of true peals.

In 1783 the whole band and William Jones joined the 'ancient' Society of College Youths. This secession led directly to the lapse of the London Youths.

At this time there was another and distinct Society of London Youths, which was founded in 1776 and met at the 'Whittington and Cat,' Church Row, Bethnal Green. They continued for some years and became extinct soon after 1803.

NOTE 15. Wells' signature, large and bold with plenty of swagger and flourish, is very characteristic.

WELSH CATHEDRAL'S NEW BELLS.**MAGNIFICENT PEAL OF EIGHT IN ANCIENT GATEWAY TOWER.**

The dedication took place on Thursday, July 30th, at St. David's Cathedral, Pembrokeshire, of a new peal of bells, the gift of an anonymous donor. The bells are a ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt. in the key of D), from the Whitechapel Foundry. They hang, not in the Cathedral tower, but in the 13th century octagonal tower at the south-east gateway entrance to the Close.

The tower is unusual in its proportions, its height from ground to top of parapet being about 46ft.; the internal span of belfry about 28ft., and from the belfry floor to the ground is about 20ft. The ringing chamber, on the ground floor, is heavily vaulted, and impressive.

The louvers have been completely closed on the inside, and the sound escapes through a lantern which has been built on the roof. The result is that, although the bells are so close to the ground, the effect outside is very fine.

The bells hang in a very heavy teak frame, and are fitted with the most modern type of fittings.

The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of St. David's. A very large assembly attended the service in the Cathedral, following which a procession was formed to the octagonal tower, where the ceremony took place. The bells were rung by the St. Mary's, Haverfordwest, band, and were kept going after the service until about 8 p.m.

**ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL.**

The top of the octagonal tower, containing the new ring of bells, can be seen above the roof of the Cathedral.

The tone of the bells was much admired, and it was considered that a finer eight for the weight could not be cast. The ringers were enthusiastic over the perfect 'go' of the new ring.

A Cathedral band is to be formed, and arrangements are being made for instruction to be given by Mr. T. Rogers, leader of the Haverfordwest band, assisted by members of his own company.

ST. DAVID'S BELL.

The tenor has the name 'Dewi Sant,' and bears the following inscription: 'Cyflwynyd y Clychau Hyn er Gogoniant Duw ac er Anrhyddedd Dewi Gan un o Garedigion yr Eglwys Gadeiriol, 1928.'

The others are named: 7th, Sant Mihangel; 6th, Sant Iago; 5th, Doon; 4th, Esgob; 3rd, Sant Andreas; 2nd, Sant Stinaw; treble, Mair Fendigaid.

The Cathedral is of unusual interest, and has an exceptionally beautiful setting in a hollow surrounded by hills. It is 16 miles from Haverfordwest, and is reached by motor bus. The route is a heavy one, covering 17 hills.

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MIDDLESEX MEETING AT SIX-BELL TOWER.**AN OLD STEDMAN METHOD RUNG.**

Some forty ringers in all attended the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Hendon on Saturday, and among those present were a number of visitors, including Mr. George Mayers, of Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Mr. K. C. Davis, of Blagdon, Somerset, and Mr. L. Allington, of Sudbury, Suffolk. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the usual service was not held. Tea was served in the Church Hall, the vice-president, Mr. W. Pickworth, presiding, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) and the District Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Coles).

The business meeting was brief, but included the election of quite a number of new members.

It was announced that the next meeting would be a joint gathering with the Essex and Herts Associations on September 5th, and it was decided that the meeting in October should take place at Barnet, on the 10th, when the memorial to the late president of the association (Mr. F. A. Milne) would be unveiled.

The hon. secretary extended a very hearty welcome to all the visitors, and congratulated George B. Collins, a young member of the Enfield band, on having rung the tenors to a handbell peal of Bob Royal for his first peal. The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. R. N. Boyd) for the use of the bells, and to the vergers (Mr. Hardy) for the excellent tea which he provided.

There are six bells in Hendon tower with a tenor of about 16½ cwt. Three of them were recast in 1924 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the treble having been originally cast by Lester and Pack in 1759, the 2nd by Bryan Eldridge, of Chertsey, in 1837, and the 4th by Thomas Mears in 1802. The present tenor is a bell by Lester and Pack, the 3rd was cast in 1638 by Ellis Knight, of Reading, and the 5th by James Bartlett, of Whitechapel, in 1860. They make quite a nice peal, and, rehung in 1924, go well. The ringing on them on Saturday, under the direction of the Ringing Master, was of a very varied character, a number of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise, being rung, while special mention must be made of a 120 of 'Ophelia' which was brought round. 'Ophelia' was one of the methods of which Stedman was the author, and which he published in 'Campanalogia' in 1677. It consists of 'singles and doubles' in which the Stedman Slow and Quick work is done in whole pulls, while the bells behind dodge. It would not be accepted in these days, but was rung as a novelty, by a band, all of whom have rung spliced Surprise peals, in this year of Stedman's tercentenary.

Hendon Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary, is one of not very many churches in Greater London whose history goes back to pre-Conquest days. There was probably a church on the same site in Saxon times, foundations of a Norman chancel have been disclosed, and it has been proved that the east wall and adjacent parts of the north and south walls are those of the chancel rebuilt in the 13th century. Some portions of the nave also belong to this period, while the tower was built in the 15th century. Ringing is done from the ground floor, but it can hardly be said that the boarded partition, with which the arch leading into the church has been closed, is either an ornament or in keeping with the rest of the internal furnishings of the church. It is largely hidden from the view of the congregation by a curtain, but it is none the less a hideous thing in an otherwise beautiful church.

MR. F. DENCH'S PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

In the figures of the composition of Cambridge Surprise Major, by Mr. F. Dench, published last week, bobs at H. were omitted in the courses with tenors parted.

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The beginnings of the Cathedral go back to the 6th century, and it is considered that in this remote corner of Wales an ecclesiastic establishment was formed by Saint Dewi, the David of later times.

It is believed that St. David was born about A.D. 530, and that the earliest church was destroyed by fire in 645.

The greater part of the existing Cathedral is Transitional Norman, and contains some beautiful work. The 15th century roof to the nave is remarkable for its beautiful composition of sculptured beams and wonderfully fretted pendants.

The present state of restoration commenced in Bishop Thirlwall's time (1862), and was carried out under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott.

The gateway entrance to the Close is the only survivor of the four which once pierced the mile long enclosing wall built by Bishop Gower in the early 14th century.

After passing through the gateway (which adjoins the octagonal tower now containing the bells), descent is made to the Cathedral by 39 steps, christened by some 'the 39 articles.'

Until 1928, the gateway tower was in ruins, but has been restored to carry the bells, as the Cathedral tower is not considered strong enough to withstand the strain.

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, St. Magnus' on the 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting on Saturday, August 15th, at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow. Ringing 4 to 8. Break 5.30 to 6.30 for tea and meeting. Social hour and handbells 8. Postcards appreciated by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—A meeting will be held at Laceby on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (5) ready early. Service 4.15. Tea (1/- per head) 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everyone heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne (6 bells) on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open at 2.30, service at 4.30. Tea in the Club Hall (free) after service, followed by business meeting. As this meeting is arranged by invitation of the Vicar in connection with the Jubilee of the church, a good muster of members is desired.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police have again placed their athletic ground in Bromwich Street, Bolton, at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, August 15th. A bowling match will be arranged during the afternoon—Police v. Ringers. Social in the evening. Usual arrangements as to food.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Meeting at Burwell on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (5) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Ringing at Fordham (6) during the evening.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells at liberty 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. A service in church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells of St. Peter's (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 1/- each to those who notify Mr. S. Boundy, 19, Queen's Road, Buxton. Burbage bells (6) may also be available. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Arley on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea announcement later.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Rd., Nuneaton

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, August 22nd, when a tablet recording five peals in Surprise methods will be unveiled and dedicated by the Rector. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea will follow afterwards, and will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, August 18th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch will hold their next meeting at St. Briavel's on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, August 19th. Photographs of ringers who attended salmon supper may be purchased through me: Postcard size, 6d. each; enlarged photos, 2s. 6d. each. — Oliver Thomas, 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A joint meeting with the Herts Association will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Warfield on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than August 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to me by 20th at very latest. This meeting has been arranged at the invitation of the Rector of Seals (Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert) and should be well attended. Reports for disposal and subscriptions gratefully received.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. —A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, August 22nd. Usual arrangements, with tea for those who notify me by August 19th. —R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, 19th inst? —D. Clark, 36, Bromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26th, at Hatfield Broad Oak. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. —H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 9d. All ringers welcome. Please advise for tea, and oblige.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. W. G. Bird, 9, Vale Road, Ramsgate, on or before Thursday, August 27th. Tea at 1s. (approximate).—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Whalley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30 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. Everybody welcome. —F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the absence on holiday of the Rector of Dyrham the monthly meeting of the above branch, which should have been held at Dyrham, has unfortunately had to be cancelled.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: G. L. Joyce 1, J. Hunt (Leyton) (first 720) 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, A. Reeves 4, W. H. Theobald 5, N. D. Smith 6. For evening service, 720 London Surprise (non-conducted): A. Reeves 1, A. Prior 2, W. H. Theobald 3, J. Moule 4, G. Dawson 5, E. D. Smith 6.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday evening, August 9th, at the Parish Church, 1,344 Grandsire Triples (composed by J. J. Parker): F. Hayes (High Wycombe) 1, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 2, F. F. Gover 3, C. F. Austin 4, A. J. Grant (Taunton) 5, S. H. A. Ward 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Morgan 1, T. Booth 2, G. Mills 3, G. King 4, W. H. Hoad (conductor) 5, C. Creasey 6, E. Mills 7, J. Godsell 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Holgate 1, T. Sparrow 2, E. G. Moore 3, W. Beard 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. W. Falkner 6, E. G. Coates 7, E. Lucas 8. Rung as a compliment to E. G. Moore, a ringer at this church, who was married to Miss M. Joyce, after the service, when the bells were again rung and 'fired,' W. Robbins and D. Wardell taking part.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 26th, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. S. Burden 1, W. R. Madgwick 2, E. F. Pike 3, W. Williams (first quarter of London as conductor) 4, J. H. Crampion 5, J. E. Davis 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. Sanders 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Laurence, for the morning service, on the eve of the patronal festival, 720 Doubles (360 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Cornell 1, L. Poulson 2, H. Day 3, W. Head (conductor) 4, J. Andrews 5.

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On August Bank Holiday the wedding took place at Christ Church of Mr. W. A. Bullock and Miss G. Carter. The bridegroom is a respected member of Christ Church Guild of Ringers, and the bride has been a Sunday School teacher for some years. The ceremony was performed by Canon C. A. Mayall (late Vicar of Swindon), assisted by the Rev. J. Gilbert (Vicar). Immediately after the ceremony the bells were rung in approved wedding style, followed by a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,301 changes) in 52 mins.: E. Bishop 1, R. W. Hyner 2, L. A. Wilson 3, R. Townsend 4, H. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, E. J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

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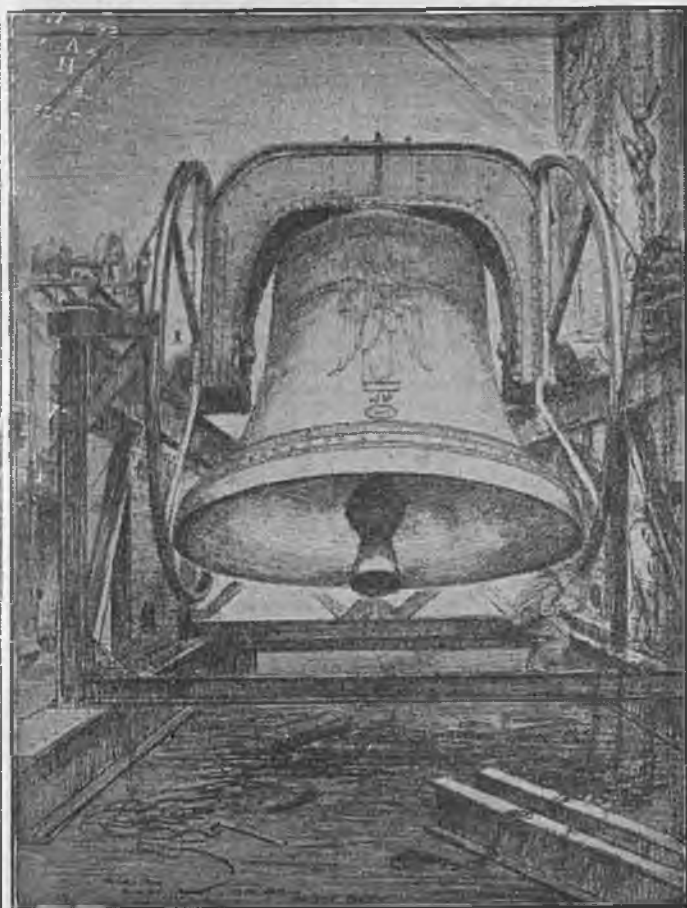
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LOST PEALS.

A new departure, as far as we are aware, has been embarked upon by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It is the recording of peal attempts as well as of peals which are successful. If the members of the Guild will seriously act up to the decision and carry out the proposal to the letter, there is no doubt that much interesting material may be added to the records of the Guild and hitherto unobtainable statistics will be available. In these days of prolific peal ringing, we are apt to forget the efforts of some of the less successful and less prominent ringers, who have a real struggle for every peal that they score, and whose perseverance in face of difficulties and constant failures is often worthy of higher praise than the achievements of others who, highly accomplished, go on from peal to peal with few losses to break the sequence, and seldom a disappointment to leaven the run of successes. Even among the more skilful of bands, however, there are occasions when a lost peal, by the sacrifice of time or energy that has been called forth, may be counted a greater effort than many another attempt which has ended successfully.

Associations as well as individuals are perhaps inclined to set undue store upon the peals rung; peals lost are in many respects often just as interesting; and, in course of time, if accurately maintained, the record of these attempts would prove no less valuable from their historical standpoint. There are individuals in the Exercise who have religiously kept a record of losses as well as gains, and those who have done so are able to look back over this reminder of thwarted hopes and draw from it a variety of recollections, which, if not entirely pleasant, often contain a spice of humour. Association records will serve a somewhat different purpose. They will, to a certain extent, be a recognition of efforts which have failed entirely to materialise, just as the peal records are a recognition of successful achievement. They will also form the basis of interesting comparisons. For instance, an association may ring less peals in one year than another. If a record of all attempts is kept, it will be possible to say whether this is due to a falling-off in peal ringing energies or to a greater proportion of peals lost. Even an analysis of the losses may be interesting in showing the causes of breakdown, such as the failure of the human element or the intervention of some cause outside the control of the ringers. We fully believe that the experiment of the Oxford Guild will prove to be of real interest, and, if it is, doubtless other associations will adopt the idea. The value of it will be in the loyalty of the members in communicating all their failures as faithfully

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as they now chronicle their successes. The record will lose much of its usefulness if only a part of the failures are notified. Occasionally the loss of the peal may be a thing about which the less said the better, but even these exceptional occurrences must not be allowed to spoil the completeness of the list of 'unfulfilled hopes and disappointed ambitions.' Otherwise the co-operation of the rest will be largely wasted.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
FREDERICK N. SKEATON 2	* ERNEST G. HIGGIN 7
WILLIAM COLLINSON 3	* ALEC RICHARDSON 8
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Ten. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Collinson, wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* PERCY FELTON Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	PERCY GREEN 7
FRANK G. RINGB 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
ARTHUR H. SMITH 2	WALTER CLAYDON 6
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	* GEORGE WM. MOODY 5
HAROLD EASTOE 2	* GEORGE L. HALL 6
MARTIN WALKER 3	† WM. EDWARD BROUGHTON 7
JOSEPH BROUGHTON 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal and belongs to a four-bell tower (Goxhill). Rung to commemorate the 1,262nd anniversary of Old St. Peter's Church, and also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Varah.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At Shrivenham, Berks, on July 27th, members of the Vale of White Horse Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., with the bells muffled, for the chairman of the branch (Rev. Canon E. F. Hill, R.D.), who passed away on Wednesday, July 22nd. The ringers were: Rev. A. J. De Denne 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Taylor (conductor) 3, E. C. Hughes 4, T. Clarke 5, F. Whipp (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 6.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JACK BAILEY 7
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	FREDERICK T. JUSTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

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

On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

HAROLD EASTON Treble	GEORGE L. HALL 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 2	GEORGE WM. MOODY 6
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 3	* MARTIN WALKER 7
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby, who is the president of the Northern Branch of the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. GEO. H. CROSS Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HARRY HOVER 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 3
* WALTER THOMAS 2	† EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
* ARTHUR NEWELL 3	* PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	SAM JONES Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First 'Spliced' peal. † First peal of Spliced Major. First Spliced peal on the bells. Mr. W. Thomas' 100th peal.

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

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

* MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
† MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS 2	JONATHAN PRESTON 6
† MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells away from the treble. Arranged for the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 4th, who hail from Folkingham, Lincolnshire, Mrs. Humphrey being a former resident of Erdington. This is the first peal of Major in which a mother and daughter have taken part.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At the Parish Church, on Aug. 12th, 600 Grandsire Doubles in 23 mins.: A. Durham 1, S. Richardson 2, A. Eilbeck 3, J. E. Brown 4, R. E. Scambles (conductor) 5, W. Norman 6. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Minor, which came to grief after one hour's ringing.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BALDERSTONE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

* WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	* CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
THOMAS WALLWORK 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

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

BURBAGE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALAN W. RANDES Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY 5
* ALFRED BALLARD 2	PERCY L. HARRISON 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	† PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Major. † First Surprise peal inside. 300th peal by Mr. T. W. Chapman. First Surprise peal on the bells.

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

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

WALTER G. ROWE Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
REGINALD REX 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	GEORGE KING 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	JAMES G. POWELL 6
FRED. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2	JOHN THOMAS 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. ERNEST PROCTER Treble	ROWLAND MYERS... .. 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Surprise.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORMAN BROWN Treble	NORMAN HEAP 5
ALBERT PARKER 2	S. FORSHAW 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	JOHN NUTTALL 7
EVEREST FORD 4	R. W. MOSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NUTTALL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. D. Brownlow on the completion of 71 years as a ringer. Mr. Brownlow is still an active and regular service ringer at the above church.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
E. CHARLES PATTEN 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member of the society previous to starting for the peal. First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

CLANFIELD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE GARDENER Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5
NOBLE SPINDLOW 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 6
GEORGE CLARKE 3	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	*PERCY GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. Rung for the anniversary of the Dedication Festival.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

*F. SINGYARD Treble	*G. SINGYARD 4
*I. MAY 2	J. BEACH 5
*W. HESKETT 3	*F. BEVAN Tenor

Conducted by J. BEACH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the church.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 13th, a 948 of Minor, being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 120 Oxford Treble Bob, 72 Kent Treble Bob and 36 Plain Bob: R. Sperring 1, A. E. Richards 2, H. W. Wilde 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. Also a course of London Surprise Minor.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's.

*SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT Treble	FRED WOODING 4
THOMAS LAW 2	*ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 5
*FREDERICK BROWNING ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

WILLIAM DENYER Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 4
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
CHARLES W. DENYER 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the conductor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with varied callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES WOODS Treble	*WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4
*SISTER K. JUTSON, C.A. ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	*FRANK RAWLINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Waldron and also to oblige Sister Jutson, who is spending her holiday at home.

CORFE MULLEN, WIMBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	*MORRIS R. PARKER 4
MISS MARCIA WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*ARTHUR G. ROSE 3	CYRIL F. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by MISS MARCIA WHITE.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member of the Guild before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Friday, August 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT NO. 1 SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	ROBERT ANDERSON 5-6
WM. H. BARBER 3-4	ADAM DEAS 7-8

Composed by F. CLAYTON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung on the ninth anniversary of J. Anderson's wedding day.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS 11-12

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

The following peals were rung during a visit to Surfleet:—
SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At GLEN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13½.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7-8

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON, MRS. C. I. DAVIES
and MRS. W. AYRE.

* First peal in hand.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Eighteen-half Minutes,
At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13½.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON, MRS. W. AYRE.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13½.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON, MRS. W. AYRE.

THE SOMERSET TOUR.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
HECTOR G. BIRD 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
HECTOR G. BIRD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
*EDWARD G. COWARD 3	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
HECTOR G. BIRD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	*EDWARD G. COWARD 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 8
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	THOMAS F. KING 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*EDWARD G. COWARD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 8
RICHARD CLARK 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 9
HECTOR G. BIRD 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Cater.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, KING EDWARD-THE-MARTYR AND THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	*EDWARD G. COWARD 5
*THOMAS F. KING 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS F. KING Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
HECTOR G. BIRD 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	LEONARD G. TANNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALEXANDER EVANS Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* 50th peal for the association. Rang as a compliment to Mr. Wm. Pye, brother of the conductor, on the occasion of his 61st birthday.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	FRANK SKIDMORE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. BROWN.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A WEEK IN NORTH SOMERSET.

INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE EXCURSION.

'Harewith programme for week August 10th-15th. Headquarters, Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol. Conveyance to towers by public services' (and, we might add, by the renowned Chilcompton bus, two private motors and two motor-cycles). This intimation to hand, who would not be pleased to join the party?—knowing well that all would run without a hitch and strictly up to time, seeing that the arrangements were made by that prince of organisers, Mr. J. T. Dyke, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. W. A. Cave giving valuable assistance in the case of towers in Bristol—a city and county divided by the river, part being in Somerset and part in Gloucestershire. Peals were therefore rung under the two associations concerned. The party having assembled, it was found that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher were unable to come owing to pressure of business. There were, however, plenty to ring, to the satisfaction of some who would feel it a hardship not to ring two peals a day.

A short account of the doings day by day may prove of interest.

Monday.—Wroxall, 9.15 a.m., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Clevedon, 3 p.m., a peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

Tuesday.—Chewton Mendip, 10 a.m., a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The bells are believed to be the best for their size in all England. Mr. Dyke had long desired to conduct a peal of Double Norwich here, and now had his desire gratified.

In the evening a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol.

Wednesday.—Before ringing came an instructive visit to Somerdale, Messrs. Fry's chocolate factory, entailing a two hours' walk, while viewing everything from the raw cocoa bean to the perfect product full of taste in the mouth. Having viewed this most interesting factory, a move was made to Keynsham, where an attempt was made on 'Thurstans' peal of Stedman. The horrible noise outside quickly caused the three outstanding ones to bundle into a motor and take a drive to Downside Abbey, a most perfect specimen of Gothic architecture. On returning to hear the end of the peal, silence reigned supreme, and the ringers had departed with only a course to their credit. It appeared that no intimation had been given to the steeple-keeper. After obtaining the key and pulling off the chimes as well as tying back a clock hammer, a start was made, no one ever dreaming there were several other wires concealed in a cupboard. The chimes went as usual at the hour, with results which all can imagine. One result, however, must be noted—many inhabitants near the church took it as a slight on the town that the visiting party had been ignored by those in authority and no preparations made for their reception. In the evening a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Nicholas', Bristol, a good peal, but not good enough to cover the disappointment of the morning.

Thursday.—Barrow Gurney, a peal of New Cambridge Surprise; a peal of Stedman Triples in the evening at Long Ashton—a heavy job and all the more so because between the two peals was sandwiched in a visit to W. D. and H. O. Wills' great tobacco factory. As this entailed a perambulation of some two hours, much of it in great heat engendered by the baking of Cavendish, all in the steamy odours of nicotine, most were agreed that it was harder work than ringing a peal. As the equivalent of three peals, with only a hasty snack of bread and cheese, it speaks well for the grit of those who started tired, but hung on to the last welcome call, 'This is all.'

Friday.—Burnham-on-Sea; method, Cambridge. A shift course after half an hour, but an excellent peal followed, to the great satisfaction of several local ringers, who assembled to hear the last part. One, indeed, put in the whole morning to listen, giving over his work of sterilising milk bottles to other hands. Mr. Evans, a local man, who rang the treble, his 50th peal for the association, was revenged for what happened at Weston-super-Mare last year. From Burnham to Bridgwater, the route was a road in rain—three distinct cloudbursts flooding the countryside. On arrival at Bridgwater an evil omen was given by way of warning. The ringer of the treble, who had hurried on to get the bells up, in an idle moment put a penny in the slot of an automatic weighing machine; the pointer spun round to over 20 stone with a mighty crash in the interior. A similar crash in the peal occurred after 50 minutes. Possibly the knowledge that the last bus was due to leave before the peal could be finished had something to do with it. It transpired later that the machine was not in fault, for 20 stone 4 lb. was registered on the following day on another machine—proving that ringing is a healthy exercise—5 lb. having been put on in five peals, upsetting the theories of medical men and certain of the ignorant and uninstructed world.

Saturday.—St. Ambrose, Bristol, a lively little peal on ball bearings. An early start at 8 a.m. was necessary, as a wedding was to be solemnised at 11 a.m. The peal was rung with nearly 20 minutes to spare, too fast to please the writer, but 'necessity knows no laws.' Three o'clock saw the band augmented by Mr. Stafford Green, from London, ready to pluck the plum of the week—Stedman Cinques at St. Mary's, Redcliffe. Here the architect responsible for the restoration work on the tower, rendered possible by the princely gift of £60,000 by one of the Wills family, telephoned forbidding the use of the bells—by no means an unreasonable order, seeing that the steeple was sur-

rounded by scaffolding. With much loose stonework and statuary not thoroughly set, it was evident that much damage from vibration might be done. Glum looks were soon dispersed by Mr. Cave, over ready in an emergency, who said, 'Why not go to St. Stephen's? We can always ring there.' Bristolians are proud of their bells, so a second peal in the week would be welcomed, though rung in the very heart of the commercial life of the city. Cambridge Surprise Royal was soon under way, but failed after 1 hour 20 minutes. Thus the week ended with 12 peals attempted, with two failures, putting aside the hopeless if abortive attempt at Keynsham; in all, nine successful.

As a small token of gratitude to Mr. Dyke and acknowledgment of all the trouble he had taken in arranging the tour, a small present of a pipe and pouch was tendered outside St. Stephen's, with sufficient tobacco to ensure calm repose and sweet satisfaction for many an evening as he calls to mind the details of the tour and its great success, with good fellowship all round.

The writer of these notes had to leave before the last attempted peal. The members of the band took such kindly interest in him from day to day that he thinks they may like to know how he fared on his way to Exeter. To begin with, a mackintosh was left in the cab which took his heavy baggage to the station. This was retrieved from the cab rank in ample time, for the North Express (?) was 1½ hours late in starting, and lost another 1½ hours ere it arrived at Exeter at 8.15 p.m. instead of 5.45. A bag with Sunday clothes, pyjamas, shaving tackle, etc., was put out in error at Taunton, but turned up by the next train, while starvation was warded off by recourse to the souvenir box of chocolates presented by Frys and the tin of 'Gold Bar' presented by the firm of Wills—no refreshment being obtainable at the many wayside halts at which this noted express frequently pulled up. It is to be hoped that all the band will find these gifts as truly acceptable, though they probably intended to give them away to some favoured claimant, as was the intention of

G. F. C.

THREE PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY G. LINDOFF.

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
234567	234567	234567
672453 2	672453 2	462375 3
476325 5	346572 1	534762 1
764325 4	723654 2	465327 3
537264 1 A1	467523 1	654327 4
375264 4	674523 4	426573 3
273456 5	426735 3	734652 2
352764 3	574326 1	267534 1
473652 1	265437 2	562473 5
674235 5	742365 1	736246 2
526374 1	347526 5 A1	627435 1
745632 2	267554 2	356742 2
457632 4	472563 1	563742 4
324765 2	634527 2	345627 3
573624 1	576423 2	763245 1 A1
245367 2	S 745362 5	457326 2
732645 1	237645 1 A	634257 1
637524 5	562437 1	S 326745 5
456237 1	S 475362 1	573426 1 A
374625 2	374256 5	645273 1
563274 1	623574 1	S 236745 1
375642 3	376245 3	452673 2
S 243567 2	763245 2	364752 1
752643 1	637245 4	523476 2
367452 1 A	526437 1	765342 2
S 423567 1	375642 2	367254 5
	P L 342567 At 3	P L 342567 At 2

Each of these peals is contained in Six Parts, three from 234567 and three from 342567, each of the parts being called alike. The two 423567

halves are singled together A to A1, or A1 to A, whichever suits best. Other connections from the singled in blocks are possible. These peals have not yet been rung.

KENSINGTON GUILD'S EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 18th, St. Mary Abbots' Guild held their annual summer outing. Starting from the church at 1.30 p.m., they motored first by way of Kingston and Newlands Corner to Shere, where they stopped for a ring at the church. From Shere they went to Haslemere, and again rang some short touches on the ten bells of Haslemere Church. After an excellent tea in Haslemere, they made their final halt at Farnham Parish Church. The homeward journey was made through Aldershot, Sunningdale, and Virginia Water. It was a most successful and enjoyable expedition, and the Guild are greatly indebted to those officials who not only permitted them the use of their towers but showed them so much that was of historical interest and beauty in their churches.

BOLSOVER RINGERS' 180 MILES TRIP.

The Bolsover ringers had a red letter day when they embarked upon their 32nd annual outing. It had been planned on rather a large scale and proved to be a heavy but interesting excursion. Twenty ringers, wives and friends met at the Parish Church gates at 6.15 a.m. and in the course of the day travelled 180 miles by motor-coach through five counties and rang at six churches. Peterborough, 75 miles distant, was the first stop. Here Mr. Davis and others of the local band gave them a real good welcome and had the bells of St. John's Church up ready. These were soon going to Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Superlative and Cambridge, apparently much to the annoyance of the market people and other tradesmen, but to the pleasure of the visitors and their ringing friends, who told some of the tradespeople that they had no ear for music. The party were fortunate to have a word with Canon Gibson and to thank him for the use of the bells.

Going on to Whittlesey with Mr. W. Rose, of Peterborough, as pilot, they were welcomed by Mr. W. Smith and Mr. Newman, and Norfolk, Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Little Bob, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were tapped off in fine style on the bells of SS. Mary and Andrew's Church, and rarely if ever had ringing like this been heard at Whittlesey. After lunch at the Falcon Hotel, the company moved off to Crowland Abbey. The peal of six were set going to Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. The 90ft. of rope frightened some a bit at first, but this difficulty was overcome and some good ringing took place. Following the ringing, the party had a hurried look round this interesting place before going on to Spalding, where they were met by Mr. A. Farr, Mr. Brown and others. The bells here are worth a visit and made the ringers loth to leave them. Touches in all the Surprise methods of which they were capable, as well as other methods, were brought round with great satisfaction. The ringers of Spalding are very fortunate and should be grateful for the possession of such a splendid peal—one of Taylor's best. After a bountiful tea at the Red Lion, the party went on to Surfleet, and were met by the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, who joined the visitors in ringing Treble Bob Royal, Little Bob Royal, Plain Bob, Superlative and Cambridge. Most of the visitors were by this time tired and had the courage to own up to it and left at 8.30 on their 65 miles' journey for home. They desire to tender their grateful thanks to all the incumbents for the use of the bells, to those who met them at the various towers and all others, especially Mr. Rose, who helped to make the outing a huge success.

J. F.

FUNERAL OF MR. F. A. HOLDEN.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Frederick A. Holden, whose death we recorded last week, were laid to rest on the 10th inst. at Ewerby, Lincs, where he had been living for the last few years, and of which village he had been postmaster. Since coming to reside in Ewerby he had formed a band of ringers at the Parish Church. Most of them he taught to handle a bell, and they had progressed as far as being able to ring Grandsire Caters.

The funeral service was fully choral and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Stephens). The family mourners were the widow, three sons and a daughter, and Mr. William Haigh (father-in-law), who until a year or so ago was tower keeper at Rochester Cathedral. Among those present were representatives of the deceased's Masonic Lodge and many ringers from surrounding towers, in addition to the local band, and many of the inhabitants of Ewerby. Immediately after the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2, S. Proctor 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, W. H. Hewett 7-8. This was followed by three courses of Grandsire Caters on the tower bells, which were half-muffled: R. Scott 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. Richardson 3, S. Proctor 4, C. T. H. Bradley 5, J. Wilson 6, G. Robinson 7, F. J. Hairs 8, R. Richardson 9, R. Pick 10.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred suddenly on Monday, August 10th, of Mr. Fredk. Schofield, a prominent and much esteemed ringer in the Huddersfield district. Mr. Schofield, who was 73 years of age, began his ringing career when the bells were installed at St. Stephen's, Lindley, in 1874, and was the last surviving member of the original company. He was an exemplary conductor, and, a good striker himself, he always insisted on good striking, as the many pupils who have come under his tuition can testify. Though not a great peal scorer, he had rung about 17 peals, several of them having been with the late Jasper Snowdon in the early days of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Schofield had also acted as judge at the Halifax and District Association's contests on many occasions.

The interment took place at Lindley on Thursday, August 13th, when, owing to it being the local holidays, all but three of the local company were away on vacation, but a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at the graveside by J. E. Carter 1-2, C. H. Craven 3-4, H. H. Smith 5-6. Prior to evening service on Sunday, August 16th, 608 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells fully muffled: J. C. Meller 1, J. Turner 2, J. Berry 3, J. Craven 4, G. T. Turner 5, D. Snowball 6, C. H. Craven (conductor) 7, H. H. Smith 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. G. H. Pagett, who has been a ringer and chorister at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, for upward of 50 years, has met with an accident. He had a nasty fall in the street and is confined to bed, but we are pleased to say he is progressing favourably.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presiding ringing master of St. Martin's Guild, his 76 years sitting lightly upon him, has just climbed Cader Idris for about the 20th time, the journey occupying something like ten hours. During August the alderman is sitting as deputy for Judge Reeve in a County Court circuit, and in September is acting as deputy Stipendiary for Birmingham in place of Lord Ilkeston. Such activities are a wonderful tribute to both the physical and mental fitness of Alderman Pritchett, who, it will be remembered, scored a peal of Stedman Cinques on both his 75th and 76th birthdays.

We mentioned in connection with the Oxford Diocesan Guild's jubilee that the 14-year-old son of Mr. A. D. Cullum was among those who took part in the festival. There was a still younger member present in the 13-year-old son of Mr. J. Keyte, who is hon. secretary of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. Master Keyte has attended the annual festival of the Guild for the last three years.

In the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung at Brighton, Sussex, on Saturday, August 1st, 1931, the ringer of the 9th was given as Henry Page, which should have been Charles H. Page.

The peal rung at All Souls' Church, Bolton, on August 1st, was Aspinwall's six-part, and the ringer of the 5th was W. Pennington. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to add two bells to the three existing ones at Stanwick, Northants. The old bells are to be rehung in an iron and steel frame.

It is hoped that the new edition of the 'Ringers' Directory,' which is being prepared by Bristol United Ringing Guilds, will be ready for issue by the end of September. It will include an Empire section and several pages of Sunday service touches, and altogether will run to 100 or 120 pages.

Readers will be interested to learn that a Vicar not 100 miles from Leeds, having a complaint from a parishioner to the effect that the bells in the Parish Church were distressing to his illness, very kindly had the bells rung fully muffled the following week, since when no further complaints have been received.

Few can equal the record of Mr. D. Brownlow, of Horwich, Lanes. He has just completed 71 years as a ringer and is still active and regular in taking part in service ringing. He looks good for many more years of usefulness in the belfry, and everyone will hope that this may prove to be the case. Last Saturday a peal was rung at Horwich in his honour.

THE RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the articles in 'The Ringing World' regarding the Ringers' Pilgrimage to Ypres. Like many more, I lost my sons in the war, the name of the elder being inscribed at Menin Gate. To the chaplain, organiser and all who took part in the pilgrimage I sincerely say 'Thank you.'

Madresfield.

R. G. KNOWLES.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Copies of the group at the Menin Gate, published in 'The Ringing World' last week, can be supplied, postcard size, at 6d. each. Remittance should accompany order.

HANDBELL RINGING ON THE CONTINENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There was a considerable amount of handbell ringing at Ronet during the war, 1915 to 1917, and various touches were published in 'The Ringing World' at the time. I have not the copies by me, but I remember the names of those taking part. They are as follows: Messrs. C. Glenn, A. Hague, C. I. Davies (of Liverpool), Bert Cryer (Selby) and — Blake. This information may be of interest to your readers.—Yours faithfully,

Rotherham.

COLIN RYDER.

SUPERLATIVE OR 'REAL' SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the account of a peal rung at Wymondham, Norfolk, on August 1st, and published as Superlative Surprise. On reading the footnote it stated that '... is the first to be rung in Norfolk with two bobs in a lead.' This means to say that this lead was 'Real Superlative,' and I fail to see how the peal can be claimed as 'Superlative' when in reality it is 'Spliced Superlative and Real Superlative.' Where is the Central Council ruling on this? If this is to become the fashion we shall see every double method such as Double Norwich, Bristol Surprise and others being trotted out in this fashion for the simple reason of shortening existing peals.—Yours truly,

F. W. ROGERS.

BIRKENHEAD.—On Monday, July 27th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor by the following: W. Goodwin 1, J. Gibb 2, G. W. Battle 3, W. Battle 4, W. J. Battle 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 'inside' in any method by the ringer of the second, who hails from Kilkenny, Ireland.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. DIOCESAN AUTHORITIES' DELAY.

Unexpected delay on the part of the diocesan authorities is holding up the commencement of the work in St. Bene't's tower. For nearly a month the committee have been waiting to give the word 'go' both to the bell founders and the builders, but despite letters and telegrams pointing out the urgency of the matter, if the scheme is to be carried through in the time arranged, the final authority of the Chancellor is still awaited. The delay is seriously jeopardising the proposal for the reopening of the bells on September 26th—the last Saturday before the commencement of the Cambridge Term, after which Corpus Christi Hall will not be available for serving luncheon and tea, for which purpose it had been kindly offered by the College authorities. If, before these lines actually appear in print, the official sanction to the scheme is forthcoming, it is just possible that the work will be sufficiently forward to carry out the reopening on the date arranged.

Meanwhile, those who wish to contribute to the fund should send their donations to

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
Woking, Surrey.

The hon. treasurer of the fund is the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

PROTEST AGAINST A CHIMING APPARATUS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I could hardly believe my eyes when I read in 'The Ringing World' that it was proposed to include in the scheme for the restoration of St. Bene't's bells—of all monstrosities imaginable—a chiming apparatus! Sunday in Cambridge is already made hideous by the use of these mechanical contraptions. Why on earth introduce another to add to the cacophony? Doubtless the bells will be needed for use at times when a band of ringers is not available, but I, for one, would far rather hear two of them raised and lowered, as at Magdalen College, Oxford, than any number thumped with chiming hammers, and I suggest that any money forthcoming would be far better spent in employing a couple of choirboys at 3d. a time to ring two of the lighter bells up and down, or even to assist the vergers in the legitimate chiming—on the swing—of three or four. If anything could be calculated to make the late Fabian Stedman turn indignantly in his grave it would be the thought of his historic bells being subjected to the indignity of a mechanical apparatus. Anything more flagrantly out of keeping with a Stedman commemoration it would be hard to conceive.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

STEDMAN'S PROFESSION.

Sir,—Tradition seems to arouse strange feelings in people's minds. Some think that if a thing is a tradition, it means that it never happened. Others seem to treat tradition as more valuable than proved facts. They even speak of a tradition being proved, forgetting that if a thing is proved it can no longer be a tradition. The truth, of course, is that tradition is a valuable aid to obtaining the exact facts, but it must always be used carefully, or it may easily lead us astray.

We cannot do wrong if we say with Mr. Daniell that we accept a tradition. He adds that he regards the Leicester account as a confirmation. I wish he would tell us why. Of course, it is possible; just as it is possible, on the other hand, that it is the source of the tradition. I cannot see that we have anything to guide us as to which of these we believe. In any case the tradition is as yet no more than a tradition. We may believe with Mr. Daniell that it is confirmed. We cannot believe with Mr. Trollope that it is proved.

The further facts discovered by Mr. Trollope are most interesting. If he would also give us his authorities it would increase the value of what he tells us. At present it is not clear whether these facts apply to Stedman the ringer, or to Stedman whose will has been published. When I wrote that the publisher of 'Tintinnalogia' must have been either a man of some means or have had access to those who had, I did not expect my statement to be so soon supported in this way. These statements make it difficult to believe that Stedman worked as a Cambridge printer, but fit in very well with Mr. Daniell's suggestion that he was a son of the gentry, apprenticed to that trade.

HERBERT DRAKE.

ONE OF STEDMAN'S CONTEMPORARIES.

A FORGOTTEN WORTHY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In his 'Campanalogia' (1677) Stedman gives 53 London peals composed by F. S. and 17 peals composed at Cambridge by Mr. S. S. F. S. is, of course, Fabian Stedman himself, but who is S. S.? From the similarity of initials and the connection with Cambridge we are tempted to conclude that there was another Stedman, a relative; and Benjamin Annable and the rest of the London ringers evidently thought that all the 'peals' that came out of Cambridge were the work of Fabian. Both conjectures are wrong. S. S. stands for a man who was quite a considerable person in his own day, and, though quickly and completely forgotten by ringers, deserves to be remembered as one of the early composers.

Among the leading divines of the Church of England in the 17th century was a man named Antony Scattergood. He was the son of a Derbyshire gentleman, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, took orders, and held many preferments in the Church, including prebends at both Lincoln and Lichfield Cathedrals. He was a friend of Sancroft, afterwards the non-juring Archbishop of Canterbury, and his position among his fellows is shown by the fact that he was the person who was directed by Convocation to see the revised Book of Common Prayer through the press in 1662.

His eldest son was named Samuel. He was born in 1646 at Winwick, Northamptonshire, where his father was Rector. There are three bells at Winwick, which were already old when he was born. Like his father, Samuel was educated at Trinity, Cambridge, being entered there on May 20th, 1662. On April 29th, 1664, he was admitted a scholar at the same time as Isaac Newton. Newton is said (on what authority I know not) to have taken some interest in ringing. If he did, this was the time. It is permissible to suppose that he and Scattergood were acquainted, and the latter certainly got to know Fabian Stedman and practised ringing with him at St. Bene't's.

Another man who may have belonged to the same company was Joseph Holland, a clergyman of the Church of England and a Doctor of Divinity. He joined the College Youths in 1668 and served the society as steward in 1675. Of him at present I have no further information.

What a band that must have been which included three such men as Stedman, Newton and Scattergood! Newton, who was beginning to lay the foundations of his reputation as one of the greatest mathematicians of all time; Scattergood, who was to become famous as a leading preacher and churchman; and Stedman, whose mental abilities made him a worthy companion of the other two. Stedman published his 'Tintinnalogia' in 1669. It contains, I think, nothing which is his own composition. It is an attempt to explain the whole art and science as it existed in his day. In its style and the grasp of the subject it is worthy of a man who (possibly) was on terms of intimacy with Sir Isaac Newton. It strikes me as being a much greater book than the 'Campanalogia,' Stedman's later effort, though necessarily much more elementary.

If Newton was ever a ringer, he did not maintain his interest in it for long. Samuel Scattergood did. When, following the publication of the 'Tintinnalogia,' cross peals began to be more commonly rung, he was one of the new composers. Here are the names of some of his peals—'My Honey,' 'The Whirligigge,' 'Jack on Both Sides,' 'Non-such,' 'The Dream,' 'The Contention,' 'The Cheat,' 'Topie-turvie,' 'Symphonies.' They are good evidence that he looked on ringing as a pleasant diversion from the more serious things of life. As names they are not nearly so good as those Stedman gave to his methods. One of his methods is Jumping Doubles, an experiment in which a bell passes over two other bells at the same time—an innovation which, happily, did not take on in the Exercise. He may have got the idea from 'Grandsire True,' by Robert Roan, in the 'Tintinnalogia.'

Perhaps the most interesting of Scattergood's names is 'Winwick Doubles,' which he called after his birthplace, and which enables us to identify him without a shadow of doubt.

For some years he remained at Cambridge, spending, no doubt, his vacations at Winwick or at Lichfield. He graduated B.A. in 1665 and M.A. in 1669, and at the same time he was made a fellow of his college. In this same year the Sheldonian Theatre was opened at Oxford, and on that occasion both he and his father were incorporated members of the university, a pretty good proof that he had already made a name.

In 1672 he joined the Society of College Youths, necessarily as an honorary and non-resident member, like Fabian Stedman before him. It may have been on a visit to London or it may have been when the College Youths visited Cambridge. If ever that society did visit Cambridge and ring Stedman's Principle for the first time at St. Bene't's, this was about the date; 1657, the year given by Shipway, is certainly too early.

In 1676 Scattergood took orders. From 1678 to 1681 he was Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield; in 1681 he was presented to the living of Ware, but in the same year he resigned it and accepted the Vicarage

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PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT STOURBRIDGE

RECORD OF LOCAL BAND'S PERFORMANCE.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on January 26th, the first on the bells by a local band, has been permanently recorded in the belfry on a board given by Mr. G. H. Bateman. The unveiling took place after evensong on Sunday, August 9th. The Vicar referred to the event in the course of his sermon and afterwards, in the presence of many members of the congregation, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Walter Farley, conductor of the peal, presented the board to the Vicar as representing the parish. He said he was pleased to see such a good attendance of members of the congregation to see the ringers do a bit of work (laughter). The ringers were usually unseen, but were heard, and he thought that those present often wished the ringers were somewhere else (laughter). As the conductor of the peal he felt very proud to be there and ask the Vicar to unveil the board. It was the ambition of every band of ringers to ring a peal of that description, without outside help, and it was the first time that the local band had done it.

The band then rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples (which was the method rung in the peal), standing in the same positions as when they rang the peal on January 26th, and afterwards the Vicar accepted the board on behalf of the parish. He said it was a red letter day in the history of the local ringers, and they thanked God for the spirit that existed in the belfry. There was ordered decency and reverence, and a splendid spirit among the ringers as worshippers. He thanked God from his heart for that, and that peal board would bring happy memories of ringing in the town.

The Vicar then unveiled the board, which is lettered in gold on black. Mr. Whatmore proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the churchwardens and others who attended.

The Vicar said those present would see that ringing was pretty stiff work, and he did not think ringers gained the recognition that they should. They owed a great deal to Mr. Cooper, the secretary of the band, and to Mr. Farley.

It was stated by Mr. Farley that Mr. Leech, who rang the treble bell in the peal, had been ringing for only twelve months.

The Vicar referred to a complaint which he received, in an anonymous letter, as to the ringing of the bells of the church, and said the writer was going to shoot him at sight, and hoped all sorts of evil things would happen to him (laughter).

Mr. H. Mason (Hagley), who is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, congratulated the congregation on the enthusiasm of the ringers. He rang on those bells nearly 50 years ago, and rang with Mr. Whatmore (father of Mr. A. E. Whatmore) 40 years ago. He wished to congratulate the band on their achievement.

The bells were rung again, in touches of Bob Major.

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of Blockley, which he held to his death. In 1682 he succeeded his father as Prebendary of Lichfield, and the following year in his other prebend at Lincoln.

How far he kept up his active connection with ringing is doubtful, but he never lost his interest in the art. In 1676 he served in the office as steward to the College Youths in succession to Joseph Holland, and in 1685 he was Master of the society. The question arises with him, as with Fabian Stedman, how could he discharge the duties of those offices when, obviously, almost all his time was spent away from London? The answer is that in the old days the duties of these officers were concerned almost entirely with the annual feast. The duty of the steward was to guarantee the cost: the duty of the Master was to preside at the function. The man who managed the ordinary routine business of the society was the Beadle, who was a paid official.

Thus in the list of Masters of the College Youths between 1637 and 1755 there are men who were active ringing members, and men who were really honorary members and not necessarily ringers at all. Prominent among the first class are Robert Roan, John Tending, John Patrick, Matthew East, Benjamin Annable and John Cundell; while the other class includes, besides Stedman and Scattergood, men like Sir Henry Tulse, who the same year was Lord Mayor, Henry Brett, of Cowley, Sir Henry Hicks and others.

Samuel Scattergood died at Blockley in 1696 and was buried there. He left some money to the poor of the parish—a charity which is still administered. He gained a great reputation as a preacher and a volume of his sermons was published. In the College Youths' list of members' names he is given as D.D., but that, I think, is a mistake, probably caused by confusing him with his father.

The above account is the result of a very interesting little bit of historical investigation. The initials 'S. S.' in Stedman's book were all I had to start on. The appearance of the name Samuel Scattergood in the College Youths' list of names and their mistake of adding D.D. suggested that he might possibly be the man. When I found that there was a clergyman who was born at Winwick and that S. S. had called one of his methods Winwick Doubles there was no room for doubt that they were the same.

RINGERS AND POLICE.

AN ENJOYABLE LANCASHIRE SOCIAL.

On Saturday last, ringers, their wives and friends were invited to the Athletic Ground of the Bolton Borough Police to have what has now become their annual gathering, and many accepted the invitation, although some who sent their names did not turn up, probably on account of the uncertainty of the weather.

A bowling match had been arranged with the police, but owing to special duties, it had to be cancelled. The weather during the afternoon was very kind and some old scores were wiped off by trundlers on the bowling green, while the ladies and younger members enjoyed a game of rounders on the football ground.

About 40 sat down to tea, after which more outdoor games were enjoyed until about 6.45 p.m., when a shower sent all into the pavilion, where a 'free and easy' social was at once set going, and kept up until 10.15 p.m. Artists galore, all bubbling over to give a turn, were ready to assist. Mr. and Miss Booth gave selections on their handbells; Miss Annie Potter, Miss Esther Bell, Mr. Brown of Walkden, and Mr. N. Brown, of Wigau, were the vocalists in solos and duets; Miss Hannah Sandiford delighted the audience with her elocution; and Messrs. A. Stewart, A. Sandiford and J. Sandiford provided music with violin and piano for singing and dancing. There were also touches on the handbells. With Sergt. Peter Crook at the helm, there was never a dull or idle moment.

At the conclusion Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the police for their invitation. He said it had given the ringers an opportunity to meet under very pleasant conditions, and he hoped they would be able to pay another visit.—Chief Inspector Tootell, in replying, said they had all enjoyed the evening, especially the handbells, and extended a hearty invitation to come again.—Inspector Rostron supported him.

Although what appeared at first (owing to the weather) to be a disappointing day, it had turned out to be one of the best socials held at the club.

LONDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A visit to towers in Berkshire and Oxfordshire formed the annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. A party of 23 members and friends journeyed to Reading by train and were there joined by Messrs. Boreham (2) and F. West, of High Wycombe, and G. Martin, of Bayne Hill. The excursion was then continued by motor-coach, and the first call made at Goring, where the bells were soon going to various methods. Goring Church has a light and most musical peal of eight, with the 'go' of which everyone was delighted. The next move was to Appleton, safely reached after a most pleasant drive through Dorchester and Abingdon. The party were met by Mr. G. Holfield, and Cambridge Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round. It was on these bells that the longest peal of Stedman Caters was rung. At The Tavern a most excellent lunch was laid out under the spreading chestnut trees, and, as is customary on these occasions, full justice was done to all the good things provided.

The journey was then resumed to Wantage, where there is a delightful old church and a fine old peal of bells, on which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. The next call was East Hagbourne, where Mr. T. East was awaiting the party. Various methods were rung on a peal, splendid alike in 'go' and tone. After tea at the Fleur-de-Lys, the party made for Blewbury, where the bells were soon rolling to Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. These bells are of good tone, but the 'go' could be better. After a little delay owing to two of the party being absent in search of 'stable secrets,' the excursionists started on their journey over those glorious downs to Reading, where they had to say good-bye to their Wycombe friends. The rest of the party wended their way to The Shades, where they were joined by Messrs. Tom Hibbert and Bert Cullum, and a most enjoyable 1½ hours was spent in music and song, the organ solos by Norman Bagworth and James Bullock being much enjoyed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and churchwardens of St. Andrew's, Holborn, for their kind generosity towards the outing, also to the secretary, to whom musical honours were accorded for the excellent arrangements he had made. Paddington was eventually reached just after 11 p.m. This opportunity is taken of thanking the various incumbents for the use of their bells and the towerkeepers for their help, which all combined to make the day so successful.

ON THE SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK BORDER.

For their annual outing the ringers of Beccles Parish Church, Suffolk, with one or two friends from adjoining towers, made a trip along the Norfolk and Suffolk border. The towers visited were Fressingfield, Stradbroke, Wilby, Eyc, Diss and Saxlingham. The weather for this event was, for a change, fine, and everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable day. The best thanks of the company are tendered to the incumbents of the churches visited for permission to ring, and to the local ringers for their help in making arrangements, and having everything in readiness for the visitors' arrival.

THE SURFLEET 'ANNUAL.'**TOO MANY CONDUCTORS SPOIL THE PEAL.**

'The annual gathering of the non-shaving brigade.'—This was the event to which Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, sent out invitations this year. Whether the wording had an effect on the peal ringing or whether the beards of the ringers obscured their ringing vision cannot be said with certainty, but the fact remains that very few peals were rung. The company this year were joined by Claude and Mrs. Davies, of Liverpool, but much to the disappointment of everybody, Mrs. 'F. I.' was unavoidably absent, owing to the indisposition of her daughter.

The first peal attempt on Saturday came to an end through the conductor missing a bob, the attempt on Sunday was brought to a finish owing to a bob being called instead of a single and on Monday a peal 'went west' by two of the band calling a bob where the conductor did not want one! The absence of the usual 1-2 'man' was by now very evident. A second attempt was more successful, and Claude scored his 'first' in hand.

Monday night saw the arrival of the 'Penny-in-the-slot' trunk, which had discovered a cheap means of travel, namely, by taking a cheap ticket to Peterborough and then hiring a car to Surfleet, paying the driver in 'kind' by inviting him to supper at Glyn Garth. The driver, however, turned out to be a handbell ringer, so several methods up to Grandfire Cinques were rung, Albert, of Derby, eventually taking the road again about midnight.

After a day at market on Tuesday, the evening was devoted to bowls, in which there were some very good 'woods,' but whether by good play or good luck it is hard to say.

On Wednesday the hostess threatened to lock up the bowls and reduce the rations if more attention was not paid to ringing, but it had no effect, as an attempt for Cambridge Major on the tower bells came to a sudden end after nearly two hours. Then after two blank days Friday was spent at Skegness for the 'annual.' Only two of the party ventured into the water. The owner of the 'trunk' intended to bath, but Rupert's costume was rather a bad fit for 'Ole Bill,' as he could not stop in it, there being too much costume at backstroke!

Kent Treble Bob was attempted on Saturday, but joined the great majority—cause unknown! Plain Bob was then again brought forward with better success. Saturday also saw the departure of the Liverpool section.

Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples were rung for morning service on Sunday, and after dinner another 5040 of Bob Major was recorded.

All hands and the car were needed on Monday to carry the 'luggage specialist' to Spalding, thus bringing to a finish another very enjoyable ringing week, for which the party once again thank their very entertaining host and hostess.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Great Waltham on Saturday, when 21 members attended from ten parishes. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and later a service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Stanley Gresham, the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Allington) being away. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) read the lesson. Tea was served at the Six Bells and was followed by the usual business meeting.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Ford End on Saturday, October 3rd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Stanley Gresham for conducting the service and his helpful address, and also for accompanying the hymns on the organ. The ringers made another visit to the tower and kept the bells going till 9 p.m.

WORSLEY RINGERS VISIT SHREWSBURY.

On Saturday, August 1st, the ringers of St. Mark's, Worsley, with their wives and friends, together with the Vicar (the Rev. I. Renshaw), set out for Shrewsbury. Leaving Worsley at 7.10 a.m., in somewhat damp weather, they proceeded via Barton, Altrincham and Northwich to Hartford, where at the Red Lion Hotel, tea and sandwiches were served. Visiting the church with its peal of six bells, they found a wedding in progress, and had the pleasure of ringing the bride and bridegroom out of church after the ceremony. Touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, and the journey was resumed through beautiful country to Shrewsbury, which was reached at 11.45. A little later the party sat down to a hot luncheon, and it was 'a right good do.' At St. Chad's Church there hangs a beautiful peal of twelve bells by Taylors, and these were at the disposal of the party for an hour. They were set going to Stedman Triples, after which the twelve were put into motion with the help of the local company, and the ringing finished with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards some went for a sail on the Severn, others sightseeing and rambling in the quarry, where the great show is held, until the party assembled for tea. The journey home was commenced about 7 p.m., and home was reached at 10 p.m., after a long and very enjoyable day.

The ringers wish to thank all those responsible at Hartford and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything ready.

WEDDING BELLS.**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD SECRETARY MARRIED.**

Ringers will be most interested to hear of the wedding on August 3rd at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, of two of the most popular and well-known ringers in Warwickshire, namely, Miss Dorothy Eva Lewis and Mr. Arthur Henry Beamish. They have been members of the Chilvers Coton band for a number of years, the bride being one of the first lady bellringers in Nuneaton. For two and a half years she has been the very able secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, and her expert ringing has won golden opinions in many churches throughout the Midland Counties. Mr. Beamish is also a keen and expert ringer, and it is mainly due to his enthusiasm that the band at Chilvers Coton Church is becoming more and more efficient.

The wedding service, which was fully choral, was attended by many guests and wellwishers, and crowds lined the church walk to catch a glimpse of the bride and her groom. The Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A. (Vicar of Chilvers Coton and president of the Warwickshire Guild), conducted the service, at which Mr. Norman Dodds (organist) played the Cantique d'Amour (Lemare), Serenata (E. Markham Lee), Andantino in D flat (Lemare) and Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The hymns sung were 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'O perfect love.'

The bride was an exquisite figure in parchment satin with orange blossom headdress and long embroidered veil. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and roses and wore a double rope of pearls, with jewelled clasp, the gift of the bridegroom. The two bridesmaids (the Misses May and Phyllis Godderidge, friends) were charmingly attired in ankle-length delphinium blue flowered georgette, with black crinoline hats, trimmed with pink and blue, and they carried pink carnations and delphiniums.

Mr. George Lewis gave his daughter away and Mr. Reginald Morgan (Birmingham) was best man. The ushers were Mr. Albert Beamish and Mr. William Crabtree.

As the happy couple left the church the bells rang out merrily, the following ringers taking part: T. W. Chapman, E. Stone, J. E. Moreton, C. Rayson, J. Draycott, H. Harris, A. Haswell and G. Yeasey. Afterwards they joined the other guests at the reception, which was held in the Mascric Hall. There were many allusions to ringing in the various speeches, one guest saying that they all hoped the married life of the newly-wedded couple would be like a peal of good change ringing, even and in tune, whilst another humorously remarked that Miss Lewis had exchanged 'ringing round' for a 'round ring.' During the reception tunes on the handbells were rung by the bride and bridegroom and one of the bridesmaids, and 'the wedding peal' was rung by six of the ringers, led by Mr. T. W. Chapman, including again the bride and bridegroom. This was heartily applauded, and non-ringers were surprised and delighted by the performances.

After the reception the guests went to the bride's home to see the presents, which were numerous and beautiful, and included a case of stainless cutlery from the Chilvers Coton ringers. Other ringers who sent gifts were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), cut-glass salad bowl; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), pewter cake basket; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. W. White (Coventry), cut-glass salad bowl; Mr. C. Rayson (Burslem), black Wedgwood bowl and ornament; Miss M. V. Godderidge (Folkestone), table lamp.

The honeymoon is being spent in touring the West and South of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamish's future address is Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Attleborough, Nuneaton. Everyone will join in wishing them a long and happy married life, and the ringing world in general may rest assured that it has not lost two of its keenest ringers.

DOVER SECRETARY WEDS.

On Saturday, August 15th, Mr. J. Eagles, secretary of Dover St. Mary's ringers, was married to Miss I. G. Wickes, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Haley's) was rung for the occasion in 44 minutes by S. A. Wells 1, W. Frigate (Hythe) 2, H. J. Saunders 3, R. T. Clark 4, C. R. Millway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The members of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association held an enjoyable meeting at Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday, and there was an attendance of about 50. Crich is always a popular venue for a summer meeting, and, excepting for one shower, the weather was on its best behaviour. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Jones). Several visitors were present in church during the service and were greatly impressed by the address.

A substantial tea followed, and votes of thanks to the Vicar and those who had arranged the tea were proposed by Mr. W. Dobbs and seconded by Mr. H. Fretwell, who congratulated the Vicar on his excellent address and his departure from the usual custom of chastising ringers who do not attend service regularly.

In reply, the Vicar said he did not believe in the practice of 'rowing' those who were present for the faults of those who were not, and, therefore, he got on very well with his parishioners.

Further ringing was indulged in until 8.45, when the bells were lowered in peal, and another good meeting brought to a close.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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XI. 1771-1787.

After the death or retirement of George Meakins in 1771, the junior society of College Youths had four or five years when little peal ringing was done. E. Rumball called a couple of peals, and Thomas Sylvester five; but the company evidently lacked an energetic leader. They found one in 1776 in Charles Purser. Purser was one of a family of ringers, and is an early example of what are sometimes called 'peal snatchers.' That is to say, he was continually going from society to society, if only he could ring or call peals.

Samuel Austin, at one time secretary to the College Youths, writing to the Rev. C. W. Lukis on June 17th, 1865, said he had often rung with Purser, and goes on: 'Mr. Purser, a respectable Inhabitant of the parish, was proprietor of the Ben Jonson Tavern, Booth Street, Spitalfields, a House resorted to by the Gentry of the parish, and he had for several years the Care of the Bells.'

Purser began as a Cumberland, and left and rejoined that society several times. At other times he belonged to the London Youths, and twice he joined and left the 'ancient' Society of College Youths. From 1776 to 1779 he was with the junior company, calling all their peals except one. Those years are memorable as being the time when the famous long peal duel with the Cumberlands was at its height. Jasper Snowden, in his 'Treble Bob,' has given most of the particulars, and I need not repeat them here, but a list of the performances in the order they were rung will be interesting:—

- 1741. 5,200 Royal, St. Sepulchre's, 32 cwt., Eastern Scholars.
- 1758. 5,040 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., College Youths.
- 1758. 5,400 Royal, West Ham, 28 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1766. 6,000 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., College Youths.
- 1766. 5,136 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1767. 6,200 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., London Youths.
- 1767. 7,080 Royal, Shoreditch, Cumberlands.
- 1777. 6,240 Royal, Shoreditch, Cumberlands.
- 1777. 5,232 Maximus, St. Bride's, 28 cwt., College Youths.
- 1777. 10,000 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., College Youths.
- 1777. 6,000 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., College Youths.
- 1777. 10,200 Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1777. 11,080 Royal, Shoreditch, College Youths.
- 1778. 6,240 Maximus, Norwich, 41 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1784. 7,008 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., College Youths.
- 1784. 12,000, Royal, Shoreditch, 31 cwt., Cumberlands.
- 1802. 7,104 Maximus, Southwark, 52 cwt., Cumberlands.

The London Youths' 6,200 of Royal, rung in 1767, was called by Christopher Wells, and is false. The 7,080 Royal, rung in the same year by the Cumberlands, was conducted and probably composed by John Reeves. It was not booked by the Cumberlands, and evidently was false also, for that society claimed the 6,240 rung in 1777 as 'the first true 6,000 and the most ever rung.' The wording seems to cast doubts on the performance as well as the figures of the 7,080. Snowden does not include that peal in his account.

Purser composed and conducted the two long peals of Royal and the two peals of Maximus rung in 1777; but no figures known to be his have come down to us, and we cannot judge of his merits as a composer. In 1779 he quarrelled with the College Youths, and went back to the Cumberlands. In 1783 he joined the old society, and after that did little more peal ringing; but in 1791 he was once more a College Youth. In January and February of that year he rang two peals with them. The second, one

of Treble Bob Major, at Battersea, he called, and that was his last.

After the Cumberlands had rung the 12,000, 'it was mooted by some of the College Youths to endeavour to eclipse that number, but not enough of them could be found to attempt such an undertaking.' 'Mr. William Lyford, a College Youth, has often said that the height of his ambition was to stand the dial around.'

The double victory was with the Cumberlands, and that, after all, was only fair, for they had to fight not only the College Youths but the men whom they themselves had trained and brought out. Charles Purser and John Povey, who called the College Youths' peals, and Samuel Muggeridge, their tenor ringer, had all started and rung their early peals as Cumberlands.

On March 12th, 1778, Charles Purser called at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, '5,184 Double Bob Major in 3 hrs. 24 minutes, With 2 Bobs in a lead one before and one behind. Being the first peal of the kind ever completed.'

When Purser left, the leadership of the junior society fell to John Povey. In 1779 he called 5,126 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's. This was Thomas Bennett's final peal. In 1782 he made the last of his many changes and rejoined the Cumberlands. It was forty-nine years since he first rang with the Eastern Scholars, and during that time he had played a big part in the life of most of the London societies. His name appears no more.

In 1780 Povey called 5,360 Grandsire Tittum ten in at Fulham. In the next year the society went to Ware and rang a peal of Bob Major. They had to put two of their best men on the second, as the gudgeon was broken.

On January 18th, 1783, Povey called 5,214 Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Two were needed for the tenor, and this was 'the first peal ever rung there by 13 men only.' When the London Scholars rang their 6,204 Grandsire Cinques in 1729 they had two to the tenor and two 'assistants' as well, whose duties, apparently, were to give help in turn to any of the other ringers who needed it. In the olden times the go of some of the bells must have been very bad indeed, and ringers attempted and scored peals under conditions in which nowadays no one would think of starting.

An unusual and interesting peal was rung in the same year at Fulham by the West London members of the society, 5,220 Old Double Caters, conducted by E. Simmons.

A few years later—1787—the first single-handed peal was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow. This was Grandsire Caters, and the tenor man was Philip Pilgrim. In the same year a peal of Grandsire Triples on the heavy eight at Windsor Castle took two men to the seventh and two to the tenor.

The 'ancient' Society of College Youths had now once more a first-class peal-ringing band at headquarters. In fact, for a few years—1783-1787—it was the best company in London, although both the junior society and the Cumberlands had excellent bands. In Reeves, Wells and Blakemore it had probably the three cleverest and most brilliant ringers and composers. The first performance was to repeat the Cambridge Surprise Major. As the first had been found to be false, Reeves composed another, and the same band, except for the treble man, rang it at the same church on February 23rd, 1783. The 'Clavis' says, 'It was rung by the "ancient" Society

of College Youths at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, February 23rd, 1783, being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever.' The word 'ancient' is spelt with a small 'a,' and is in inverted commas, and at the foot of the page there is this note: 'There were two Societies of College Youths at that time' (Note 16). Charles Purser rang the treble to this peal.

On March 24th, 1784, the junior society rang at St. Bride's 5,160 'Real Double Bob Maximus with 2 Bobs in a lead, one before and one behind, Being the first ever rung.' The ancient Society had rung thirteen years earlier a peal of Double Bob Maximus 'with as many bobs before as behind,' but possibly the bobs were not in pairs, for Edmund Sylvester rang in both peals, and would have known if the junior society's claim was unfounded. Anyhow the St. Bride's peal, if it were the first 'real' Double Bob Maximus, did not long remain the record, for two days later the ancient Society rang 6,048 at Southwark. John Reeves rang the treble and conducted, Blakemore rang the fifth, and Wells the seventh (Note 17).

The next year Blakemore called the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin's. Reeves rang the treble and Wells the second, and that was the last peal in which those three rang together.

NOTE 16. 'Clavis,' 1788 Edition, page 176.

NOTE 17. There is a reference to this peal in the 'Clavis,' page 252, with a footnote almost identical with that of the Cambridge Surprise Major.

WOOLWICH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I beg a small space in 'The Ringing World' to make an appeal on behalf of the bells of the Woolwich Parish Church? The ringers have set out gallantly to raise the necessary sum (approximately £250) required to do what is necessary. The work will consist of the recasting of the 5th and tenor, tuning the other bells, tightening up the frame and rehanging the peal. Of the amount required, the ringers have raised £105. Ringers desirous of helping them should send their donations, however small, to the undersigned or direct to the treasurer, Mr. E. G. Dixon, J.P., O.B.E. Barclays Bank, Wellington Street, Woolwich, S.E.18. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' at the completion of the fund.

CYRIL E. PALMER,

Hon. Secretary, Appeal Committee.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. H. Gutteridge 1, P. E. Jones 2, C. A. Nicholls 3, E. Hancock (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. G. Swift 6, F. Corke 7, W. S. Childs 8.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): Wm. Clover 1, Alf. Baker 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, Jesse Baker 4, W. Farrow 5, W. Chandler 6, G. T. Peggall 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Specially arranged for 3rd and tenor man at a few hours notice.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Peter's Church, a date touch (1,931 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hour 15 mins.: H. Dransfield 1, A. Dransfield 2, H. Lumb 3, P. Byram 4, M. Hodgson (conductor) 5, F. Hewitt 6, G. Hewitt 7, J. Hewitt 8. Longest touch by 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evening service at St. Mary's on Sunday, August 9th, a 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. Ginn 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, R. Thoday 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, St. Magnus' on the 27th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The meeting at Oatlands Park to-morrow has had to be abandoned. A practice meeting will be held instead at Ottershaw (6) at 7 p.m.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Fairfield (Buxton) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells of St. Peter's (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea 1s. each. Burbage bells (6) may also be available. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Brownedge R.C. Church on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Arley on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea announcement later.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Rd., Nuneaton

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, August 22nd, when a tablet recording five peals in Surprise methods will be unveiled and dedicated by the Rector. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea will follow afterwards.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A joint meeting with the Herts Association will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. This meeting has been arranged at the invitation of the Rector of Seals (Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert) and should be well attended. Reports for disposal and subscriptions gratefully received.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 o'clock. Tea at 5.—D. Clark, 36, Bromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Reopening of Stapleton bells (6) after rehanging, on Sunday, August 23rd. Service at 3.15 p.m. Ringing at 2.45 p.m., also after the service. Address by Bishop of Malmesbury. All ringers welcome.—F. Skidmore, Chairman; H. Bennett, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26th, at Hatfield Broad Oak. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 9d. All ringers welcome. Please advise for tea, and oblige.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. W. G. Bird, 9, Vale Road, Ramsgate, on or before Thursday, August 27th. Tea at 1s. (approximate).—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Whalley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30 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. Everybody welcome. All those intending to be present please write Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Wednesday, August 26th.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Higham-on-the-Hill and Stoke Golding respectively on Saturday, August 29th. Higham bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at Higham only for those who notify Mr. A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, by the 27th. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, August 29th. Usual arrangements. Wilbarston bells (5) available after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, August 25th, if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Arundel on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at Owen's, High Street.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Fishlake, near Doncaster. Bells (6) ready early. Will all those requiring tea please send p.c. to H. Cooper, The Bank, Fishlake, not later than the 27th inst.? Will all members please make a special effort for this meeting?—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby, on Saturday, August 29th, at 5.30. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Those requiring tea notify me by the 26th.; 1s. each.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Fressingfield on Saturday, August 29th. Tea at the Fox, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Treeton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Haywood, 68, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Mary's, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. The following towers will also be available during the afternoon and evening: Leyton (8), Woodford (8), from 3 to 4 p.m., Walthamstow St. Saviour's (8) from 6 to 8 p.m. Will those intending to be present please advise E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, at the latest by Wednesday, September 2nd?—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ashford District will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 5th, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea will be free to all those who notify either secretaries on or before September 2nd. A good meeting is anticipated.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall, Gardens, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday September 5th, at Harlow Town. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Market Rasen (8), Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, September 5th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 2nd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea by Wednesday, September 9th. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the absence on holiday of the Rector of Dyrham the monthly meeting of the above branch, which should have been held at Dyrham, has unfortunately had to be cancelled.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

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The annual outing of St. John the Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, was, in accordance with custom, spread over two days, the centre this year being Leicester, which they reached on Friday evening in time for the practice at St. Margaret's tower and to spend a social hour with the Leicester ringers. Four of the visitors were 'billeted' at the Fox Hotel and the other eight at the Three Cranes, where they were surprised to find that their host was Mr. Harry Gumsley, who entertained them so well last year at the Park Hotel, Blakeney.

Saturday, after early breakfast, was spent in a charabanc tour through Leicestershire, with Mr. Ernest Morris as pilot. A visit was first paid to Ratby, where, on the handy ring of six, 720 Beverley Surprise was rung, followed by 240 Cambridge to enable all the party to have a pull. A move was then made to Groby, where 720 Wells and 240 Kent Treble Bob was rung. The journey was continued through some pleasant Leicestershire scenery, through Markfield, Swithland and part of Sharnwood Forest to the Church of Woodhouse Eaves standing in very picturesque surroundings. The bells here are a jubilee peal by the well-known firm of Taylor and Co., and 'go' like tops. Here 720 of Cambridge and Ipswich were tapped off, and afterwards all enjoyed the lunch at the Pear Tree Inn. Woodhouse-in-the-Elms was next on the list. Here 720 of Norwich was lost owing to a change course. A touch of 240 York followed, and the party then got on the road again to visit the famous bell foundry at Loughborough, which proved both instructive and very interesting, especially with Mr. Colin Harrison as guide. The inspection of the foundry and all things appertaining to the making and tuning of bells proved a great attraction, as did also the great carillon of 48 bells which will shortly be shipped to North Carolina. Tunes were played on this for the benefit of the visitors, which was greatly appreciated. They then tried their hand on the light ring of ten at the foundry, with a tenor only 6½ cwt., and the first item was 720 London Surprise on the front six (tenor 2½ cwt.), a fairly good touch being the result. A touch of Grandsire Caters followed, but the striking was not perfect. This over, the party were kindly entertained to tea, which was greatly appreciated. Before leaving Loughborough, they were invited to ring on the grand ring of ten at the Parish Church. Here Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and a course of Cambridge Major were rung. Thurmaston was last on the list for Saturday, and on this well-going ring of six 720 each of Cambridge and York Surprise was rung. On returning to headquarters a social hour was spent with local ringers. Touches of Minor were rung on the middle six at St. Margaret's Church for 8 a.m. service, and the bells of St. Martin's Cathedral were placed at their disposal from 10 till 11. Good use was made of them, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Major being rung. After lunch the party paid a visit to Thurlston, with its modern ring of six by Taylor (tenor 15 cwt.). The Vicar kindly put off the children's service and a good 720 Cambridge was brought round. Earls Shilton was the last place on the list, and on this handy ring of eight Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and a course of London Surprise was rung, with the assistance of Mr. E. Morris. A drive back to Leicester brought about train time, and Marylebone was reached at 10.20 p.m., with pleasant recollections of the association's first visit to the Midlands. The company wish to thank all the local ringers who welcomed them and gave up their own ringing for the visitors' benefit. They also desire to thank Mr. Harrison for making their visit to the bell foundry so enjoyable, and Mr. E. Morris, who made arrangements and acted as pilot throughout the visit.

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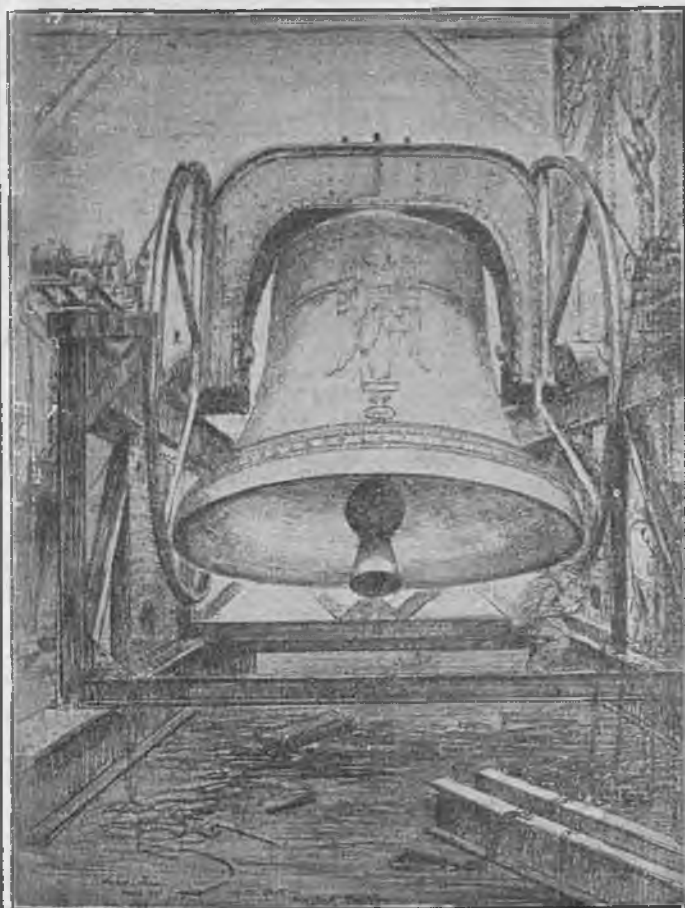
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To-day there is offered to the Exercise a new edition of the 'Collection.' It is more than five years since the old issue went out of print, and ringers have waited long and patiently for its reproduction. In recompense they have now at their command a volume much more extensive in its proportions. It covers nearly 150 pages, gives all the 'regular' methods of Doubles and Minor; and offers a wider field to five-bell ringers by including a number of 'irregular' methods. For all these methods—and there are over 200—it shows how bobs and, where necessary, singles should be made and its completeness is rounded off by compositions for every one of them. In these two respects it goes beyond what was attempted in the first edition and the book is consequently of infinitely greater value in its usefulness than its predecessor.

Ringers will probably differ in opinion as to whether the same utility has been served by the inclusion of an exhaustive collection of 'Alliance' Minor methods, which will not produce an extent unless spliced with a Little method, and they will also be divided upon the still more vexed question of printing a dozen pages of compositions which produce repetitions within the limits of an 'extent.' The Methods Committee's desire to explore the whole ground was unquestionably laudable, but their insistence
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upon including the entire product of their researches in the present volume has added very materially to the cost of production—which will not, we think, be so completely appreciated by those who will want to buy the volume. Nevertheless, the new edition of this collection, which no practical five or six-bell ringer can afford to be without, and which every ringer—whether six or twelve-bell—ought to study if he would improve his knowledge of the art, is more than value for the three shillings at which it is sold. The Methods Committee—the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. E. S. Powell, and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope—deserve the cordial thanks of the Exercise for what they have done in the revision and expansion of the volume, and although we have at times been critical of some of it, we say without hesitation that by their work they have contributed permanently and in no small measure to the progress of ringing on five and six bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... Treble	FRANK WEST ... 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3	WILLIAM E. BASON ... 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Roberts was on holiday from Truro, Cornwall. This composition, produced with 250 singles and 58 bobs, never allows either the 7th or tenor to dodge in 1-2, and may be the greatest number of calls introduced into a treble-dominated method of the length.

BUREFORD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 2	WILLIAM DIXON ... 6
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
THOMAS TIMMS ... 4	GORDON CADDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal and members of the local band. † 100th peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 20th, in 25 mins., at St. Michael and All Angels Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Baileys 1, C. H. Webb 2, F. Baileys 3, W. A. Wood 4, C. E. Carr 5, A. Ballard (conductor) 6. Rang in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Warwick, Mr. Warwick being hon. secretary to the local ringers. First 720 Treble Bob for ringers of treble and 4th, first 'inside' for ringer of 3rd and first 720 as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th belong to the local band, 5th Broughton Astley and tenor Stoney Stanton.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LENTON Treble	WILLIAM R. TATE 5
*OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	*ALBERT T. STRANGWAY 6
ARTHUR WALKER 3	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 7
HARRY BROWN 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal of Stedman.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF JOHN HOLT'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES A. HARDING Treble	EDGAR LEWIS 5
JESSE H. BEAZER 2	JESSE HALLETT 6
ELI S. BEAZER 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
CHARLES W. BELL 4	VICTOR R. SWIFT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

This peal was rung as a special birthday honour to Mr. Joel Weeks, sub-captain of the local band, who has served the church and belfry faithfully and well since his Confirmation.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. PITMAN'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD 1 reble	JACK BAILEY 5
MADRICE SWINFELD 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition, containing seven calls in every course but three, is now rung for the first time.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

CECIL ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
*MISS E. GARNER 2	*ALFRED KING 6
GEORGE KEMBALL 3	ROBERT LAUGHTON 7
*ROBERT YOUNG 4	WILLIAM AINSWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ROBERT LAUGHTON.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
ARTHUR SKELTON 2	ALBERT PICKLES 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	CECIL DRAKE 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the ringers of the 4th. The band and their friends were hospitably entertained after the peal.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church on Monday, August 17th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins.: A. E. Hunter 1, W. Pullen 2, W. E. Enticknap 3, A. Collyer 4, L. C. W. Hunter (conductor) 5, H. G. Foster 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*JOHN G. NASH 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. This peal contains 2,944 changes of London, 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, and 608 of Bristol. Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate courses.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN 5
JAMES E. DAVIS 2	FREDERICK DIGBY 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow on his 72nd birthday, and also as a birthday and wedding peal for Mr. E. J. Beer, who was married to Miss J. Jones at the above church earlier in the day, the band wishing them long life and happiness.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
JAMES S. WILDE'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	PERCY L. HARRISON 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	HAROLD J. HAZELL 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Arranged for Mr. Hazell, of Cambridge, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Richardson.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
JOHN BASS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
*WILLIAM COLEY 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London Surprise.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*WALTER L. TOOGOOD Treble	*WALLACE BURGESS 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	*REGINALD CLARKE 7
GEORGE W. SLACK 4	WILLIAM WOODHEAD Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt, and only commenced ringing ten months ago. First peal in the method as conductor, and first peal of Major on the recast bells.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
* F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
WILLIAM HOKAN 3	* JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
RICHARD BALDERSTONE 4	THOMAS R. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung on the 73rd birthday of the ringers of the 5th.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
ERNEST WAGSTAFF 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... Treble	PERCIVAL L. COOK 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	* ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 6
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 6
HAROLD SYMONDS 3	ALBERT WIFFEN 7
MISS K. WILLERS 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

The ringer of the 7th has now completed the circle in this tower.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. F. CLEMENTS Treble	F. CLEMENTS 5
T. PENDRY 2	W. ROSE 6
H. HALFORD 3	GEO. H. WALTERS 7
W. TOWNSEND 4	J. J. CADSON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by GEO. H. WALTERS.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Kathleen Halford on attaining her 21st birthday.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ALBERT FIEST Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
† WILLIAM STENNING 2	GEORGE LUCAS 6
MORRIS SMITH 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	* CHARLES DIPLOCK Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* HERBERT F. DALE Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
* RICHARD G. BELL 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	* HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Hibbert's 100th peal for the association.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

* HENRY E. COX Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN CLARK 6
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	* EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
ALFRED T. POULTON 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob at first attempt. A birthday peal for Donald G. Clift and Wilfrid Williams.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

A wedding compliment to the son of the ringer of the 3rd, Mr. W. A. Wood, who was married on August 18th.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Kempsey, Worcestershire, on Saturday, August 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Allen Morgon 1, John J. Jeffries 2, William Lewis 3, Reginald Woodyatt 4, Thomas W. Lewis (conductor) 5, Eric Crump tenor (21 cwt.). Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor after the failure of an attempt for a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
*KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
*HARRY D. LISTER 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in five methods.

ST. RUDEAUX, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. RUDEAUX AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY 4
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5
*WILLIAM RUNDLE 3	*SIDNEY P. SYMONS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells, also first peal on the bells since rehanging and restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who also recast the 5th and tenor. J. E. Lilley's 60th peal.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. PAYNE Treble	†WILLIAM RIMMELL 4
†JAMES O. ATTWOOD 2	OLIVER ATTWOOD 5
ALFRED J. WHITTLE 3	JOSEPH GREENS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

BERNARD PETTITT Treble	ERNEST PIERSON 4
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	OLAVE BROYD 5
ERNEST TURNER 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CATTERWELL.

Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, one of the old Gestingthorpe band and now a member of the Oxford Guild, who was proposed a member of the Essex Association previous to the peal.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and three 720's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble	†FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
*THOMAS C. JAINE 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE 5
CHARLES JAINE 3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal. † 25th peal. Arranged to enable the Rev. A. S. Hutchinson to take part in a peal with the Jaine family, both families having been connected with Kimbolton Church for many years.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 23rd, at 7, Notley Road, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,334 changes) in 38 mins.: Basil Redgwell 1-2, George Wiffen 3-4, Lewis W. Wiffen (conductor) 5-6, Albert Wiffen 7-8.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	WM. H. DAVIES 4
ROBERT A. GITTENS 2	CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Sidebotham.

EXTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	*SIDNEY A. RICKETTS ... 4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	*T. W. STRANGEWAY ... 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8
JOSEPH THACKRAY 9-10	

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

Non-Conducted.

Umpire: CHAS. E. LAWSON.

* First peal on ten bells. First 'silent' peal on ten bells by the association.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wiffen, mother of L. W. and A. Wiffen.

ANOTHER PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5,376 BY THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

23456 B. In M. W. 4 H.

23564 — — —

52364 — — —

35264 — — —

25463 — — —

56234 — — —

427365 — — —

567432 — — —

237546 — — —

647253 — — —

357624 — — —

36245 — — —

42563 — — —

56423 — — —

45623 — — —

64523 — — —

42635 2 2 3

23456 2 2 3

Reduced to 5,024 by omitting the M. B. H. marked *. First rung at Westthoughton, Launceston, August 22nd, 1931, conducted by the composer.

PEALS OF THE 'CAMBRIDGE' WEEK.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	* WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 800th peal. Mr. Fussell's peals have been rung in 57 counties of Great Britain and include all the English and Welsh shires excepting Anglesey.

ELY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	REGINALD T. DENNIS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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

SOHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5089 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
THOMAS E. SONE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	REGINALD T. DENNIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
WILLIAM BIDNELL 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman Caters by the association.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM BIDNELL Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	* CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Superlative 'inside.'

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	REGINALD T. DENNIS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	REGINALD T. DENNIS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	REGINALD T. DENNIS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by the late F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWELVE-PART NO. 59.

231456

321456	2	6	7	9	10S	12	13	17
A213564	2	7	9	10		14		
B312654	2	7	9	10	11	12	14	
2A231465								
B132645								

432561	2	7S	8	11				
C534612	2	6	7	9	10	11	14	
D653214	2	4	5	6	7	9	10	11
C256143								
C152436								
C451362								
C354621								
D635124								
312645	2	6	7	9			14	

Repeat last nine courses five times, omitting bobs at 10 11 in the third course of the first and fourth repetitions, and calling the first course in all 2 6 7 9 10 11 14.

The course ends between the singles are at slow sixes.
Rung at West Hallam, Derbyshire, on July 8th, 1931. Conducted by M. Swinfield.

OLD RAYLEIGH RINGER'S DEATH.

George Neville, one of the old Rayleigh ringers, was buried on August 15th. He will be sadly missed. He rang in the first peal on the bells, was most regular in his attendance for service ringing, was always cheerful and obliging, he loved the bells and his jolly face beamed with contentment when a touch came home.

As the muffled bells rang out their solemn message one could but think—we lose the old ringers one by one and the youngsters do not come on as they should. What of the future in these country towers?

W. H. J.

A 'UNITED' OUTING.

Two Bristol Guilds were undecided about their annual outing, and it appeared that one at least would not be held. The two, however, were brought together, and with a few more ringers enlisted to swell the party, an extensive motor tour of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire was carried out. At Tewkesbury they visited the Abbey and at Worcester stopped first for lunch (kindly arranged by Mr. S. Holt) at the Swan Hotel. They were met by Mr. Dennis Morris and afterwards inspected the Cathedral. They then did some ringing on the light peal of eight at Claines and next stopped at the R.C. Church of the Golden Heart to view the wonderful mosaic interior, which alone was well worth the trip. Here they were met by Mr. Holt, who escorted them to Droitwich. Although no longer busy in the salt industry, the town still exhibits some of the effects of pumping, and it was the intention of the party to view the 'Crooked House,' where 'specific gravity' is apparently defied. Sad to relate, time did not permit of this, and there was a further disappointment at Old Dodderhill, where the bells were not available. At St. Peter-de-Wilton, however, the visitors had a pull on the light ring of six, even Cambridge Surprise Minor being rung. This was the furthest point of the circular journey and the return was made through Pershore, Eckington, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham to the Golden Hart at Painswick. Here they were overtaken by a violent thunderstorm, and, although the sight of it in the Cotswolds was spectacular, the bravery of the party seemed doubtful (in any case they could not be dragged away until the storm had subsided). St. Matthew's, St. Michael's, St. Thomas', St. Stephen's and Mangotsfield Guilds were represented on the tour, and all enjoyed the long and interesting journey. Their thanks are extended to Mr. S. Holt, Mr. Morris and Mr. Smith (Droitwich).

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A. J. FITTMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB, NO. 3.

231456

142536	A	324156	G
546321	B	123564	H
643152	3 C	435216	G
345261	D	234165	H
541326	4 E	536421	3 E
432561	F	164352	G
125346	G	361524	E
321465	H	415632	G
514236	G	316254	2 E
215364	H	521643	2 G
453126	G	652341	I
154263	H	356412	E
251634	E	284531	G
625431	I	562314	E
426315	E	423651	G
563241	G	526134	2 E
265413	E	312645	2 G
354621	G	416523	2 E
152436	3 E	365142	G
451362	H	163425	E
213546	G	534612	G
512463	H	231456	3 E
A 2	6 7	9 8	11 12 13
B 1 3	6 7 8	10 11	
C 1 3 5	6 7	10 11	
D 1 3 5	6 7	8 9	12
E 2	8 7	10 11	12 14
F 2	6 7	9	14
G 2	6 7 8 9		12 14
H 2	6 7	9 10	11 14
I 2 4 5 6 7		10 11	12 14

continued

In this peal there are seven calls in every course but three.

First rung at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, by the M.C.A. on August 19th, conducted by M. Swinfield.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Saturday, August 22nd, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins.: C. E. Wigg 1, T. Bond 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, A. E. Lock 4, J. Honey 5, R. A. Past 6, J. Nobes (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor) 7, G. Caudwell 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At long last the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' makes its reappearance. For over five years the Exercise, and especially the five and six-bell ringers, have awaited its issue. Now that it is here we shall be surprised if the whole edition is not quickly sold out. Readers will find further reference to the volume in our leading article, and an advertisement gives particulars as to how it may be obtained.

The peal of Doubles at Overbury was arranged for Mr. A. J. Whittle, of Donnington, Berks, who was on a visit to his native village. The treble and tenor ringers are local men, the former scoring his first peal. The three others are from Bredons-Norton and kindly made up the band at short notice.

The earliest portions of the present church at Overbury date from about 1150. The bells, although a mixed lot, are quite tuneful. The second is over 400 years old, the third was cast at Leicester about 1550, the 4th and 5th by Roger Purdue in 1641, and the tenor by Rudhall in 1719.

The bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, are being removed to be retuned and rehanging in new steel frame. There will, consequently, be no ringing at this tower until further notice.

The bells of St. John's Church, Yeovil, which are being restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, are to be reopened on Thursday, September 24th, at 7 p.m.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are rehanging the bells at Henlow, Beds, and adding a treble to make a ring of six.

The Suffolk Guild meeting at Fressingfield, arranged for to-morrow, has been postponed. The East Grinstead Guild meeting on September 5th has been transferred to Hartfield.

We recently received the report of a Lincoln Guild peal rung on June 28th and conducted by J. W. Lake. The name of the place where the peal was rung is not mentioned. Will the sender of the report please supply the missing information.

METHOD SPLICING.

In the preface to the new edition of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' the Methods Committee say: 'It was suggested that we should give some rules for splicing methods. . . . We found, however, that the space at our disposal did not admit of our dealing adequately with the subject.'

There is no need, however, for ringers to be at a loss on this very interesting phase of ringing. Method splicing is the newest field of advance and interest in the art, and a lucid explanation of the principle and exhaustive practical hints on the subject can be found in the book, 'Method Splicing,' published by 'The Ringing World,' price, post free, 1s. 3d. The 'Collection' gives you the methods. 'Method Splicing' shows how as many as six methods may be introduced into a single 720.

THE FALSE PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The peal of Superlative rung at Great Baddow on February 7th, 1931, for the Essex Association was the false composition as reported in your issue of the 14th. I must apologise to those who took part in the peal and also to others, as it was not only a birthday peal for one of the band, but also a silver wedding peal for an hon. member of the association and a wedding peal for another ringer's son.—Yours truly,

W. KEEBLE.

DEATH OF MR. JIM BLACKMORE.

A POPULAR SOMERSET RINGER.

Ringers generally, and especially those of the Bath and Wells Diocese, will be sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. J. Blackmore, for twelve years captain of the ringers at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare. He was 63 years of age and had been a ringer for close on 50 years. During part of that time he resided at Congresbury. He was enthusiastic and keen on good striking. Let there be the faintest suspicion of clanging and 'Jim' would at once call 'Rounds'! He was most popular with everyone, especially those interested in the art of ringing. Of slight build and anything but robust in appearance, he would, at the annual outings, insist on 'sampling' the tenors at the different towers visited.

The funeral took place on Monday, August 17th, at the Weston-super-Mare Cemetery, his body being taken to the Parish Church on the previous day. Subsequently his comrades rang a muffled touch, and, according to his wishes, they also acted as bearers. In addition to the family mourners and friends who were present at the graveside were his brother ringers from the Parish Church, viz., Messrs. E. Parker, W. Popham, W. Crandon, J. Jones, W. Pitman, L. Tanner (secretary, Axbridge Deanery), H. Minifie, W. Tanner, H. Parsons, A. Wilkerson and P. Hey (Burnham-on-Sea). Amongst the numerous floral tokens sent was one 'In loving memory of dear "Jim," from his brother ringers.'

The Rev. Preb. G. L. Porcher conducted the memorial service, which was held preparatory to the interment. This was largely attended and was a tribute to the deceased's likeable personal qualities and of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-ringers.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. DELAYED FACULTY CAUSES POSTPONEMENT OF RE-OPENING.

As we foreshadowed last week, the delay in the issue of the necessary faculty for the restoration of the bells of St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, has rendered inevitable the postponement of the date of re-opening, which had been fixed for September 26th.

For a month the Committee waited for the Chancellor's sanction. At the end of last week his approval of the petition was given, but other formalities have to be complied with. The citation was posted on the church door on Sunday and has to remain there until after next Sunday, when, if no appearance is entered in opposition, 'the faculty will be passed and sealed as prayed.' After that the work can be commenced, but too late to complete it by the end of September.

This delay is much to be regretted for many reasons. It has totally upset the plans for the re-opening of the bells, but the work will be pressed forward with all speed, and the announcement of the new date for the ringers' gathering will be made at the earliest possible moment. It is a great disappointment to those responsible for carrying out the scheme that it has been held up in this manner, but the Committee were powerless in the matter.

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Total £481 12 6

SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—To Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's account of Samuel Scattergood might be added the following record of him, quoted in my 'History and Art of Change Ringing' (p. 251), where, after reviewing Stedman's visit to Leicester (1669), I say: 'Thus were the Leicester Scholars established, and the seed which Stedman planted evidently grew, for we find the Leicester men travelling as far as Solihull, Birmingham, in 1686 to try the new eight bells. The following quaint certificate is to be seen in the Parish Records:—

27th day August 1686

These are to certify whom it may concern: that I Samuel Scattergood, Minister of Blockley in the County of Worcester, having several times viewed and tried ye sound of ye new bells lately cast by Mr. Henry Bagley Bellfounder of ye Parish Church of Solihull in ye County of Warw: and now hung in ye sd Church: especially at ye ringing thereof ye day and yeare above sd by myself and about 20 other skillful psions accompanying me from LEICESTER to that purpose doe with ye genl approbation and consent of ye said Persons, judge all ye sd 8 bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and Metal ye chearfullest and best Ring of Bells for their weight that I ever heard. And also that ye clappers and other iron work and tackle with which ye aforesd 8 Bells are hung, are now made quite good, so as to need no further alteracon, that I know of. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand this aforesd 27th day of August and dni 1686 Sam. Scattergood.'

The latter extract is culled from the 'History of Solihull Parish Church,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, and, in view of Mr. Trollope's remarks, is interesting, because it shows that Scattergood ACTUALLY RANG THESE BELLS, and, further, the Leicester men evidently (as I remark in my book) were considered a good set of ringers. This visit with Scattergood to Solihull would be natural in view of the latter's association with Stedman and Stedman's visit to Leicester. I may add that the 3rd bell at Blockley bears the name 'Samuell Scattergood Rector 1683.' He was here 1681-1696.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's Church, Bath Road, Hounslow, members and friends to the number of 25 or so putting in an appearance on one of the very few fine Saturday afternoons of this summer. Ringing commenced promptly at 4 and was continued until 5.30, when a break was made for tea. The business was soon dispensed with, the Master, Mr. H. Mance, presiding, and ringing was resumed till 8 p.m. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung on this light peal by Warner (tenor 8½ cwt.), which go like the proverbial tops. After reaching Superlative and Cambridge, the ringing concluded with a touch of 'Grandsire'! Someone said it was a pity to entirely neglect it, as it had been a good servant in the past. A social hour was held at a 'place' where the handbells were made good use of, several novices having the pleasure of ringing their first touches. Messrs. Goddard, Tricker, Milner and Ellingham delighted the company with tunes. In looking round, the writer observed representatives of the College Youths, the Royal Cumberlands, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Middlesex Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Thanks were returned to the Vicar and to Messrs. Tricker and Gash for their help.

NEW RING OF EIGHT AT GRAYSHOTT.

SPLENDID LIGHT OCTAVE FOR GUILDFORD DIOCESE.

The dedication of the new ring of eight bells, erected by Messrs. Meas and Stainbank, at Grayshott, in the Guildford Diocese, took place on Wednesday of last week, the ceremony being performed by the Assistant Bishop, Dr. Golding-Bird. The church stands in a very charming position on the gentler slope leading up to Hindhead, which is one of the most picturesque points in South-Eastern England. The parish and the church, dedicated to St. Luke, are both modern, the parish being formed in 1898, and the main part of the existing church being completed about ten years later. The tower and spire were finished in 1910, in which year also the clock and three bells were given. The hours and quarters were struck on the bells, but only the hour-bell was capable of being swung. It was proposed in 1910 that the number of bells should be increased to six, and Messrs. Warner and Sons (who cast the three bells) were asked to give an estimate for such a ring, but the proposal was allowed to drop, the expense being considered too great for a parish which had just built a new church.



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, GRAYSHOTT.

In the summer of 1930 the question was raised at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council whether something more could be done with the existing bells, and it was resolved to make an attempt to increase the number to six, or, if sufficient funds could be raised, to eight. Within a year of the scheme being launched it has been carried through successfully, and Grayshott possesses a wonderful little octave in the key of A flat. The tenor is less than 8½ cwt., but the whole peal is a well-balanced and musical ring. Both in the tower and outside from all positions they can be heard admirably and are a great credit to the founders. The bells are hung on ball bearings in an iron frame, and, although the tower, internally, is of small dimensions, they are all hung on one level.

Some of our readers will doubtless be interested in the weights of the bells.

Treble, bearing the names of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Garth Ireland, and the churchwardens, V. S. Woods and Walter C. Ryde, 2 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

2nd, inscribed 'The parishioners gave me, "Sing, rejoice and give thanks,"' 3 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

3rd, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

4th, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

5th, 'Kathleen Vance gave me, "Come, all ye faithful,"' 4 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

6th, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

7th, 'Walter C. Ryde and Eleanor Ryde gave me, "Lift up your hearts,"' 7 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

Tenor, 'This clock and bell were given in 1910 to the memory of G.S., 1824-1910,' 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

The three old bells have, of course, been recast so that they may be completely in harmony with the rest. All the bells bear the names of the bellfounders and the date 1931.

THE DEDICATION.

A large congregation attended the dedication service, among the clergy present being the Rev. J. M. Jeakes, the first Vicar of Grayshott. Immediately following the dedicatory prayers and while the procession was returning from the tower to the chancel, a few rounds were rung.

The Bishop preached a homely sermon, in the course of which he said they had given to God that day something which, every time they heard it, they knew other people would hear and would be told that God was thinking about them. The sound of those bells would remind them that someone was ringing for them and that there was Someone Who cared about them. He wanted them to resolve that on the occasion of the dedication of those bells they would dedicate themselves afresh to God's service—give a little more of their hearts to God for Christ's sake. He added that the amount required to complete the payment for the bells was only £45, and he asked them to extinguish the debt that day. The bells had rung out, and they were quite in tune, but perhaps people would feel a little self-conscious if they were not quite paid for.

During the singing of the last hymn, one well known to many ringers, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' a collection for the bells fund was taken.

As the congregation left the church 504 Stedman Triples was rung in splendid fashion by J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) 1, R. Hayes (Haslemere) 2, A. H. Pilling (Guildford) 3, R. Overy (Haslemere) 4, M. Smither (Chiddingfold) 5, C. E. Smith (Godalming) 6, R. Philpott (Guildford) 7, A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) 8. The bells gave great pleasure to the many listeners, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, who, with Mr. A. R. Macdonald, was present to represent the founders, received many congratulations upon having produced a very fine peal.

It was intended that the service should be followed by a garden party at the Vicarage, to which the parishioners and visitors were invited, but, owing to the wet weather, tea was served instead in the Village Hall, where Mrs. Ryde, assisted by Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Woods, was the hostess.

The Vicar extended a welcome to many visiting friends, and, in reviewing the scheme for the provision of the bells, said the suggestion for a full peal was made at one of their Parochial Church Council meetings less than a year ago, and it might have fallen to the ground if it had not been taken up with characteristic enthusiasm by their friend, Mr. Ryde. Mr. Ryde was an old ringer, and it had been his secret ambition, ever since he had been connected with the church, to see a peal of bells in the tower. Now he could not only see them, but hear them, and he believed this was one of the great days of his life. Certainly if it had not been for Mr. Ryde they would not have had this peal of bells that day (applause). The Vicar added that they had got a young band of ringers together. They had 17 altogether and 13 of them had been in diligent practice for some months past. They had women ringers as well as men, and he believed they were going to have an enthusiastic band of unpaid ringers who were going to be true churchmen and members of the Diocesan Guild. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped to bring this scheme to fruition, and especially to Mr. Ryde for his magnificent services.

Mr. V. S. Woods seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Ryde, who was received with loud cheers, said the remarks which had been made about him were very much exaggerated. The people who had brought this scheme to success were the people who had contributed to the fund. In proposing a vote of thanks to various people who had helped them in connection with their scheme, Mr. Ryde said among those who had helped them most were the people connected with the Haslemere band of ringers. First of all, Major Hesse had been of great assistance to them. He was of great assistance to them when the question was raised as to whether the tower was strong enough to carry the bells which had been installed in it, and he had visited the belfry on several occasions since. He also wanted to thank the other members of the Haslemere band who had taught the learners of the Grayshott band the rudiments of the art. Among those he would specially like to mention was Mr. Richard Hayes, who at once volunteered to give instruction to those who knew (Continued in next column.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Browndale R.C. Church on Saturday. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing, no doubt, to counter-attractions at Chorley and Hoghton, but about 30 ringers were present, including visitors from Church and Glossop. The bells were raised shortly before 3 o'clock and were rung in various methods, from Plain Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major, until nearly 9 o'clock, with an interval for tea and the business meeting.

Mr. William Sharples presided at the business meeting, which was rather a lengthy one, as there were several matters out of the ordinary routine to be dealt with.

The branch secretary presented a report on the past year's activity in the branch: Since our last annual meeting we have held meetings at Croston, Eccleston, Brindle, Preston Parish and St. Mark's, Walton-le-Dale, Hoghton, Tarleton and Goosnargh, as well as a joint meeting at Blackburn, with an average attendance of 25. The standard of ringing in the branch generally is rather better, judging by the methods which members from various towers can ring, compared with twelve months ago, although advancement in the Surprise methods is rather slow, except perhaps in the Brindle tower, where, one is pleased to note, they keep up to their high standard, as proved by their ringing the first peal of London Surprise Minor for the association. The number of branch peals is less than last year, the total being ten, compared with 13. These have been rung in six different towers. Three of the peals were rung with bells half-muffled, the two at Samlesbury and Eccleston being rung as a last token of respect for two well-known branch members, Messrs. A. E. Woodhouse, of Walton-le-Dale, and R. Rigby, of Eccleston. Thirty-one members took part in one or more peals, three ringing their first peal, eleven their first in a particular method, one his first as conductor, and one first as conductor in a certain method. The bells at Goosnargh, after being unused for years, have been overhauled, retuned and relunged by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are now in good condition. Subscriptions are up to the average, although some members leave them rather late in the year. The membership is very little different to last year. Six new members have been elected, which will balance the losses through death and other causes.—The secretary was then thanked for his report.

Correspondence was then read from the Lancaster Branch secretary and also from Mr. Marsh, of the Wigan Branch, with regard to joint meetings with those branches. The Lancaster secretary having intimated that it was not opportune to hold a joint meeting at Scorton in September, as had been suggested, it was decided to defer the matter to a later date.

With respect to the suggestion to hold a joint meeting at Ormskirk between the Preston, Wigan and Liverpool Branches, it was thought after discussion that, seeing that the annual association meeting at Manchester would only be a fortnight before the date suggested, the attendance of members from the Preston Branch would, perhaps, not be very representative, but in order to give any who desired to go to Ormskirk an opportunity of doing so, it was decided to hold the Preston Branch meeting for October at a later date than the one at Ormskirk.

The place and date of next meeting having been decided upon, the election of a branch committeeman took place, Mr. William Sharples, the retiring member, being re-elected unanimously.

Mr. Sharples, in thanking the members for their renewed confidence and for their help at the meetings, said the branch ought to do more and better ringing, and he would like to see the time when every tower in the branch had rung a peal during the year.—Other members spoke in a similar strain, while Mr. William Taylor thought the branch ought to spend a part of their next meeting in discussing how to promote and get good striking.—Another member then suggested that Mr. Taylor should prepare a paper on the subject, to be followed by open discussion.

After other important business had been discussed, the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities for the use of bells, the local ringers for having all in readiness, and to the chairman for his services during the year.

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nothing about the art of ringing. He also wanted to include in the vote of thanks those eight members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild who were showing them how bells could be rung.

Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. Bishop Golding-Bird thanked Mrs. Ryde and her co-hostesses for the charming manner in which they had served the tea.

It was announced that Mr. Ryde had been appointed captain of the tower. Mr. F. Upperton hon. secretary of the ringers, and Mr. Hawkins steeplekeeper.

At the conclusion of the meeting a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the ringers already mentioned, and, subsequently, the few others who were present rang Grandsire Triples, a touch of Stedman and a course of Treble Bob. A course of Bob Major was made possible by Mr. John Thomas, who carried out the hanging of the bells, ringing two. Some of the new local band also took part in ringing rounds.

LOST PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on 'Lost Peals' in this week's 'Ringing World,' the main idea behind the suggested record in the Oxford Guild is that, if a society or guild has a record at the end of the year of these 'lost peals,' it gives that society an idea of the attempted progress which is being made in various districts.

I had thought for several years that a record should be made each year and embodied in the Master's or secretary's report. When I mentioned it to our Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) he asked me if I would undertake the receiving of reports of 'lost peals,' and this I was very willing to do. We quite realised that it remained with conductors of lost peals to make the scheme a success. The idea of my receiving the reports was that the scheme should not inflict more work on our already busy secretary.

What I want to emphasise is the amount of ringing these 'lost peals' indicate to the officers of the society and the progress attempted.—Yours truly,
GORDON CAUDWELL.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Shipbourne on Saturday week, by invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, and in connection with the jubilee of the church celebrated the previous week. About 30 members were present from Chiddingstone, Lamberhurst, East Peckham, Ponshurst, Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge wells, Shipbourne, Mayfield and Crawley (Sussex). The usual service was conducted by the Vicar. The lesson was read by the district secretary, Mr. W. Latter, and the Vicar gave a short address. He thanked the members for coming to take part in the jubilee celebrations, and accorded them a hearty welcome. The event, he added, was an important one in the history of the church.

After the service the members were entertained to tea by the Vicar in the Church Room.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. F. L. Schreiber presided. He apologised for the absence of the churchwardens, and announced that the local members on the previous Saturday had succeeded in ringing a peal.

The district secretary, and the general secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend, who was also present, congratulated the ringers on their achievement. One new member was elected, and it was decided that the next meeting should be held at Seal Chart on September 26th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who waited at tea concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual visit to Withernsea of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was made on Saturday in fine weather. There was a good attendance of members representing the following towers: Hull, Howden, Selby, Beverley Minster, Sulton-on-Hull, Patrington, Barrow-on-Humber and the local company.

On arrival at the church, however, a disappointment was in store, for, owing to a case of illness, no ringing could take place at Withernsea. The afternoon was therefore spent on the promenade, beach, etc., some of the members being accompanied by their wives and families. After tea several of the ringers left by bus for Patrington Church, where arrangements had been made for the use of the fine peal of six. After a short look round this magnificent church, with its lovely spire, known as the 'Queen of Holderness,' the bells were raised and kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

A VISIT TO SOMERSET TOWERS.

On Saturday, August 22nd, East Brent ringers and friends had their third annual outing. The weather was all that could be desired and the party of 12 had a splendid run by coach through the beautiful scenery of Somerset. The first stopping place was Kingston Seymour, where the party were met by and had the pleasure of ringing with the winner of a first prize for long service, this local ringer having spent nearly 50 years on the same farm. Going on to Tickenham, the party were met by the Vicar, himself a ringer, who took a rope in some of the touches. At Nailsea touches were rung with the assistance of a lady ringer, who met the party, and after lunch the journey was continued to Buckwell, Winford, Chew Stoke, Ubley and Compton-Martin for tea. Afterwards the bells were soon sending forth their music, the party being met by several members of the local band. Ringing for the day concluded at East Harptree, where the Vicar welcomed the visitors. In all, nine towers were visited, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being rung in every tower, with a touch of Bob Minor with three members of the local band at Compton-Martin. Rounds were also rung in each tower for the beginners. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the churches visited for the use of the bells, also all those who met them and helped to make this outing such a splendid success.

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION.

The bells of Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, a peal of six, are now being put in order by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The 4th and tenor are to be recast, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th tuned and quarter turned, and the whole ring rehung in ball bearings with new clappers and staples. The old wood frame is to be braced with corner clamps. The whole cost of the work is being borne by Mr. Monkhouse, to whom the ringers and all concerned are greatly indebted. The work is to be finished by September 20th, when the bells will be dedicated at the morning service at 11 a.m.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD.

On Saturday a peal board was unveiled in the tower of St. John the Baptist Church, Tuebrook, Liverpool, recording the first peal of London Surprise Major in the city. The board was unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Brancker), who expressed his pleasure at the peal having been rung in his tower. The peal was rung on June 30th, 1928.

To mark the occasion a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was attempted, but after ringing three hours one minute, four leads from the finish, one of the ringers missed his grip on the rope, his bell set and he could not pull it off until it was too late. Those taking part in the ringing were: G. R. Edwards 1, J. Brown 2, T. Hammond 3, E. C. Birckett 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, A. Lintott 6, L. L. Gray 7, E. Counce 8. Apart from other considerations, it was disappointing to lose this peal, because it was the 30th anniversary of the first peal rung together by G. R. Newton and E. Counce.

SALISBURY RINGER'S MARRIAGE.

The wedding of Miss M. E. Romaine and Mr. E. J. Maidment, both of whom are ringers at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, took place at St. Martin's on Saturday, August 15th. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Plaxton, chairman of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, of which both the bride and bridegroom are members. As the couple left the church the bells were rung by St. Martin's ringers and other ringing friends in Salisbury. In the evening a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: A. Fry 1, J. Daniels 2, S. Macey 3, R. P. Knight 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, A. Southey 8.

After ringing on the previous Sunday evening the bride was presented with a silver-mounted oak biscuit barrel, suitably inscribed, as a wedding present from St. Martin's and other ringing friends in the district.

RUISLIP RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, August 22nd, Mr. Reg Snelling, a member of the Ruislip band of ringers, was married to Miss Edith Doe, daughter of Mr. Edward Doe, for many years a choirman at St. Martin's, Ruislip, and a previous ringer. The ceremony was preceded by 536 Grandsire Triples on the bells by C. Poulter 1, A. Hunter 2, W. Bunce, jun., 3, W. Bunce, sen. (conductor) 4, P. Thrift 5, H. Ive 6, T. Collins 7, F. W. Collins 8. After the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Cornwall-Jones), and was fully choral, the Wedding March pealed forth from the organ and the bells again rang out in a well-struck 360 of Bob Minor, with tenor covering. The ringers afterwards attended the reception, at the invitation of the bride and bridegroom.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, accompanied by their wives and lady friends, had a most enjoyable trip through Lancashire to Gisburn, Yorkshire. On the way a call was made at Penwortham, where permission to ring had been obtained by Mr. J. R. Taylor. These are a light peal of eight, recently augmented by Mears and Stainbank. Lunch was partaken of at the White Bull Hotel at Gisburn. Afterwards at the Parish Church several touches were rung on the six bells, which, although light (tenor 9 cwt.), go very heavily. Clitheroe was the next place of call, where Mr. A. Tomlinson met the visitors. Several touches were rung on this fine peal (tenor 18 cwt.), recently hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Several of the party took advantage of the opportunity to visit the ruins of the old castle. Whalley was next on the programme and the old church was viewed with much interest. Several touches were rung on the grand ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) by Taylor. After tea several of the party paid a visit to the famous old Abbey. The last but not the least interesting old tower to be visited was Samlesbury. Here on a very pleasant peal of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), by Taylor and Co., several touches were rung, and features of interest in the old church were pointed out to the visitors by the caretaker. A start was then made for home, calling at Penwortham, but not at the church this time. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Tomlinson for his efforts in helping to make the outing so successful, and thanks are also due to the various clergy and sleep-keepers for their kindness in allowing the party the use of the bells and facilitating access to the towers.

DARLEY DALE.—On the occasion of the choir and ringers' Sunday, at St. Helen's, on August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. was rung by the local band standing as follows: J. Taylor 1, W. Blagshaw 2, F. Paulson 3, E. Blackwell 4, H. Taylor 5, B. Allsop 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, R. Allsop 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: E. P. Palmer 1, S. E. Edwards 2, S. H. Hoare 3, H. Long 4, R. Picton 5, R. Bell 6, F. Crook 7, H. Cashmore 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

SOUTHEGATE.—At Christ Church for evening service, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,253 changes) in 49 mins.: A. R. (Hasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, D. Overington 4, J. E. Miller 5, E. H. King 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. Miller 8, W. Pickworth 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung on the 22nd wedding anniversary of H. Miller.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes taken from Holt's Original): B. Mordon 1, W. Upton 2, R. Brough (Croydon) 3, F. Taylor 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, S. Moody 6, W. H. Pasmore (London) 7, W. Scott 8.

HENBURY, NEAR WAKEFIELD.—On Sunday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Pickles: W. H. Mitchell 1, G. W. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, H. Dransfield 5, J. Milner 6, R. Thickett 7, G. Goldstraw 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—For evening service at St. Mary's Church on Aug. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: A. Fuller (Fulmer, first attempt for a quarter-peal) 1, W. Henley 2, W. H. Fussell 3, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 4, A. Bateman 5, G. Barkus 6, E. Hudson 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Deacon 1, J. E. Clarke 2, C. Burns 3, W. Allen 4, R. Perry 5, R. Jelley 6, S. O. Cheney (conductor) 7, A. Murphy 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. H. Rudkin, late choir-master at the above church, also to Mrs. E. Willars, a very old and respected parishioner. First quarter-peal in any method by ringers of 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor.

TWICKENHAM.—For morning service on Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Clapson 1, Miss J. Stapleton 2, Miss K. Bradford 3, G. E. Bradford 4, W. H. Hollier 5, E. A. Morris 6, C. W. F. Hunt (conductor) 7, L. A. S. Brown 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by ringers of treble and tenor.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 16th, for evensong at St. Laurence's Church, 902 Grandsire Cinques: G. Holloway 1, Miss N. Belcher 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, Miss D. Blencowe 4, S. Davis 5, C. Pullen 6, Miss P. Holloway 7, F. E. Butler 8, H. W. Smith 9, C. W. J. Watts 10, E. G. Foster 11, W. Rampton 12. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For morning service, Aug. 16th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: 4, 6, 8 covering: W. Busby 1, F. Wyton 2, F. Davis 3, E. Phipps 4, J. E. Fairbrother 5, E. Marshall 6, G. M. Bloxham (conductor) 7, B. Marshall 8. All are members of the local band and much credit is due to Mr. G. M. Bloxham for the way he has brought this band along.

SEVENOAKS.—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. L. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. B. Baker 2, W. G. Turley 3, P. Turley 4, H. J. Ford 5, R. Collins 6, H. D. Ford 7, F. Paige 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church for evening service on Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. W. Norton 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Cook 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, A. Harding 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. E. Neal (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.

WITHYHAM.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for morning service at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels on Sunday, August 9th, in 48 mins.: E. J. Ladd 1, R. D. Divall 2, B. Saunders 3, P. Thompson 4, G. Lambert 5, J. Wren 6, E. J. Oliver (conductor) 7, A. L. Ryan 8.

SALISBURY.—At the Church of St. Martin on Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins. by S. Macey, A. Bennett, Miss E. Mathews, L. Harris, W. A. Romaine, F. C. Smith, F. W. Romaine (conductor), A. Fry. This was arranged as a farewell quarter for Miss Mathews, who has left the district, to take up school duties near her home at Bucklebury, Berks.

WATFORD.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Superlative in 50 mins.: R. Picton 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, R. Bell 4, F. Elliott 5, F. Edwards 6, E. Palmer 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church of St. Andrew for evening service, a quarter peal of Bob Major: J. Watson 1, A. Rolph 2, G. Playle 3, J. Cross 4, J. Macdougall 5, J. Dale (conductor) 6, C. Bilton 7, F. Freiston 8.

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It is understood Messrs. Mears and Stainbank will have the two new trebles 'on view' in the church on Festival Sunday, September 20th, and that the work in the tower will commence on the 28th. However, should time and convenience permit, the opening may take place on an earlier date, of which notification will be given through 'The Ringing World.'

OXFORDSHIRE RINGERS OUTING.

On Saturday, August 8th, the ringers of Lower Heyford, together with their wives and friends, held their annual outing, journeying by bus to Wootton, Stonesfield, Spelsbury and Churchill, where several excellent touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung. They proceeded to Chipping Norton, where an excellent tea was enjoyed, and afterwards travelled to Hook Norton, where they were met by the local band and their secretary, Mr. Pearson, of Deddington. After several good touches of Grandsire Doubles, members of the local band, with one of the visitors and Mr. Pearson, rang a course of Triples. Afterwards the homeward journey was commenced, calling at Great Tew and Sandford St. Martin, where further ringing took place. The arrangements for this very pleasant outing were in the hands of their captain, Mr. F. W. Fritchett. The ringers wish to thank all those who so kindly met them at the various towers.

NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 9d. All ringers welcome. Please advise for tea, and oblige.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next by-meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. (approximate).—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Whalley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30 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. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Higham-on-the-Hill and Stoke Golding respectively on Saturday, August 29th. Higham bells available at 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Arundel on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at Owen's, High Street.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Fishlake, near Doncaster. Bells (6) ready early. Will all members please make a special effort for this meeting? —Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Hornby, on Saturday, August 29th, at 5.30. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 15, Castle Oval, Kendal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The general meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, August 29th, has been postponed.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Coddington on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Church service at 5 p.m. and tea at 5.30 p.m.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Market Rasen (8), Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 3rd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, September 5th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 2nd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Crawford Silver Cup Contest will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 5th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m., contest commencing at 3 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing at 6.30 p.m. for visitors. A good attendance is requested. Good bus service to and from the village. Tea will be provided for those who notify Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided free at 5 p.m. by special invitation from Mr. C. D. Potter. All are welcome. Those intending to be present for tea please advise me by Wednesday, 2nd.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Bromham bells also available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Houghton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 1st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than September 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Treeton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Haywood, 68, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Mary's, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. The following towers will also be available during the afternoon and evening: Leyton (8), Woodford (8), from 3 to 4 p.m., Walthamstow St. Saviour's (8) from 6 to 8 p.m. Will those intending to be present please advise E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, at the latest by Wednesday, September 2nd?—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please reply to Mr. J. E. Hedges, Myrtle Cottage, Brightwalton, near Wantage, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec. Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting at this tower since the bells were put in order, their going being now perfect. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ashford District will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 5th, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea will be free to all those who notify either secretaries on or before September 2nd. A good meeting is anticipated.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall, Gardens, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday September 5th, at Harlow Town. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 3rd.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Tuesday, Sept. 8th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea by Wednesday, September 9th. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Fuller particulars later.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Emberton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Winwick Parish Church on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Also the bells at Newton-le-Willows are available after 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 5, Carrington Road, Chorley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, September 12th. Usual arrangements. Members please note alteration of date. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, September 8th? —W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea to let me know by Wednesday, September 9th. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, in the Co-operative Café, Newborough. Notification to be sent to Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia Street, Scarborough, not later than Tuesday, September 8th. A good meeting is desired, all ringers being cordially welcome. — J. W. Addison, Northern District, A. B. Cook, Eastern District.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby, to those who notify Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Sept. 17th. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from

noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the absence on holiday of the Rector of Dyrham the monthly meeting of the above branch, which should have been held at Dyrham, has unfortunately had to be cancelled.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

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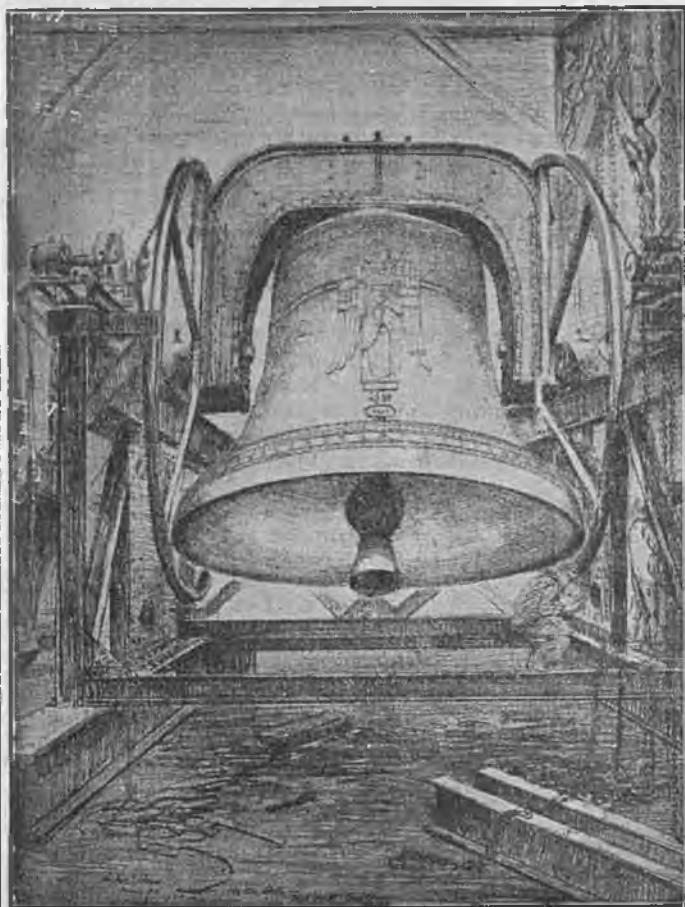
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The publication of the revised edition of 'The Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' once more makes available for five and six-bell ringers a wide field for their activities. It is something like twenty-five years since the first edition of that book was presented to the Exercise, and at that time it was a case of educating ringers up to the standard which the work set before them. That the standard was by degrees raised, is unquestionable, but it is doubtful if all the advance was made that was possible. 'Irregular' methods have, it is true, dropped into disuse, but the number of bands who utilised all the facilities which this book offered, of extending their knowledge and practice beyond a very limited sphere, is comparatively few. Not all the peals of Grandsire Doubles, or in two or three elementary Minor methods, are necessitated by 'first peals' for someone or other, and there has hardly been the general advance in ringing on five and six bells that might reasonably have been hoped for over so long a period. It is possible, of course, to point to some exceptionally enterprising companies, but, taken in the mass, six-bell ringers confine their activities to a very limited field. It may be that only a small proportion of them really trouble to explore the ground which the Central Council's publication gave them; in fact, the scope of the work may not be really known to many of them because it is a quarter of a century since the book made its appearance, and a new generation of ringers has since grown up.

The new edition of the 'Collection' which has now appeared should give a fresh impetus to progress in six-bell ringing. One key to advancement is in the completed work of the Methods Committee; another is in the little volume, 'Method Splicing,' which, based on the methods to be found in the 'Collection,' carries ringers to a further and fascinating stage of ringing. We all admire the men who can ring a peal in twenty or thirty Minor methods; there is no reason why every competent six-bell band should not do so. 'Splicing' makes method ringing more than doubly interesting and adds to it a variety that cannot be obtained in any other way. In combination, the 'Collection' and 'Method Splicing' can lead any band of ringers with the least desire to advance to unexpected interests and new enthusiasm. The long evenings are approaching, when renewed activity will begin in the towers, and there could be no more opportune time than this for every ringer to equip himself with a copy of the two books and begin to lay the foundation of new delights in the pursuit of the art. The books only need to be studied to give ringers a new vision of the possibilities presented by six bells.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
HARRY R. ROPER ... 2	*WILLIAM C. REMSEY ... 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

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On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES.

FRED MELLOR ... Treble	JOHN TRUBLOVE ... 5
OGDEN MOORES ... 2	HERBERT BARLOW ... 6
TOM COCKING ... 3	CHARLES E. PLATT ... 7
VERNON SYKES ... 4	*WALTER E. HOWARTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by WALTER E. HOWARTH.

* First attempt as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS MILDRED HIGGINS ... Treble	†JAMES HAYWOOD ... 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... 3	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... 7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILFRED FULLWOOD ... Treble	HENRY GOODMAN ... 5
JOSEPH H. COX ... 2	*ALFRED REYNOLDS ... 6
HARRY GOODMAN ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 7
CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 4	JOHN GOODMAN ... Tenor

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On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BASIL AND JAMES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

JOSEPH ROWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
ROBERT T. ANDERSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 4	RICHARD THOMPSON ... Tenor

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On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 5
ERNEST J. LADD ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
*ALAN BROMLEY ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
*F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
WILFRED J. MOSS ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
JOHN POTTER ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen 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.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 5
CHARLES N. BORDOCK ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

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On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
ERNEST BRETT ... 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*JACK DAFTERS ... 5
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... 3	ALBERT W. COLLS ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB FOUR-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
*JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* 75th peal of Stedman. This composition, now rung for the first time, is the first odd and even bob four-part peal of Stedman Triples.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH BIGGS ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	FRED BIGGS ... 7
HARRY WINGROVE ... 4	ARTHUR MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. MARTIN.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SOUTER ... Treble	LAURENCE POULSON ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... 2	SHIRFORD SPARROW ... 6
KRITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
DAVID WHITING ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. EARL BOLWER.

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal of Major as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY SEAR ... Treble	ERNEST T. LAMBERT ... 5
FREDERICK CASE ... 2	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 6
CHARLES W. SMITH ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
*HARRY RIDGWAY ... 4	ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for Mr. Reader, of Loughborough, and was also rung in honour of the Rev. F. W. Bennett's 25 years as Rector of Bletchley.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... Treble	*GODFREY WALPOLE ... 5
WILLIAM E. RASON ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 3	JAMES SPALDING ... 7
STANLEY COPLING ... 4	CHARLES F. SAYERS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on eight. Arranged and rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Evan Morgan, who is leaving Lowestoft owing to ill-health, and is taking up the living of Sea View, Isle of Wight. It was also a birthday peal for the ringer of the treble, who attained his 72nd birthday on that date, and the ringer of the 6th, whose birthday was the previous day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
RICHARD A. POST 2	WILLIAM HUTTON 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	JOHN NOBES 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

† First peal in the method.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cybi,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR W. LUFF Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
WILLIAM HEATH 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE HAWKINS 7
EDWARD H. STRADLING 4	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	*FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 150th peal. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the ringer of the 2nd.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

WILLIAM HORAN Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
FRANK AINSLEY 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by D. VINCENT.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. All the band are service ringers at this church.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* 400th peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

BENSON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 30, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	WILLIAM HUTTON 5
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	CHARLES SPICER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
*EDWARD G. COWARD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOURNE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Northumberland, Carlisle, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge, and 720 of London, Cuneastre and Wells Spliced.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4lb.

JAMES OSBORN Treble	FREDERICK W. FRENCH 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Lawrence's Church on Monday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 45 mins.: H. H. Fearn 1, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 2, J. Withers, jun., 3, A. Chambers 4, C. H. Stanley 5, George E. Fearn 6, Charles Webb 7, J. Withers, sen., 8. First quarter of London by ringers of the 1st and 6th, and first on the bells.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES S. TOTHILL Treble	FRANK V. GRANT 4
EDWARD C. COOKE 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 5
GORDON L. DYE 3	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by R. COOKE.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, August 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 Plain Bob and three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES HAYWOOD Treble	*REGINALD PAYNE 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. PASHLEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Great credit is due to the local company for overhauling the bells and making them into a ringable peal.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	*CYRIL TANSSELL 5
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	†FREDERICK MERRICK Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three 720's Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	*EDWARD G. TALBOT 4
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 2	*FRANK JENNINGS 5
*ROYDON DAVIES 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. R. Melville, George Jennings and the conductor.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*FREDERICK LINNEY Treble	REGINALD J. SCOTT 4
*RONALD COOK 2	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
*JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal and first attempt, and, with the ringers of the 4th, are local men.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, Plain Bob and Single Oxford, rung alternately, all called differently. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*FRANK TICKLE Treble	SMITH WOOD 4
†LILIAN CHAPMAN 2	JAMES F. SMITH 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor and first 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge, 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES BORTON Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 4
JOHN MASON 2	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 5
REGINALD W. PYE 3	WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthdays of Mrs. W. T. Elliott (August 18th) and Mr. W. T. Elliott (August 30th). Also to celebrate Mr. Elliott's 50 years' service as a ringer at the Parish Church.

The following peals were rung during a visit to Burton Stather, Lincs:—

WILLINGHAM BY STOW, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. Treble	JACK BRAY 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY 3	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells, which were given to the church in 1905-6 by Mr. R. C. Bacon, M.A., and cast by John Taylor and Co.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	FRANK LORD 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	JACK BRAY 9-10
*WALTER AYRE 5-6	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 11-12

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses—MRS. BRAY, SEN., MRS. W. AYRE, MRS. C. MCGUINNESS

* First peal of Maximus 'in hand' and as conductor. W. Ayre has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Richardson.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	*WALTER AYRE 7-8
	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—MRS. W. AYRE.

* First 'Spliced' peal. Every course was rung Plain, Little, Plain. First 'Spliced' peal of Royal by the band and the Guild.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor Size 14 in D.

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
*FRANK LORD 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

Witnesses—MRS. J. BRAY and MRS. W. AYRE.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' They have now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

A THOUSAND PEALS.

MR. A. H. PULLING'S ACHIEVEMENT.

With 'This is all' at the end of a peal of Stedman Triples at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, last Wednesday week, Mr. Alfred H. Pulling completed his one thousandth peal. It is a remarkable record and Mr. Pulling is only the ninth ringer to reach this gigantic total. The others who had previously got into four figures were the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. William Pye, the late Mr. Ernest Pye, the late Mr. I. G. Shade, Messrs. G. Williams, G. R. Pye, F. Bennett and J. George.

Having rung his 999th peal on the previous Sunday, Mr. Pulling hastily arranged for the eventful attempt, and selected Stedman Triples, because it is one of the methods that gives him the greatest pleasure. And he gladly admits that he *did* get a great deal of delight out of this particular performance, for, coupled with the fact that it was rung on one of the best rings of eight in the South of England, it was one of those peals which are as near perfection in striking as human agency can make them. At its conclusion he received the hearty congratulations of all the company. It was his 128th peal in the tower, 115 of which he has conducted. Of the 1,000 peals rung, Mr. Pulling has conducted no fewer than 907, a larger proportion than either of those who had previously reached this total. His



MR. A. H. PULLING.

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handbell peals, too, are greater in number than any other ringer's, and it is a singular fact that, until he visited Belgium at the beginning of last month, he had called every handbell peal of Stedman Caters he had rung. A member of 20 associations, his 565 tower bell peals have been rung in 142 towers in 22 counties, while he has now added Belgium and France to the countries in which he has rung a peal.

Among his best performances Mr. Pulling counts the first 'local' peal of London Surprise, at Holy Trinity, Guildford; his first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods at West Clandon, Surrey, and his first handbell peal of Stedman Triples. All these needed great perseverance on the part of the bands concerned. It was Mr. Pulling's great ambition, when they made him conductor, to see his band score a peal of London Surprise. There is not much difficulty in getting mixed hands to ring a peal of London, but to raise a local company to that standard requires a lot of work. 'It is all right after you have broken the ice,' Mr. Pulling says, 'but the ice takes a lot of breaking at times.'

Mr. Pulling, who was born at Petworth, Sussex, where his grandfather was a ringer for over 60 years, was taken quite early in life to Guildford, and at 13 years of age began ringing at Holy Trinity Church, where only call-changes were at that time practised. When the bells were relung in 1899, change ringing was taken up under the instructorship of Mr. Charles Willshire (now residing in Canada), and Mr. Pulling was an apt pupil. He rang his first peal in October of that year at Hawley, Hants, and in December took part in the

first peal by a local society at Guildford. In that peal Mr. Henry Hutton, who took part last week in the 1,000th peal, also rang. Progress was rapid and Mr. Pulling's first peal of Grandsire as conductor was Holt's Original in 1902, while Thurstan's one-part in 1904 was the first peal of Stedman he called. Thus, quite early in his career, he gave evidence of the talent which has since marked his performances. In 1905 he was elected conductor of Holy Trinity Society, a position he has ever since retained, and under his direction the society has occupied a foremost position among local companies. Surprise peals in many methods have been rung, but more important still has been the standard of striking which Mr. Pulling has successfully striven to obtain among those under his direction.

Mr. Pulling is a brilliant conductor of any method, but if there is one department more than another in which his genius for ringing excels it is in conducting Stedman on handbells. It will be seen from the appended list what a large number of his peals have been made up of Stedman 'in hand,' and they have included a great variety of compositions, including Carter's Odd-Bob peal. In the years just before the war Mr. Pulling had a number of handbell ringers round him who could ring Stedman Caters like 'shelling peas.' One week they rang six peals of Stedman Caters on six successive evenings, and in 1912, after ringing a peal of 14,031, Mr. Pulling conducted the still existing handbell record of 19,738 Stedman Caters in 9 hours 32 minutes. Apart from more than four years' peal ringing lost through the war, Mr. Pulling in 1927 had a serious motoring accident which kept him out of ringing for over a year, and out of peals for nearly a further year. His recovery, indeed, was almost a miracle, but he has 'come back' with all his old vigour and enthusiasm and little, if any, impairment of those wonderful talents which have raised him to so distinguished a place in the Exercise.

The list of his peals is as follows:—

	Tower bells		Handbells	
	Rung	Conducted	Rung	Conducted
Minor	16	15		
7 Treble Bob Minor	1	1		
7 Surprise Minor	1	1		
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1		
Court Bob Triples	1	1		
College Single Major	2	2		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	2	2		
Bob Major	35	30	47	42
Bob Royal	4	3	15	14
Bob Maximus			1	1
Grandsire Triples	40	33	137	136
Grandsire Caters	5	3	24	23
Grandsire Cinques			2	2
Stedman Triples	154	129	99	96
Stedman Caters	46	36c	109	107a
Stedman Cinques	4		1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	20d	19		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10	8		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			
Double Norwich Major	48b	38		
Little St. Lawrence Major	1	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	45	40		
Cambridge Surprise Major	24	22		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1			
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1			
St. Blaise Surprise Major	1	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major	6	6		
Guildford Surprise Major	7	7		
Dublin Surprise Major	3	3		
Reverse Dublin Surprise Major	1	1		
Double Dublin Surprise Major	3	3c		
Surrey Surprise Major	1	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	22	21		
London Surprise Major	57	56		
4 Spliced Surprise Major	1	1		
	565	425	435	422

Totals: Rung 1,000; conducted 907.

A includes 7,023, 7,777, 14,031 and 19,738. B includes 7,392. C includes 10,025. D includes two 6,048. E includes 9,600.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL WEDNESDAY MEETING.

A mid-week meeting of the North-Western Division was held at St. Mary's Church, Hatfield Broad Oak, on Wednesday, August 26th. Summer weather prevailed and a large number attended, the towers represented being Harlow Common, Sawbridgworth, Bishops Stortford, Fulbourne, Walthamstow, Dunmow, Eriki, Chadwell Heath and Crawley. Some very good ringing was indulged in.

At these mid-week meetings no business is transacted, but a general discussion is usually indulged in after tea. It is proposed to hold another meeting at Hunsdon some time in October. The date will be published later, and it is hoped there will be a record gathering. The primary idea of these meetings is to give facilities to shop assistants and others who are unable to attend the Saturday meetings.

A TOUR IN ESSEX.

INTERESTING FEATURES OF A LONG DAY'S TRIP.

Fine weather favoured the Loughton and Woodford ringers on Saturday, August 22nd, when a party of nearly fifty toured the north-eastern and eastern parts of Essex. A ring-up by 'Teddle' was sounded at 8 o'clock, and a few minutes later the 'Carey' coaches were plying their way up Alderton's Hill en route for Harwich. Chigwell Lane, Rolls Park, Abridge and Ongar were soon left behind, and Chelmsford reached in good time.

The first halt was made at St. Mary's, Kelvedon, where the party was welcomed by Mr. William Elliott, an old ringing enthusiast, and his son, Mr. J. Elliott. No time was lost in getting the bells going to Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles on a well-sounding peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.), hung in a battlemented tower built chiefly of large pebbles and flints. Early English workmanship is in evidence in the nave and aisles, while interesting historical demi-figures are fixed to the nave roof.

By ten-thirty the party was away, passing through the mile-long street towards Colchester, viewing with delight the many acres of flowers that are grown for seed in the vicinity of Marks Tey. Colchester was soon left behind, and the usual route taken to Harwich, via Ardleigh, Mistley, Bradfield, Ramsey and Dovercourt.

Mr. C. Ellis and Mr. G. Thompson extended a hearty welcome to the party, and soon the bells of St. Nicholas' (tenor 14 cwt.) were pealing forth touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. The present edifice, rebuilt by the Duke of Norfolk in 1821 on the site of a previous building, has still spacious galleries in use. A very fine oil painting behind the altar depicts the carrying of the Ten Commandments.

A special word of praise is due to Mr. C. Ellis and his colleagues for the excellent decorative state of the belfry and the easy running of the bells. Dinner was served at the 'Milton Hall,' Dovercourt. A stroll along the front was followed by a visit to the Harwich-Zeebrugge Ferry Boat quay, where a boat was preparing for the outward journey. It was obvious that the railway companies concerned had made a success of this service.

Then followed a long ride through to Burnham-on-Crouch, via Great Oakley, Thorpe-le-Soken, Weeley, Colchester, Abberton Peldon, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon and Althorne, much of the journey being along winding roads not designed for super coaches. A typical Burnham tea was well served at the Railway Hotel, the fresh shrimps claiming the renewed attention of all.

At the conclusion of the meal a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) and carried with acclamation, to Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and Mr. C. Morss (Woodford), organisers of the

outing, and to Sergt. Thorpe (Loughton), who had so energetically guided the party over the long route, and who had deputised for Mr. Morss, who, unfortunately, was unable to accompany the party. In reply, Mr. J. Rann expressed his great delight in the work he had undertaken, and his willingness to assist on future occasions.

Mr. T. C. Ringrose then led the way to the Parish Church of St. Mary, situated on the outskirts of the parish. A real treat was in store, the 'gc' of the bells being perfect, thanks to the engineering genius of Mr. Ringrose. Mr. A. Rutland, of Sunbury, and Mr. W. Gridley, of the local band, joined in the touches, which included Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor. An interesting history is associated with the church, built in the time of Edward III. The upper part of the tower was demolished by the great storm of November 23rd, 1703, and the tower was not restored to its original height. The catastrophe was followed by another one in the early part of last century, when the roof of the nave was destroyed by fire, and the pillars forced from the perpendicular. Some interesting armorials are on the south porch, built by Sir John Harvey, Vicar, at the end of the fifteenth century. Also fame is attached to the inscription of Alexander John Scott, D.D., on an iron chest in the vestry. He was a former curate of Burnham and became chaplain to Lord Nelson, and was near the Admiral when he received his mortal wound.

Very reluctantly did one and all leave such a fine-going peal of six, but the sun had set, and a good run was in store. Wickford, Billericay and Hutton were left in darkness, and by ten-fifteen the Woodford members were home again, bidding adieu to those of Loughton with the parting echo of 'Many returns of the day!'

All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the parishes for the use of the bells, and to the ringers who greeted the party.

5,376 BOB MAJOR.

BY FREDERICK DENCH, SAFFRON WALDEN.

23456 W. M. H.

42635 — —

62534 — —

42536 S —

65234 — —

36254 — —

56234 S —

35264 — —

42356 — —

Five times repeated. S at H halfway and end. The peal is reduced to 5,152 by calling S at W a course earlier in one part. This peal has 5-6 coursing nearly throughout the peal.

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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 composition of the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Ipswich on Saturday was taken from John Carter's broadsheet, and the peal is claimed as the first of Treble Bob Royal ever rung containing only seven courses. The conductor (Mr. G. E. Symonds) has now called peals of Treble Bob Royal consisting of 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 courses.

Mr. W. T. Elliott, of Kelvedon, has just completed 50 years of service as a ringer at St. Mary's Parish Church. This event and the birthdays of his wife and himself were fittingly celebrated by a peal of Minor last Saturday, after which Mr. and Mrs. Elliott entertained the ringers to tea.

Members of the Cambridge University Guild are having their annual ringing tour this week in the Hereford district.

Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, has just rung his 150th peal. The peals, which include the 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major, have been rung in 68 towers in 14 counties and with 283 ringers.

Will Mr. J. Lord, of Mablethorpe, kindly communicate with Mr. F. Lord, of 195, Mary Street, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

Six-bell companies are reminded that parcels of ten copies of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' can be obtained for 27s. 6d. post free. This is a saving of 5d. per copy.

A LOST PEAL.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE 'WEE SMA' 'OURS.'

During the morning of August 24th a certain lady, who was hoping to have a peaceful day before losing her company, suddenly discovered she wanted one more peal to make 50. As her husband was working the 2 to 10 shift, it was suggested that she 'rested' in the afternoon while the visitors and 'extras' went for a walk, then an attempt should be made round about 11 p.m. for the coveted peal.

At the appointed time (which had then reached 11.40 p.m.) four mentally unbalanced individuals set off for Bob Major, the other lady of the party 'witnessing' (?) the same between the sheets.

Course after course rolled along in perfect time until suddenly the 'luggage specialist' felt uneasy about the composition, but, being assured with 'All right,' he carried on apparently satisfied. At 2.10 a.m. came—'Single,' 'That's all'; with congratulations from the conductor to his wife.

The uneasy individual, however, disappeared for pencil and paper, then—after a moment's mental energy—calmly announced the peal was 'false.'

The shock prevented the expected flow of words! The 7-8 man crept silently away (he had to be at work five miles away at 7.30 a.m.). Explanations and investigations revealed the fact that 'hubby' had called the Singles two courses too late in each half!!!!

His wife now asserts she will insist on him 'knowing' the peal, even if she has to put his nose in the book.

A disappointing, though humorous, ending to a very enjoyable and successful 'rest cure.'

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.**RESTORATION WORK TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK.**

The disappointment of the committee in the compulsory postponement of the reopening of St. Bene't's bells is shared by a large number of ringers, who had been looking forward to and planning a great day at Cambridge at the end of this month. Despite all the efforts that were made and the assistance given by the Vicar of St. Bene't's, the diocesan office refused to be hurried, and not until the faculty itself issues can anything be done in the tower. It is hoped, however, that the work of dismantling the bells may be begun next Monday.

The date of the reopening will be fixed as soon as it is safe to do so, and we hope to be able to make a definite announcement next week.

To have to push the event out of the summer season is, of course, a distinct drawback, but ringers are not easily deterred where the pursuit of anything appertaining to their art is concerned, and we feel confident that they will be just as keen to share in the unique celebration whenever it takes place as they would have been in September.

Contributions to the fund should be sent to—

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DEATH OF AN OLD PRESTON RINGER.**FIFTY YEARS AT THE PARISH CHURCH.**

The Preston Branch has recently suffered the loss of an old member through the death of Mr. William Heald, of Preston. Mr. Heald, who was the captain of the Preston Parish Church band, had been in indifferent health for some time, but his passing away on August 24th was rather unexpected. Mr. Heald had just completed 50 years' service as a ringer at the Parish Church, and, although not a great peal ringer, could always be relied on for service and national occasions.

Mr. Heald was one of the few remaining old ringers who were members of the now defunct Lancashire Six Bell Ringers' Association in its early days, and which was ultimately absorbed by the present association.

Amongst those present at the funeral service held in the Parish Church were ringers from Brindle, Chorley, St. James', Leyland, as well as present and past members of the local band, the last named including Mr. T. H. Brewer, of Ottawa, Canada, who is on a visit to England, and who claims to have helped Mr. Heald to learn to ring 50 years ago.

Members of the Preston Branch acted as bearers at the church and cemetery, and a wreath was sent from his brother ringers. Muffled touches were rung on Preston bells before and after the funeral service, whilst an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob the next day was brought round after two hours and ten minutes' ringing, owing to the bad going of the bells.

Mr. Heald, or 'Bill,' as he was known to his intimates, will be sadly missed, especially by those who knew him best.

SOUTH DEVON TOWERS VISITED.

St. Sidwell's (Exeter) ringers visited South Devon towers for their annual outing, and were accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. Lanyon Owen). After stopping at Ashburton to pick up an old friend (Mr. A. L. Bennett), they proceeded to Ugborough, where there is a splendid church, with a beautifully built and lofty granite tower. Here they were met by Messrs. E. and A. Truman, of Kenu. The ring of eight bells is something of the weight of St. Sidwell's. Good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Ermington, with a spire three feet out of upright and a ring of six, was next visited, and the bells were well rung by juniors and seniors, and a very old peal of handbells belonging to the tower were put in use. Tea followed at Ivybridge, where the Erme was an attraction. At Plympton St. Maurice, which has a nice ring of eight, capital touches of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The homeward journey was via Totnes, Teignmouth and Dawlish, with a stop at a wayside hostelry to take supper as the guests of Mr. W. Drake (hon. treasurer of the society), after which the song, 'Glorious Devon,' was sung by the Rector. Exeter was reached at 10.30—all well pleased with the day's outing. Thanks are due to Mr. Edwin Shepherd (the Ringing Master) for making the arrangements.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday. The Ringing Master (Mr. Goodfellow) was in charge of the ringing and the methods practised before service were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Flecker (Vicar), the office from the 'Ringers' Manual' being used. The singing was led by the organist (Mr. David Willard), who has been organist of St. Peter's for 36 years, having commenced his duties there 16 months after the church was dedicated.

After service the company adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, ably served by Miss Riggs. The Vicar presided, supported by Mrs. Flecker and the Ringing Master. The vice-president unfortunately took the wrong train, and instead of landing at Staines found himself at Slough. Dashing back, he arrived breathless, but just in time for a cup of refreshing tea and to preside at the business meeting.

Mr. Willard was elected an honorary and Master Jolley a ringing member. Both belong to St. Peter's, Staines. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. and Mrs. Flecker, to the hostess (Miss Riggs), who has attended to the wants of the ringers at the meetings at Staines for the last ten years, and to her assistants, to the organist, to Messrs. G. Walmsley (who kindly arranged the meeting), W. E. Parker and E. Goater of the local band.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by Messrs. J. A. Trollope, F. W. Goodfellow, J. Herbert, E. Goater, F. Baldwin and R. Lathbury, the last named, with Miss V. Shorter, being on a visit from Cambridge. Other well-known ringers present were W. Welling, J. R. Mackman, F. Corke, G. and W. Gutteridge and Misses K. E. Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, and K. M. Bradford, of Twickenham, etc.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Mary (Rev. James) for the use of St. Mary's bells, and Mr. Butler, the steeplekeeper, brought a pleasant afternoon to a close, everyone present having had an opportunity of ample ringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel on Saturday. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock and the bells were kept going in various methods until 5 o'clock, when the members, their wives and friends, to the number of 41, partook of tea at Owen's Tea Rooms, after which a short business meeting was held, with Mr. W. Charman presiding. The following new members were elected through the instrumentality of Mr. Percy Doick: Messrs. W. G. Settatre, R. Settatre, J. Puttick, F. Willard, sen., P. Willard, jun., C. Whittington, A. Goatcher and J. Goatcher, all of Washington.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Arundel for the use of the bells and to Mr. Charman for presiding.

Subsequently further ringing was enjoyed, the methods including Stedman, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise. Members were present from Arundel, Billingshurst, Chichester, Heene, Lymington, Brighton, Shoreham, Crawley, Pulborough, Slinfold, Uckfield, Warham and Itchingfield, and Messrs. Pasmore (London) and J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), a most enjoyable afternoon being spent.

WESTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

All Saints', Weston, Bath, bellringers held their seventh annual outing on August 22nd last, when, accompanied by the Vicar and several churchworkers, they visited Puckle Church, Stone, Berkeley and Dursley, and at each tower the bells were raised in peal and rung to various methods.

Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, Berkeley, in company with the Fairford ringers, who had already been ringing at the tower. Some rounds were rung for the younger members, who thus had their first ring on ten bells, and a touch of Triples. At Dursley they again joined forces with the Fairford men in ringing various methods. Thanks are extended (through 'The Ringing World') to the incumbents and tower masters who met the visitors at the churches, also to Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. H. W. Jussell and Mr. J. Hope for their kindness in helping to make the outing a success.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

Fairford (Glos) ringers had their annual outing on August 22nd in glorious weather. They first visited Bristol, where they rang at St. Peter's Church and later at St. Stephen's. Sight seeing and lunch occupied some part of their stay in the city, after which they went on to Thornbury, where they found new ropes made the bells difficult to handle. They rang next on the ten at Berkeley, where they were joined by the Bath ringers, and the two companies had tea together. Going on to Dursley, the Fairford company enjoyed three-quarters of an hour's ringing with the local men on a peal of bells just suited to them, and were then joined once more by the Bath ringers, with whom a very pleasant time was spent. During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung. After supper at Dursley the journey home was commenced and completed about 11.30 after a very enjoyable day.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 545.)

XII. THE VISIT TO NORWICH.

About 1785 the old society paid their famous visit to Norwich. The tradition, as Ellacombe gives it, was that 'on this occasion the Norwich ringers performed a touch of Stedman Cinques, a method which the College Youths had not heard before; being very desirous of acquiring the method, they made arrangements for leaving one of their number, Mr. Blakemore, at Norwich in order that he might, at the expense of the society, qualify himself for teaching it to his fellow College Youths. Blakemore remained for six months at Norwich and acquired the method, which was afterwards successfully rung by the College Youths in London' (Note 18). During his stay, Blakemore lodged with Christopher Lindsay, who was writing a book on ringing. He secretly copied his host's papers, and on his return to London these formed the basis of the 'Clavis.'

Jasper Snowdon calls this an absurd legend, and certainly it does not sound correct. Christopher Wells, John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore were acquainted with Stedman Doubles, and men of their stamp would not need six months to find out how to practice the method on nine and eleven bells. Six minutes would have been enough. And a book like the 'Clavis' is not written by stealing another man's notes. But, almost always, these traditions have a body of truth, and in this case it needs only a little rearranging of known facts to say what did happen.

William Jones was collecting material for his book, and there was no place in England where there was better ringing or more methods practised than Norwich. Clearly, if his book was to be complete he must go down there and pick up as much information as he could. Besides, the new ring of twelve had just been put up at St. Peter Mancroft (1775), and glowing accounts of their grandeur had reached London. The Norwich Scholars were in close touch with the London ringers. In 1777 some of the Cumberlands went down to Norwich and rang a peal at St. Michael's Coslany, and later in the year, apparently, the Norwich company returned the visit, though there is no record of what ringing they did. So that there was a good opportunity for William Jones and his band to have a pleasant outing, hear and ring on the Mancroft twelve, and, incidentally, pick up what they could for the new book. Accordingly to Norwich they went.

But they were not received very cordially. From some statement or other that Christopher Wells had incautiously let drop the Norwich ringers suspected that the College Youths intended to try and beat their 6,240 of Treble Bob Maximus. It was the time of the long peal duel between the College Youths and the Cumberlands. The Norwich men were all Cumberlands and keen partisans. In fact, their 6,000 had given the latter society the twelve-bell record. Of course, it was the junior company of College Youths, not Jones' band, which had fought that fight; but the Norwich men took no account of such distinctions, and to them they were all College Youths. So when the visitors arrived they were met with a demand for an explanation and apology. It was given, and the two bands associated with apparent harmony and friendship.

Notwithstanding this, so men said afterwards, the College Youths did intend to try and beat the record; but after ringing about a thousand changes the attempt failed. No cause is given for the failure. Perhaps they started with the tenor single handed, and neither then nor for many years after was one man able to ring her to a peal. When we are comparing heavy bell peals of old times, either with each other or with modern performances, we must remember that the go of the big bells varied to an extraordinary degree. The modern bell hanger's scientific methods were then unknown, and it seems to have been sheer luck whether a bell could be turned in single handed to a seven thousand, like St. Saviour's, or took two and sometimes three men to ring behind to a five thousand, like St. Mary-le-Bow. Mancroft tenor was never an easy bell, and only once, till recent times, was she rung single handed to a peal.

When the London men stopped, the local men came up into the tower, and to show their skill rang some Stedman Cinques. This was a new thing to the visitors, and they straightway determined to practise the method.

Meanwhile Jones had been making his enquiries. Probably, as at Birmingham in the next year, he was not himself one of the peal band. No doubt he heard a lot about the peals the Norwich Scholars had rung, but he did not find it easy to get the figures he wanted. Lindsay and Barton were thinking of writing a book themselves, and they were not likely to give away their material to anyone who chose to ask for it, least of all to a rival. Jones had, therefore, either to give up any hopes of getting the Norwich figures, or to leave someone behind to find out things as opportunity might arise. Thomas Blakemore was the obvious man. Besides being one of Jones' two collaborators he was friendly with the Norwich men. He was one of the band who rang the peal of Bob Major at St. Giles' in 1777, and had belonged to the Cumberland Society when the Norwich men paid their return visit. He stayed for a time (perhaps a good deal shorter than six months) with Lindsay and did the job he stayed for. William Jones, probably, and not the society, paid his expenses.

Of course, some reason had to be given for his remaining behind when the others returned home. The truth could not be told so the excuse was made that he wanted to learn Stedman Cinques. It was quite as good an excuse as any other. It flattered the vanity of the Norwich Scholars, and it diverted attention from his real object.

He certainly took some things back with him besides Stedman Cinques, for there are things in the 'Clavis' which must have come from Norwich and nowhere else. Imperial the Third is one, and Norwich Court Bob another. Osborn, quoting some Norwich informant, says that Superlative was a Norwich method; but there, I think, he is wrong. There is no evidence that Superlative was known to the Mancroft men, and the authors of the 'Clavis' distinctly say that it is 'our own.' There is not the least reason to think they were either liars or thieves. But in Norwich Blakemore's activities were strongly resented. 'The College Youths were never noticed by the Norwich Company with anything like confidence or respect afterwards. No Norwich man subscribed to the "Clavis," and the book was totally ignored in the city' (Note 19).

NOTE 18.—Ellacombe—'Bells of the Church,' 1872, page 47.

NOTE 19.—An unnamed Norwich correspondent, quoted by Osborn.

MORE PICTURES OF THE PILGRIMAGE.

SOME OF THE LIGHTER INCIDENTS OF THE TOUR.



Top left: A course of Grandsire Triples on the frontier, with 1-2 and 3-4 in France, and 5-6 and 7-8 in Belgium.

Top right: The famous band kiosk at Ostende, round which a crowd collected late on the last evening of the tour, when some of the daring spirits gave a 'public performance' of change ringing. In the picture are some of the 'Pilgrims.'

Bottom left: Well dug in, on the sands. Messrs. Harris, Pulling, Jacques, Poole and Willson surrounded by an interested crowd while entertaining themselves with handbells.

Middle: The band that rang the first peal of Caters in France, photographed, with the umpire, at the foot of the Jean Bart Memorial, Dunkirk. Standing, Messrs. Elkington and Pulling; seated, Messrs. Poole, Willson and Harris; at the back, Mr. Jacques, the umpire.

Right: Tune ringing on the promenade. The production of the handbells quickly collected a crowd of wondering spectators.

The photographs were sent by Mr. A. J. Rodger and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AT ARLEY.

Members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Fillongley, Lillington, Manchester, Nuncaton and Warwick attended the meeting held at Arley on Saturday, August 22nd. Arley Parish Church is dedicated to St. Wilfrid and tradition has it that from St. Wilfrid's time (i.e., 1,200 years ago) there has been a church on this site. First built of wood, in 1280 the present building of local sandstone was erected. Richard de Covintre was the first Rector in 1287 and the list includes 44 others up to the present day. There are six bells in the tower, three old and three new, with the following inscriptions:—

Treble: 'Given by George Hazel, A.D. 1929, Church Warden from 1903.'

2nd: 'To the Glory of God and in remembrance of J. and S. Stain, from their sons, 1929.'

3rd: 'To the Praise of God, from the Parishioners, 1929.'

4th: 'Robert Newcome' (date about 1590).

5th: 'Ihs Nazareus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei Misere Mi, 1625.'

Tenor: 'Edward Arnold, Leicester, Fecit, 1760.'

These interesting bells were rung in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise on Saturday, and the local ringers were assisted by the more proficient to ring Grandsire Doubles, some showing great promise.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS' FINE PERFORMANCE.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

Five peals in as many different Surprise methods, viz., Cambridge, London, Bristol, Superlative and Irchester (the first in the method), rung between April, 1930, and February, 1931, at Irthlingborough, and all conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, have been recorded on a handsome tablet in the belfry of St. Peter's Church. The unveiling of the board took place at a special meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on Saturday week. At the Guild service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Lidster), there were representatives present from 18 Guilds. In his address the Rector welcomed the members of the Guild and said they were present to dedicate a peal board to commemorate a stupendous feat by the local band of ringers. They had successfully rung five peals in one year. Their art required faith—faith in their own powers, faith in their direction, faith in the universality of their art, for campanology was revered all over the world, and, finally, faith in God. To the ordinary lay person bellringing was an exceedingly difficult and puzzling art. When he watched ringing he was struck with the ease with which they rang. When a man was an easy ringer then he had perfect control of himself. They should apply their art to themselves, to their souls. They were about to dedicate a visible sign of triumph of the bellringers' art, and he thanked all for their attendance. Finally, the reverend gentleman asked them to remember Irthlingborough when holding their quarterly meeting.

At the close of the address the congregation moved to the belfry, and Mr. A. Y. Tyler, captain of the local band of ringers, unveiled, and the Rev. P. Lidster dedicated the tablet, 'To the glory of God, and in memory of the triumph of consecrated faith.'

At the close of the service the ringers adjourned for tea, served by the local ringers' wives and the wives of members of the Church Council.

After tea the branch secretary (Mr. F. Barber) said he was sure that those present would wish him to offer to all those who had taken part in the ringing of those peals, recorded on the beautiful peal board just unveiled, and dedicated by the Rector of Irthlingborough, the heartiest congratulations. It was indeed a memorable performance and one of which they could all be justly proud. But it was not only in peal ringing that these men excelled. He was thankful to say that they were always to be found at their post for the Sunday service ringing, and he complimented the Rector and the good people of Irthlingborough on having such a fine band of ringers. He also said he was sure they were all delighted to have with them that afternoon Mr. Ernest Tippler, of Luttworth, the composer of the peal of Irchester Surprise recorded on the board, and offered him a most hearty welcome amongst them.

Mr. R. G. Black (the general secretary of the Guild) and Mrs. Black being present, good wishes for their future happiness were expressed, and Mr. Black, in replying, thanked the members of the branch for the beautiful clock they had given him. He assured them he should treasure it very much. He also said that great credit was due to all who had taken part in those peals, and it was an honour to the Guild.

PEALS OF PLAIN BOB.

BY JOHN W. MOORHOUSE, OF LEEDS.

5,280 MAXIMUM.	5,040 ROYAL.
23456 W. M. R.	23456 W. M. R.
42356 — — — —	42356 — — — —
34256 — — — —	34256 — — — —
62345 — — — —	62345 — — — —
36245 — — — —	36245 — — — —
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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.—On Sunday, August 30th, at St. John's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. C. C. Williams 1, Wallace Dobbins 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzer 4, G. Lewis 5, G. N. Williams 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. L. Jones, B.A., who on this day commenced duties at the above church.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): F. Moore 1, A. Durham 2, E. Scrambler 3, S. Richardson 4, J. E. Brown (conductor) 5, W. Paterson 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Durham.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 30th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,248 London Surprise Major: E. F. Pike 1, W. R. Madgwick 2, F. Dench 3, F. Digby 4, W. H. Hewett 5, J. W. Ward 6, J. E. Davis 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8. The ringers of the 3rd and 6th are from Safron Walden.

BATH.—At St. Michael's Church, on August 30th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for morning service: A. V. Dent (Bournemouth) 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, William J. Prescott 5, William C. Slute 6, William H. Crocker 7, Gilbert H. Harding (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, it being his first quarter in the method.

TWICKENHAM.—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service and as a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Stapleton (vice-captain of the local band), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Miss E. Rabbitts 1, Miss J. Stapleton 2, W. H. Hollier 3, Miss K. Bradford 4, W. Daniell 5, E. A. Morris (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, R. G. Strutt 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—For evening service on Sunday, August 2nd, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: H. Bird 1, A. E. Bacon 2, F. Matthews 3, P. Shepherd (Melton Mowbray) 4, J. Buckenham 5, W. Buckenham (conductor) 6.

LATE NOTICE.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Market Rasen (8), Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, September 5th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Crawford Silver Cup Contest will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 5th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m., contest commencing at 3 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing at 6.30 p.m. for visitors. A good attendance is requested. Good bus service to and from the village. Tea will be provided for those who notify Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided free at 5 p.m. by special invitation from Mr. C. D. Potter. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Houghton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Treeton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Haywood, 68, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Mary's, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. The following towers will also be available during the afternoon and evening: Leyton (8), Woodford (8), from 3 to 4 p.m., Walthamstow St. Saviour's (8) from 6 to 8 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting at this tower since the bells were put in order, their going being now perfect. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ashford District will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 5th, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is anticipated.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday September 5th, at Harlow Town. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) ready 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Cricket match, Sept. 5th. Married v Single. Meet at St. Ambrose's Church 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Please support, wet or fine. St. Ambrose bells (8) available. The match will take place on the Bristol Education Committee's ground, Gordon Road, 8 p.m. prompt. Roll up in hundreds. Every ringer and friend welcomed.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Tuesday, Sept. 8th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea by Wednesday, September 9th. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Fuller particulars later.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Emberton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick Parish Church on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Also the bells at Newton-le-Willows are available after 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, September 12th. Usual arrangements. Members please note alteration of date. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, September 8th?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Pirbright, arranged for September 12th, is postponed until October 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Evershot on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, Beaminster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea to let me know by Wednesday, September 9th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, in the Co-operative Café, Newborough. Notification to be sent to Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia Street, Scarborough, not later than Tuesday, September 8th. A good meeting is desired, all ringers being cordially welcome.—J. W. Addison, Northern District, A. B. Cook, Eastern District.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Quainton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5, price 1s. each. Please notify Mr. C. Rogers, Taylor's Hill, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield, by Thursday, September 10th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. if possible. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The third quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Kingham (8 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome, but please notify me at least three days in advance.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Apsley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Heanor on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available early. Service 4 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. For tea, kindly notify Miss C. M. Wade, 16, St. Peter's Mount, Bramley, Leeds, before September 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Abbott's Ann on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in Village Hall. Bells available at 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mrs. Steedman, Abbott's Ann Rectory.—F. S. H. Marie, District Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Foxearth on Saturday, September 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 16th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby, to those who notify Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Sept. 17th. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham on September 19th for the unveiling of peal board. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise D. Chapman, Church Square, Haddenham, Thame, Oxon?

WEATHER FORECAST.—Always 'fine' at our meetings. Try Abbot's Langley (6 bells), Saturday, September 19th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Ringing till 8.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 6 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Star Inn (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Divisional Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the absence on holiday of the Rector of Dyrham the monthly meeting of the above branch, which should have been held at Dyrham, has unfortunately had to be cancelled.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

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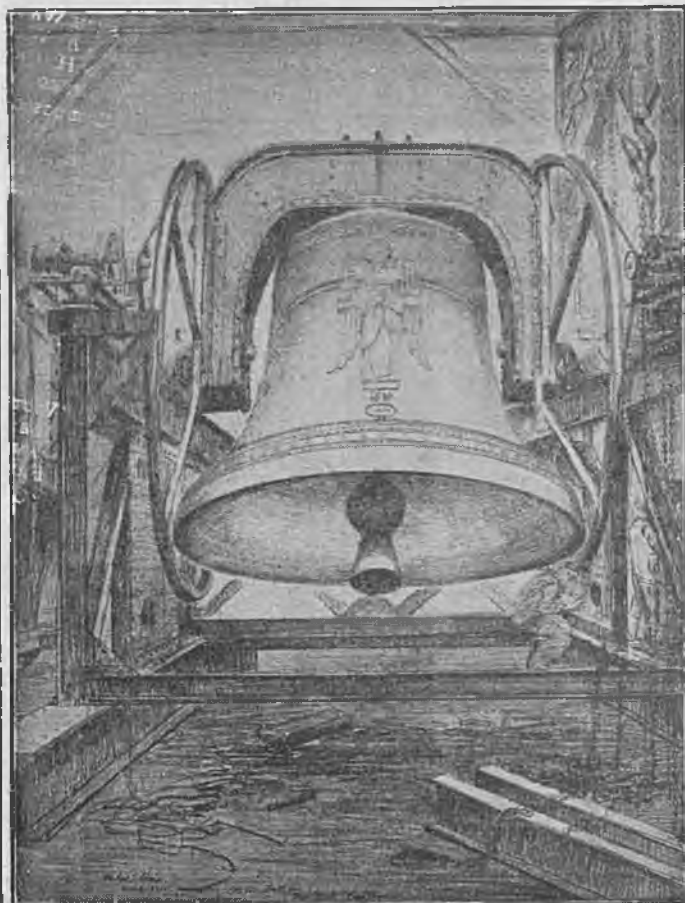
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METHOD SPLICING.

It is interesting to record this week another performance by some of the men associated with the historical method-splicing peals at Norbury, Cheshire, and to see that although they now have eight bells in their own tower, on which they have done some excellent work in Surprise Major ringing, they have not given up entirely their practice of six-bell methods and particularly of Spliced Minor. It was the Norbury band that first put thirty-five six-bell methods into the seven extents of one peal, and, while their latest performance has not equalled this, their peal last week should be a further incentive to six-bell bands in other parts of the country to give more serious attention to this very fascinating phase of ringing. It is certainly a more interesting and creditable performance to put even two methods into one extent, provided there are constant switches from one to the other, than it is to change over only at the end of each 720. Splicing, in the true sense, is not, perhaps, a job for the mental slow-coach. It requires alertness and quick-thinking, but given these qualities and a knowledge of the methods to be rung, any ringer should be able rapidly to master the principles and enjoy the practice of this phase of the art. Those who would take up this form of ringing should get the little book published on the subject by 'The Ringing World,' which deals in detail with splicing as applied to normal Minor methods.

It is possible that in the near future the Central Council will be asked to lay down some definite ruling as to what shall be recognised as a 'spliced' peal. In recent years there have been a number of 'freak' peals rung, in which, for instance, odd-bell methods have been joined with even-bell methods. As a curiosity, perhaps, such splicing may be pardoned, but it is hardly the sort of ringing to be encouraged, especially when it is merely half a peal of one method joined to half a peal of another. Indeed, except on the same ground of curiosity there is little point in ringing any peal in which there is but one 'splice.' Real distinction is given only to the performance—at any rate from the ringing point of view—when constant changes of method are made, and it ought to be a recognised practice that at least two methods should be included in every course. That, in our opinion, is the lowest standard that should be aimed at in 'splicing,' particularly on numbers above six, and it would soon become the recognised qualification for a spliced peal if the Central Council and the associations were to discourage anything which fell below this level, for splicing is now getting well through its experimental stage. On six and eight bells it has reached a high degree of performance,

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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*HARRY BOSWELL Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
ROBERT PICKERING 2	EDGAR T. SMITH 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	†JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
JOHN PERRY 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
JOHN C. ADAMS 6	WILLIAM WALKER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON

* First peal of Cinques away from tenor. † First peal on twelve bells. R. Pickering's 200th peal for the society. This peal was arranged for Mr. Ridyard, of Southport.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM Treble	WILLIAM NASH 6
CHARLES JEFFS 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ?
JOHN MALVAN 3	*HARRY D. HOLLICK 8
*THOMAS A. BLOW 4	BEN JARMAN 9
FRANCIS KIRK 5	†GEORGE A. SPENCER Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

THOMAS BENNEY Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 6
THOMAS LANGDON 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
EDGAR GUNSE 3	ARCHIBALD HARRIS 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
ROBERT W. GREEN 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Benney, who reached his 80th birthday on August 31st. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor, and was rung on the 26th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. P. Clark.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 6
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. JAINE Treble	†WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 4	*RICHARD J. JONES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight. † 50th peal. 40th peal together by ringers of 2nd and 5th.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
JAMES BILBY 2	CHARLES RAISON 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS
* 100th peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. Noel, who is leaving Bradford-on-Avon after 24 years' ministry in this parish.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD-BOB FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	CHARLES BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
*EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE OLIVER Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED H. POLLING 6
GEORGE APPS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	ROBERT SWIFT Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	WALTER AYRE 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	THOMAS J. WATTS 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*MRS. T. COLIN RYDER Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
*ARTHUR PASHLEY 2	*ALBERT NASH 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS 7
HEZEKIAH THORPE 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. NASH.
* First peal of Little Bob Major and first in the method on the bells.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) Treble	*REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Pemb.) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) 2	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) 6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trin.) 3	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge in the county.

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ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBAN DISNEY Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	*PERCY L. HARRISON 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
MISS ANNA E. CUSHION ... 2	F. W. CECIL CURTIS 6
NOLAN F. GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	RICHARD A. POST 5
*ERNEST PEARSON 2	JOHN SIMONS 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	HERBERT IMPEY 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS IMPEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY 5
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIER 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSIE GILLEY Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM C. JONES 6
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

MILTON C. FOWLER Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 2	T. COLIN RYDER 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	HARRY MORGAN 7
WILLIAM HOBAN 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

Quickest peal on the bells.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEC RICHARDSON Treble	ROBERT J. DAWES 5
ERNEST G. HIGGIN 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ERNEST C. S. TORNER ... 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
*STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 4	HERBERT MARKWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. Mr. E. C. S. Turner was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MAURICE N. HAINES Treble	WILLIAM C. PARKER 5
*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	*REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 6
*ERNEST J. GOATER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
THOMAS J. FOWLER 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by J. BORTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 5
CHARLES H. WALKER 2	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 4	CHARLES MOULTON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday anniversary of Charles H. Walker, secretary of the local company, who, with the conductor, has been a Sunday service ringer at this church for 40 years.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN A. GREEN Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE 5
LEONARD A. SMITH 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 6
HARRY RIDGWAY 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
HARRY C. CASHMORE ... 4	GEORGE FODDY Tenor

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal (aged 14). First peal on the bells since their restoration by Taylor and Co. First peal of Triples for the Guild by the Towcester Branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DERRICK HOLMWOOD ... Treble	JOSEPH WOOLLEY 5
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4	HENRY WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal, and aged 14. First peal on this beautiful ring, which were hung in 1809 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The ringers of 1 and 2 were on holiday in Cornwall from Egerton, Kent, 5 and 6 are from Plymouth, and the remainder from Truro Cathedral. After the peal the band was congratulated by the Rector, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert, who very kindly provided tea at the Rectory. The treble ringer was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FITZMAN'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*LESLIE STEPHENS Treble	PERCY JONES 5
HARRY CASSEL 2	WILLIAM PIKE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT RBS MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 6
*WILLIAM J. WHITING 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

* First peal in the method with a 'bob' bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOPE BOWDLER.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*T. REECE Treble	J. HUGHES 4
†J. WILLIAMS 2	W. T. BOUGHEY 5
W. J. BENIAMS 3	A. HEIRON Tenor

Conducted by W. T. BOUGHEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

HARRY STEBBING... .. Treble	*EDWARD J. SHYNN 4
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY 2	HARRY S. BARKER 5
STANLEY W. BIGMORE 3	ARTHUR F. PUTLAND... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all except ringer of tenor.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR COX... .. Treble	GEORGE SLAUGHTER 3
JOHN R. NICHOLS 2	PERCY AMOS 4

JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

This is the first peal rung on the bells for over thirty years.

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

*MISS ESMR A. STOKES ... Treble	†FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4
ALLEN JAMES 2	*GEO. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 5
JOSEPH LORD 3	*RICHARD MASON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells, and first in which local ringers have taken part in this tower.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, called differently, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HAYWOOD Treble	REGINALD PAYNE 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	FRED WATKINSON 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PASHLEY.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS HARPIN... .. Treble	HARRY TYSOE 4
NORMAN INSKIP 2	*WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
*MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	HERRERT SHARP... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* 50th peal together.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lancaster, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS EVELYN STEELE ... Treble	*AMOS SMART 4
ALBERT E. BALL 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
*FRANCIS BALL 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor, and first for the Guild.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*GILBERT P. MITCHELL ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... 2	E. GEORGE SWIFT 5
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. R. Davies, M.A.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lancashire, Stamford, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	AMOS SMART 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	JOHN CURRAY 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

A birthday compliment to H. M. Day, who attained the age of 50 the previous day.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
 (STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Poynton and Old Oxford, (2) Bocking and Willesden, (3) Trowel and Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise and Norbury, (5) Grove Delight and Wragby, (6) Neasden and College Bob IV., (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	HARRY LANGLEY ... 4
*JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	†ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal of Minor away from treble. † First peal of Minor in 17 methods.

WILLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Stedman, and forty of Grandsire, the latter with ten different callings, as arranged by Jasper Snowden. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	†ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 3
*ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 2	WALTER LAGO ... 4
*BERTRAM L. JONES ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells. First peal on five bells for all the ringers. First peal on the bells, first peal on five bells in the county of Shropshire, also for the association.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK DEERING ... Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL ... 4
ALFRED H. WATSON ... 2	JAMES WARDLEY ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... 1-2	ALBERT CATERWELL ... 3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD ... 5-6	

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

Witness—Miss HELEN M. SHANKS.

First handbell peal, and first attempt for ringer of 1-2, who belongs to the Great Bardfield company.

ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. T. COLIN RYDER ... 1-2	MR. T. THACKRAY ... 5-6
MR. J. W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	MR. T. COLIN RYDER ... 7-8
*HENRY G. GRIMWOOD ... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

WORCESTER.—On September 1st, at St. John's Parish Church, by the local ringers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: C. G. Bowkett (first quarter-peal) 1. J. Woodyatt (first on an 'inside' bell) 2. W. Lewis 3. W. Powell 4. T. W. Lewis 5. E. Watkins 6. J. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7. E. Crump 8.

LEICESTER RINGERS' VISIT TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

The annual outing of 1931 of the Leicester Cathedral ringers must be written down as a most successful one in every way. There were the usual latecomers who caused some slight delay in making a start on the journey to Newport Pagnall; consequently, at the behest of the R.S.M., the route was slightly amended, and full speed ahead ordered. This was apparently due to the fact that at a certain place en route the cafes remained open until 2.30 p.m. The mission was successful, and the R.S.M. lost all his ferocity. We howled along in glorious sunshine to Northampton, amidst the aroma of 'corona-coronas,' due to the kindly thought of Mr. J. Harris. Arriving at Northampton, a halt was made for a pull at St. Giles'. Mr. W. Rogers was there to give us a hearty welcome, and the ring of ten was soon set going to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. Our host joined us on our making tracks for Newport, and on the way the handbell experts gave a full and varied entertainment. We arrived in time for tea, and were joined by Mr. C. Clarke, of Bedford, and Mr. H. D. Harris and the Herbert Brothers, of Woburn, and, of course, the local ringers. The tea was served on the lawn, amidst ideal surroundings, and, after justice had been done to the repast, an adjournment was made to the belfry. Good use was made of the fine peal of bells, the ringing including London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Mr. Smith had kindly arranged for a room for a convivial evening, and this was enjoyed by all. The handbells played a large part in the entertainment, but other notable items were 'Charlie's Tales' and Mr. W. Bebb's 'Drunken Episode.' The latter, by the way, is one of Newport's natives. The cafe had an extra half-hour to that enjoyed by Leicester, and no doubt this was a deciding factor when the arrangements were made. With four members of the Leicester City Police Force present, however, it was obvious that no attempt would be made to abuse the law. The usual thanks were tendered to those who contributed in various ways to the pleasures of the outing, especially to the friends at Newport. The return journey was made under the silvery moon to the accompaniment of 'Spanish Chants' and other romantic melodies on the handbells. For his efforts on this and other occasions, the worthy secretary of the Guild of Police Ringers has been promoted to detective sergeant. He will receive the wholehearted congratulations of the ringing fraternity.

H. G. J.

TILEHURST RINGERS IN HERTS.

On a recent Saturday the Tilehurst band held their annual outing, when a party of 14 ringers and friends proceeded by motor coach to Bishop's Stortford. Leaving Tilehurst at 8.30 a.m., the first stop was at Bushey, reached after a pleasant run of two hours, via Slough and Rickmansworth. Here they were welcomed by Mr. M. Hibbert, and several short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung and rounds for the beginners on this handy ring. Bishop's Stortford was reached in time for lunch, very kindly provided by the Rev. Dr. Cooper-Smith, Rector of Tilehurst, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. They were welcomed by the Rev. F. W. Lane, a former curate of Tilehurst and an enthusiastic ringer. A move was made to the tower after lunch, and with the help of some of the local ringers Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung. Sawbridgeworth was visited during the late afternoon, but, as time was pressing, only a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on this noisy and heavy-going peal. Tea was very kindly provided by the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Lane, and they were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness.

Watford was the last tower on the programme. Unfortunately, a late arrival somewhat curtailed the ringing, but everyone enjoyed a pull on this fine peal.

Tilehurst was reached at 11 p.m., everyone having spent a happy day, although the weather was showery. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells and the ringers who met them and helped in the ringing. Much regret was expressed that Mr. Barnes was unable, through an accident, to take part in the outing.

'THE GOOD OLD DAYS.'

There are still some quaint ideas about with regard to bellringers. In an article in a recent issue of 'The Motor-Cycle and Trader' on 'Bellringers, Ancient and Modern,' in which 'a contributor deals with some modern examples of this ancient craft as encountered by the cycle dealer,' we learn that 'in the good old days every village had its collection of staid old men who, for a small fee, used to go every time the church opened to pull on some ropes as hard as they could and kick up a fearful din. Sometimes they would pull steadily at only one rope and sometimes at several, sometimes for half an hour at a stretch, and sometimes for only five minutes. Of course, these old men still exist now, but in diminished numbers, for the modern trend is to lessen manual labour. Everyone is a bellringer in these days, for all one has to do is to open a shop door.'

Strange it is that such illusions are to be found in these enlightened days, but the forty thousand 'old men' who ring the church bells of this land will read this with an indulgent smile.

ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the wonderful record of Mr. A. H. Pulling's 1,000 peals. Could you be good enough to tell us, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' whether the late Rev. F. E. Robinson holds the 'record' for the greatest number of peals ever rung, and, if so, what the actual number was?—Yours truly,

Y. Z.

[The Rev. F. E. Robinson rang 1,250 peals. Mr. William Pye has rung some hundreds more than this number; Mr. L. G. Shade had rung 1,450 when he met with his fatal accident. Mr. G. R. Pye has also passed the total of the former Master of the Oxford Guild.—Ed. 'R.W.']

OLD BURTON RINGERS MEET.

At the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, a party of ringers, including a few 'old perticks,' met at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday afternoon, and after an hour's ringing on this splendid peal of ten (which are a striking contrast to the terrible old eight which some of the company remembered), went on a short but enjoyable ringing tour. At Rolleston, only a short run by motor-car, ringing from the ground floor was appreciated by the 'old 'uns,' for there was no panting for breath, such as is the case after the climb to the ringing chamber at St. Paul's. After Rolleston the route lay through and about the Needwood Forest, where numerous places of interest were passed, including Byrkley Lodge, the home of Sir William Bass, Rangemore, the lovely estate of the late Lord Burton, and others which closed at 2 p.m. At Alrewas they found a jolly little peal of bells, easy to ring, and on which touches in different methods were enjoyed. Loading up again, it was not long before Lichfield spires ('the Ladies of the Vale') were in sight and Maple Hayes, Mr. Worthington's home, was reached about 6.30 p.m. A walk through the lovely rose gardens, on the lawns and by the lakes was greatly enjoyed, and the ringers received a hearty welcome from Lady Muriel Worthington, before sitting down to a sumptuous dinner of old English fare. Then after the toast of 'The King,' the party retired to the spacious drawing-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and a touch of Stedman on the piano by Maurice Swinfield. Lady Muriel and her other guests joined the party and took much interest in the handbell ringing. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Worthington for his hospitality, and to Mr. Swinfield for the excellent arrangements made for the gathering.

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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 Double Norwich Major at Headingley, Yorks, on Saturday, was preceded by an attempt at Armley which terminated with the breaking of a rope after 2 hrs. 15 mins. ringing. Mr. and Mrs. T. Colin Ryder, who were in both these attempts, also rang a peal of Bob Royal on handbells the same day.

The first peal on the bells for over 30 years was rung at Bulwick, Northants, on Saturday week, and the ringers had no small task, for the bells went very badly. Mr. Arthur Cox came into the band at a minute's notice. Previously he had not rung a bell for nearly three years.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Cuckfield, Sussex, on Wednesday in last week, after the band had met one short for London Surprise. At Lindfield, four miles away, one man met seven short for a peal of London.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, will no doubt be pleased to hear that he has recently been promoted to the rank of detective sergeant in the Leicester City Police Force. Mr. Poole is the hon. secretary of the National Police Guild of Ringers.

A Rochdale member of the Lancashire Association writes to point out that, contrary to the heading of the peal rung at Moorside on August 13th, there is no Oldham Branch of the Association, according to the report, and peals ought not to be thus recorded.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise in Wales was conducted by the late Bertram Prewett at Llangollen on September 13th, 1907.

Charles Middleton, of Norwich, whose name will for ever be associated with Cambridge Surprise Major from the fact that his composition is the only peal with the tenors unparted that will run true to the method, died on September 14th, 1886.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths, out of which sprang St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, rang their first peal (Bob Major) on September 16th, 1755, at St. Philip's, Birmingham.

THE MINOR 'COLLECTION.'

FALSE ALLIANCE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Attention has been called to the fact that the last five Alliance methods in the Collection (viz., Nos. 66 to 70) will not run true. On investigation it will be found that repetition is unavoidable when the treble is in fifth's place. Those who have purchased copies of the book are requested to strike out these five methods in order to prevent the possibility of their being rung in peals at some future date.

It is due to the other members of the Methods Committee to state that these methods were inserted at my instance at the last moment during the final proof reading. An ill-judged anxiety to make sure that there were no accidental omissions such as occurred in the first edition resulted in their slipping in without sufficient investigation into their truth.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

The Rectory, Glast St. George, Exeter.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

WORK BEGUN ON ST. BENE'T'S BELLS.

Work on the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, Cambridge, commenced on Tuesday. The faculty was received by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Greenwood) on Monday, the necessary tackle was already on the spot, and Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s workmen began operations the next day.

In about a fortnight the bells and frame will have been dismantled and taken to Loughborough, and the builders (Messrs. Sindall, of Cambridge), under the supervision of Mr. F. W. Troup, the architect, will then proceed with the construction of the reinforced concrete corbel course, which is to carry the reconstructed bell frame at about 12 feet lower than the old level at which the bells swung. The concrete which is to be used is of a specially quick drying and hardening description which within a week of its construction will allow the frame to be placed on it. The concrete has been generously given by the Tunnel Cement Company, Ltd., with which Mr. E. H. Lewis, President of the Central Council, is associated.

The fine old oak frame in which the bells hang is of massive construction, and is almost certainly the frame that was in the tower in Stedman's time. With the exception of one or two members, which will have to be renewed, it is apparently in a splendid state of preservation, and, when rebuilt, there is no reason why it should not last for at least another two hundred years. The bells are to be cleaned and the 'tap' notes brought into closer harmony. Five of them will be quarter turned, and they are all to have entirely new fittings, but the stocks are to be of wood and the bells hung from them by iron straps in the old way.

New oak beams of large section will carry the cage, and the turning of the whole frame through a right angle, so that the thrust caused by the ringing is taken on the strongest walls of the tower, coupled with the introduction of the reinforced corbel course, will add to the stability of the building, which, as our readers already know, is a fine example of Saxon craftsmanship. The beams on which the bells are at present carried will be left in position for a dual reason. Any risk attaching to removing them from the walls will be obviated, and by leaving them as they are they will add to the strength of the tower.

The ropes are to be brought down to the ground floor, which will add greatly to the convenience of ringing, for the present ringing chamber is approached by a straight steel ladder, about 22 feet high, negotiable only by agile and steady-nerved people.

In addition to the restoration of the bells, an explanatory commemorative tablet is to be provided in bell-metal, and will be placed where all can see it on one of the interior walls of the tower.

Everything is now set fair for the fulfilment of the scheme to celebrate the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman, and we hope to be able to announce next week the date of the commemoration and reopening of the bells.

Now that the scheme has been officially sanctioned by the Diocesan Authorities, and the work is in hand, subscribers who have not yet sent their contributions will oblige the committee if they will forward them to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, or the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

AN AUSTRALIAN LADY RINGER.

A QUARTER-PEAL AT MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL.

It is gratifying to be able to record a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia. Six of the ringers are from the mother country, but special interest attaches to the performance of Miss Frey Shimmin, a native of the Commonwealth, who is the first Australian-born lady to ring a quarter-peal. Miss Shimmin is a schoolgirl of 15 years of age, and she came into the band about twelve months ago. She has excellent bell control, and throughout the quarter-peal her striking was good. She is to be congratulated upon a very creditable achievement. The quarter-peal was rung on Wednesday evening, July 1st, in 50 mins. by: Miss Frey Shimmin (Melbourne) 1, W. H. Preston (Kent) 2, J. L. Murray (Melbourne) 3, G. H. Wheeler (Cheshire) 4, A. A. Savage (Bedfordshire) 5, J. M. Guest (Staffordshire) 6, F. Boughton (Warwickshire) (conductor) 7, J. Badley (Lincolnshire) (first quarter-peal) 8. The tenor is 5¼ cwt.



MISS FREY SHIMMIN.

[Photo by 'The Argus,' Melbourne, Australia.]

About twelve months ago an appeal was made for bellringers for Melbourne Cathedral to ensure that there should be no lack of continuity in filling vacant places that occur from time to time, from one cause or another, in the ranks of the Cathedral bellringers. Several men, and ladies too, answered the appeal, and it is hoped to record other performances by these ringers in the near future. The success of these new ringers is entirely due to the untiring efforts of Messrs. Guest and Preston.

Occasionally a ringer from home will visit St. Paul's belfry, where they are always welcome. Some excellent ringers have paid visits in this way, among them Mrs. T. C. Lumley, of Twyford, Berks, who did some ringing on her way through the city, and Miss D. D. Steel, of Bedford, the lady champion croquet player, when visiting Australia with the English croquet team four years ago. Miss Steel was the first lady to ring a quarter-peal in Australia, ringing the second bell on that occasion.

A most pleasing feature in connection with the ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral is the occasional visit to the belfry of Archbishop Head and the Rev. R. Sherwood (Precentor), the latter being among the new ringers.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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XIII. ATTEMPTS AT REUNION.

The Norwich visit was followed by two important results. One, immediately, that Stedman was practised in London and thence the method spread over the country; the other, more remotely, the extinction of the old Society of College Youths.

As soon as Jones and his band got back they began to ring Stedman Caters, and now we begin to see signs of disagreement between John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore. Blakemore, when he came home, had brought a good deal of information about the method—peals and touches and so forth—and on the strength of that, like as not, he thought he was entitled to call the peal. Reeves thought otherwise, and so Blakemore went off and made friends with the junior company. They, too, were anxious to ring Stedman Caters and Cinques; and this led to members of the two bands becoming friendly and ringing together for the first time since 1757. Soon there were suggestions to heal the thirty years' old schism and unite the two societies into one. This did not suit everyone. There were men in both companies who knew well enough that in one band there would not be room enough for all, and they had no wish to be squeezed out. But the leaders of the junior company were anxious for it, and William Jones was favourable. Presently there occurred an opportunity of making a big practical step towards reunion.

In 1771 two trebles were added to St. Martin's, Birmingham, to make a ring of twelve. A peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung on them in 1773, and Plain Bob Maximus in 1779. But as yet no peal of Treble Twelve had been scored there. So the junior society proposed to go down for their 1786 outing, and, not being able to get together by themselves a band strong enough, they invited the old society to come too. About half a dozen joined them, including William Jones. On October 24th, 1786, they started for Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, but after ringing over two hours the tenor clapper broke.

Next day the damage was put right, and they made another attempt. The band was made up of Winstanley Richardson, Donkin, Povey, Patrick, the bell founder, Lyford, Sylvester, Holdsworth and Muggeridge from the junior society; and Adams, John Reeves, Inville and Williamson from the old society. No conductor is mentioned, but probably John Povey called the bobs. According to Mr. Hassell, a very old member of the St. Martin's company, who in 1849 recollected the visit very well, the ringing was excellent.

A peal was almost a certainty, but a little more than half an hour from the end Samuel Muggeridge, who was ringing the tenor, without any warning set his bell and went and sat down, saying he was tired and would ring no more. Some of the band knew he did not want to ring with the old company, and were sure he stopped because he did not want to score a peal with them. A heated altercation followed, in the midst of which, Jones, who had been listening to the ringing outside, came up to know the cause of failure. He walked into the belfry and, as a ringer would, put his hand on the treble rope. When he heard the reason, in his excitement and anger he pulled the rope so hard that the bell went over, smashing the stay and ceasing herself, nobody paying attention to the flying rope.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

A TOUR IN THE WEST.

The annual tour of the Cambridge University Guild, an old-established custom of 21 years, was held this year in Herefordshire, with headquarters at St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford, the residence of Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who made all the arrangements. Eleven members were able to come, but of these Rev. H. L. James and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn were not well enough to take part in any peal attempts. There was also one beginner, so no choice of the peal band was possible. Ringing began on Monday night, August 31st, at St. Nicholas' Church in Hereford.

On Tuesday the towers of Colwall and Ledbury were used for short touches, and then a peal of Double Norwich was attempted at Lugwardine, but unfortunately it came to grief, after excellent ringing, owing to a miscall. On Wednesday, the journey was southward. Ruardean, in Gloucestershire, was first visited in pouring rain, then Ross, but a funeral was in progress. So after lunch a move was made to Bridstow, where Cambridge Surprise was rung for an hour and a half, only to end in failure, but it was good practice. Returning to Ross, we were able to ring for a short time, and then in the evening were welcomed by Mr. Edwards and the Cathedral band to their practice night. Here four methods were rung on the fine ring of ten.

On Thursday the route was north, to Pembridge with its quaint campanile (five bells); then to Presteigne, in Radnorshire. Here an excellent peal of Cambridge Surprise, the first in the county, was rung, as shown amongst the peal records. At Ludlow and Leominster, the magnificent churches were admired, and short touches rung on the bells. In the evening, All Saints', Hereford, gave us the hospitality always shown to visiting ringers.

It was decided not to try for a peal on Friday, but to visit more towers instead. So Burghill, Glasbury-on-Wye, Clifford, Peterchurch, Abbotsey and Madley were all in turn made use of. The last three of these are such glorious specimens of architecture that time was needed to view them. The old Norman Church of Kilpeck, although without a ring of bells, was not omitted. A visit to Bulmer's cider works in Hereford had been made earlier in the week, but without any ill-effects. The beauty of the Herefordshire scenery could not be fully appreciated because of the rain, but no one could help admiring the rich tones of the Rudhall bells, which are almost universal in these parts.

It ought to be stated that in each tower one or more well-struck touches, usually in the 'higher methods,' were first rung, and afterwards practice given in plainer methods to a beginner, when the striking was not so good.

B. H. T.-D.

WESTHOUGHTON RINGER'S RETIREMENT.

At Westhoughton, Lancashire, on Friday evening, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by members of the local band: F. Frankland Rigby (conductor) 1, R. V. Hart 2, T. Smith 3, A. W. Leigh 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, J. L. Marsh 6. Rung in honour of Mr. John Greenhalgh, who has just retired after 30 years' service as a ringer.

After the ringing, a social was held, and Mr. Greenhalgh was presented with a clock by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rowe on Tuesday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church, King's Langley, Herts, by members of the local band: H. D. Butler 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, A. Rogers 3, A. G. Cook 4, J. W. Lane 5, E. J. Rowe 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, J. Hayward 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 20th, in 28 mins., on the front six bells, 720 Bob Minor: T. H. Foster 1, H. S. Morley (conductor) 2, W. A. Hall 3, H. Fairlam 4, F. Cryer 5, R. Warford 6. Arranged and rung for T. H. Foster, whose first 720 it was.

MEON, HANTS.—On Monday, August 24th, at Bay Tree Cottage, 1,344 Bob Major in 38 minutes: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (conductor) 1-2, G. W. Fletcher 3-4, F. S. Bayley 5-6, F. W. Rogers 7-8. Also course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

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This incident put an end to all hopes of a formal union of the two societies. Jones and Reeves felt they had been insulted, and turned away from the members of the junior society. They, too, were angry with Muggeridge, and left him out of their band in the next peals. Except when he was wanted at the heavy end at York Minster in 1787, and one other peal at Richmond, he did not ring another till 1790, and only four more after that. He died in 1825, and was buried at Southwark.

AN OLD GLOUCESTERSHIRE RING.**LITTLE PARISH'S GREAT RESTORATION EFFORT.**

The little parish of Bledington, in Gloucestershire, with a population of less than 350, has undertaken a big task in the restoration of its bells, a ring of five, all of the seventeenth century. Two of these old bells, and probably the other three, were cast at a long-forgotten foundry at Woodstock. The earliest bell is dated 1630, and two others 1639. The two last-named are respectively inscribed: 'We are the Bells of Bledington, 1639,' 'And Charles he is our King, 1639.'

The decay of the bell frame has prevented any proper ringing on the bells for many years. It is now proposed to recast the tenor into two smaller bells to make a ring of six and to provide a new bell in place of one of the older ones (temp. Charles I.), which it was originally intended to recast, but which is now, at the suggestion of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, to be preserved for its historical interest as a relic in the church. This modification will doubtless be acceptable both to those who are concerned for the preservation of historical memories and to those who are more interested in the tune of the ring, for the old bell is really past work. The necessary new material, however, will involve an additional cost of £40, making the total estimate for the new iron and steel framework, and the reconstituted ring of six up to £292, this being exclusive of a ringing floor, which is really desirable for the completion of the scheme, though the parish is willing to wait till funds allow of its erection.

The fund, up to date, stands at about £225, of which £175 has been raised by the parishioners themselves, and £50 has been generously subscribed so far from outside in response to an appeal. It is earnestly hoped that the need may now become known to others, who might be willing to supplement the efforts of the parishioners with substantial support, either towards the new bell (a gift of £40 would be treated as the gift of the bell), or to enable a satisfactory floor to be erected for the ringers.

For the information of those interested in bellringing it may be added that the work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. Thos. Bond and Sons, of the Burford foundry, and that the notes of the new ring will be: 1, D sharp (new); 2, C sharp (new); 3, B (old); 4, A sharp (new); 5, G sharp (old); 6 F sharp (old).

There should be many ringers who would like to assist in this praiseworthy restoration work, and contributions to the fund may be sent either to the Rev. S. Liberty, Vicar of Bledington, Kingham, Oxon, or to Lieut.-Col. S. M. Rice, hon. treasurer of the fund, Ivy Hall, Bledington.

Bledington Church, dating from the twelfth century, is well known to ecclesiologists for its preservation, unspoilt, of many interesting architectural features and mediæval adornments; the village gives its name to several of the folk dances and tunes now being revived by antiquaries; and it is no mere fancy to suppose that the sound of Bledington bells mingled with the day dream (see Macaulay's famous Essay) and memories of Warren Hastings, whose father was actually Vicar of Bledington at the time of the former's birth at Churchill in 1732. The parish has also had a long and close connection with Christ Church, Oxford, as landowners and patrons.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**MR. C. D. POTTER'S BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

A very successful meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, when members attended from Wath, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Cawthorne, Friesland, Earlsheaton, Horbury, Sandal, Felkirk, Auston, Aston-under-Lyne, Ecclesfield, Rotherham, Royston and the local company, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon. Tea was served in the Parish Room, about 60 members and friends being present, by the kind invitation of Mr. C. D. Potter, to celebrate his birthday, which was on Wednesday, September 2nd.

At the business meeting held afterwards, Rev. Canon Hone (Rector of Barnsley) presided, and gave the members a hearty welcome. He added that he was pleased to say the ringing at St. Mary's (which had been very slack of late) was improving greatly, thanks to the energy of Mr. W. Farmer (late of Salisbury), who was working very hard to get a company together.

Five new members were elected, viz., one from Horbury and four from Barnsley.

Sandal and Wath were suggested for the next meeting, Sandal being chosen by a large majority.

Mr. Potter said he was pleased that so many had accepted his invitation, and he congratulated the Barnsley ringers on their progress.

Mr. Thickett (Horbury) moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Potter for entertaining the association in the way he had done, and also wished him 'many happy returns' of his birthday.—Mr. Wolstencroft, in seconding, said it was the first time he had been to Barnsley, and he was very pleased he had managed to be at such a gathering. He also extended thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the ladies who served the tea.—The thanks were suitably acknowledged.

Mr. W. Farmer thanked all who had helped him at Barnsley, and hoped they would continue to give him their assistance when it was convenient to do so, practice being on Friday evenings at 7.30.

During the evening, touches were rung on handbells in Major, Triples and Minor methods, and the tower bells were also kept going in various methods until about 9 p.m.

ESSEX, HERTS & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.**

The usual annual joint meeting of the neighbouring districts of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations was held at St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and proved an attraction to ringers from near and far. The weather was none too kind, otherwise the attendance, which, as it was, exceeded 50, would probably have been greater. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, and continued until the service at 4.30. The Vicar (Rev. G. D. Oakley), before a very helpful address, welcomed the many visitors. He said that whilst in the Chester diocese he was connected with the Diocesan Guild there, and it was very gratifying to him to find that similar Guilds existed in his new district.

After the service the whole company was entertained to tea in the Church House by Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, with the assistance of several friends to see that the wants of the visitors were satisfied.

Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary, Essex Association) read a letter from Mr. W. Lawrence (Hertford Association), who was unable to be present owing to being away holiday making. Mr. Butler proposed a vote of thanks to the several clergy who had given the use of their bells for that afternoon's meeting; to the various towerkeepers; to Mr. Fred Maynard for arrangements at Walthamstow; to Mr. Erskine (organist); and last, but by no means least, to Mr. and Mrs. Oakley and their several friends for the excellent tea provided.

This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles (district secretary, Middlesex Association), who said that Mr. Oakley had met them very handsomely on an exceedingly busy day. There was a big wedding function at the Parochial Hall next door, another much more important wedding at the Vicarage itself, the Vicar's youngest son having been married that morning, and it was very kind of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley to spare the time to meet them.

The vote of thanks, on being put to the meeting, was carried with enthusiasm, and Mr. Oakley, in a humorous speech, replied. He repeated the welcome given in church, and expressed a hope that he would meet all present on future occasions.

A great deal of ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at St. Mary's and St. Saviour's Churches, Walthamstow, and also at Woodford, but disappointment met the few ringers who visited Leyton in the afternoon, where insufficient attended to ring the bells. Those present represented many towers in Essex, Herts and Middlesex, besides visitors from other parts, including an old friend from Cambridge.

Altogether this was a very pleasant meeting, quite up to the standard of the series, but it was to be regretted that the well-known London ringer who first suggested these joint meetings was again conspicuous by his absence.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS IN SUFFOLK.

Last year's successful half-day outing of the Cambridge Youths was extended this year to a whole day, and was spent in visiting various churches in West Suffolk. Favoured by fine weather, the party, 18 strong, left headquarters soon after 8.30 a.m. The first objective was Clare, which was reached by 10 a.m. A spare rope had to be requisitioned before ringing could be commenced owing to the heavyweights putting too much on the tenor. However, Mr. Ince came to the rescue, and Grandsire, Stedman and a course of Cambridge Surprise were rolled off before leaving for Long Melford. The cigarette and tobacco department having been replenished by the president, Clare was soon left behind a cloud of smoke. At Long Melford the visitors were met by Messrs. Ambrose and Richold, and touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were brought round on these melodious bells. After a damp course, the bus was steered towards Sudbury for lunch at the Bull Hotel. Soon after 2 p.m. the party ascended All Saints' tower, and the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. A move was then made to St. Gregory's, where Grandsire, Stedman and Superlative were tried with varying success. At St. Peter's, a meeting of the Suffolk Guild was in progress, and a course of Cambridge Surprise was brought round by the courtesy of those present. A call was made at Lavenham, where the beauties of the interior of the church were much admired, but the bells remained silent owing to the ravages of recent storms. A hunt round for tea eventually resulted in locating the Guildhall tearooms, where the host kindly accommodated the party with tea at very short notice. After friendly exchanges with the St. Peter Mancroft ringers, who were also on their outing, a move was made towards Bury St. Edmunds, where Mr. Goodship met the company in the Norman tower. A pleasant hour's ringing was indulged in here on the fine peal of ten. A final call was made at Kentford for a damp course and demolition of the copious supply of sandwiches which Mr. T. Cheney and his wife had prepared for use in emergency. The Vicar and president (Rev. E. C. Essex) here expressed his thanks to the organisers, and hoped that many more happy outings would take place during his presidency. Cambridge was reached punctually at 10 p.m., all agreeing that the second annual outing of the society had been a most enjoyable one. Thanks are also due to those Suffolk friends who assisted in the arrangements, and the Vicars for the use of the bells.

T. R. D.

RINGERS' PRESENTATION TO RECTOR. 'WEDDING BELL WISHES.'

When the Rector of Southover Church, Lewes (the Rev. D. G. Matthews), and his wife returned from their honeymoon last week they had a cordial reception from their friends connected with the church and were welcomed by the ringing of the bells of the Parish Church.

The bellringers, of whom the Rector is justly proud, were anxious that they should be the first to officially greet him and his own charming 'belle,' and a little ceremony took place in the belfry. It was quite an informal affair, but it, nevertheless, showed the great affection which already exists between the Rector and his workers. As a permanent mark of the happy event the Rev. D. G. Matthews and his wife were presented with a handsome silver ink-stand fashioned in the shape of a bell, which was inscribed as follows: 'With wedding bell wishes, to the Rev. D. G. Matthews, M.A.; 12.8.31. From the Southover Ringers.'

In addition to the bellringers there was also present Mr. J. T. Glandfield.

The Rector and his wife were greeted with hearty applause as they entered the belfry, and the Rev. D. G. Matthews said it was nice to be back again after 'a jolly good honeymoon, in spite of the weather.' He wished, on behalf of his wife and himself, to thank them for ringing the bells. They had not been quite prepared for such a reception, and they were delighted to hear the bells as they came along. In his last parish (Mitcham, Surrey) he held great affection for his ringers, and one of his regrets at leaving was because he would sever that connection. He had found, however, that the Southover ringers were quite as good. He could not express what his wife and he felt on an occasion like that.

Mr. J. C. Rugg (hon. secretary) said the meeting that evening was rather an informal affair, but the ringers felt they would like to be the first to welcome the Rector and his wife. They offered them both their most hearty congratulations and best wishes for every possible success in the future.

Mr. R. J. Dawe, in handing over the gift, said it gave him great pleasure to make the presentation on behalf of the bellringers, and he wished the Rector and his wife good health and happiness through life.

The Rev. D. G. Matthews, in returning thanks, said no more suitable gift could have been chosen. It was a souvenir of their real and happy friendship, and he really did appreciate friendship. It was one of the greatest things in life, and they could show it to one another in a variety of ways. It would always remind them of a very happy occasion—one of the happiest in their lives. He wished the people of Southover and of Lewes generally to know that his wife and he tremendously appreciated that welcome back, and he was sure they were all going to have very happy times together.

Mr. J. T. Glandfield also spoke briefly, and said he hoped the Rector would transfer some of the affection he held for his former bellringers to those at Southover.

Earlier in the evening a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in forty-four mins.: J. E. A. Wilmshurst 1, A. J. Morris 2, C. J. Rugg 3, A. J. Turner 4, D. H. S. White 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, G. P. Elphick 8.

ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH.

OFFER OF TREBLES REFUSED THROUGH TOWER WEAKNESS.

Although ringing has been suspended since June, 1930, owing to the defective tower, the ringers of St. Clement's, Ipswich, decided to keep together for the usual outing, which took the form of a tour in Essex. They were accompanied by two members of the Rushmere company, who have kindly placed their tower at the disposal of the Ipswich band during repairs to St. Clement's tower. The party, numbering fifteen, first called at St. Leonard's, Colchester (6), then on to Great Tey, where the two visitors had their first ring on eight and rang Bob Major well. After ringing on the heavy six (tenor 21 cwt.) at Kelvedon and dinner at Feering, they were met at the tower by those well-known ringers, Messrs. W. Keeble and W. Newman, and ringing took place on the peal of eight. Ingrave (5) was the next stop for a pull on the good but very noisy peal. Other towers visited were Great Totham and Goldhanger, and tea followed at Tollesbury. This is a little fishing town at the mouth of the River Blackwater, and the views out to sea and of the river were enjoyed, as were also the shrimps caught that morning for tea. The light ring of six (tenor 6 cwt.) were afterwards set going, the 'go' being excellent. Starting for home again, a call was made at Tolleshunt D'Arcy—a light ring of six with long draft and no guides. The return was made via Peldon, Wigborough, Aberton to Colchester, which was reached at 8 o'clock. Here Mr. Bumpstead was waiting to welcome the party at St. Peter's, but a broken rope soon ended a good day's ringing. However, all had a pull before leaving. The journey to Ipswich was continued via Ardleigh, Lawford, Manningtree, everyone agreeing it had been the best outing they had had.

It is hoped that the extensive repairs to the tower will be completed and the bells ringing again early in the new year, if not before. It is to be regretted that owing to the weak state of the tower the two trebles offered by an outside benefactor cannot be accepted, although the frame for eight is already installed.

A HUNDRED MILES THROUGH HAMPSHIRE.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, had their ninth annual outing on Saturday, August 22nd, and made a ringing tour through part of Hampshire. The party, including Messrs. Dwyer (2), of Aldershot, Mr. Alexander, of the Farnborough band, and a number of friends, totalling in all 27, left Farnham at 8 a.m. in a motor bus for Basingstoke, where at All Saints' Church the peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) were set going to Stedman Triples. Short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were also brought round. Whitchurch was the next call. On the peal of eight (tenor 16½ cwt.) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, also a short touch of Grandsire for the younger hands. The deadening of the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber at this church is ideal, and all the ringers present said it was the quietest place in which they had ever rung. The party then proceeded to Andover, and a half-hour was spent ringing on the bells (tenor 15 cwt.) at St. Mary's Church. Here some difficulty was at first experienced by the party, owing to the bells running backward, and the clock case, which is in the middle of the circle, obstructing the view of the ropes, but touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were eventually brought round successfully. A move was then made for the Western Cafe, where the party were met by the Rector of Farnham, Canon Girling, and Miss Girling, who joined them at lunch.

After justice had been done to the good fare provided, the Rector, in a brief speech, said how much he appreciated the service the ringers rendered to the church, and especially in connection with the extra 8 o'clock Sunday evening services which preceded the one which was broadcast on Trinity Sunday. He was sorry the bells could not be included on that occasion, but the B.H.C. would not include the ringing until their engineers had heard and were satisfied with the bells for broadcasting purposes, but he could now assure the ringers that when the next service from Farnham Church was broadcast the bells would be included. In conclusion, he said he was sorry he could not join the party for the whole of the trip, but he was short-handed and could not spare the time, so the best he could do was to join them at lunch, which had been a great pleasure to both himself and Miss Girling.

After the Rector had taken his leave, the party made for Romsey, where a pleasant hour was spent by the ringers in ringing the Abbey bells (tenor 25½ cwt.), whilst the rest of the party inspected the grand old building. Hursley was the next 'port of call,' and here the handy little peal of eight were kept going to short touches in different methods for about 40 minutes, which finished the ringing for the day. From here the journey was continued to Winchester, which was reached at 5.45 p.m., and a halt of 2 hours was made for tea and a general look round, the Cathedral being the object of interest to most of the party. The journey home was through Alresford and Aiton, and Farnham was reached safely at 9.30 p.m.

The party was favoured with a fine day, a good conveyance and a good driver, which, together with the scenery through which the tour of about 100 miles was made, contributed to a very pleasant day, everybody in the party having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and voted it the best outing the Farnham band have ever had. The party would like, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the churches for giving them permission to use the bells, also the members of the local bands who met them and had everything in readiness, thus helping to make the outing the success it was. R. H.

A FIRST QUARTER-PEAT.

At All Saints' Church, Whitstable, on Sunday, September 6th, after evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 10 different callings) in 47 mins.: Mrs. J. Newman 1, W. Ruck 2, J. Newman (conductor) 3, A. Gilbert 4, M. Ruck 5, B. Scott 6. This was the first quarter-peat by all except ringers of 3rd and 4th, and also the first quarter-peat on the bells since the rededication on October 31st last. Rung as a farewell to the conductor and Mrs. Newman, who are shortly leaving the district.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At St. Paul's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Leach 1, M. Swinfield (conductor) 2, W. W. Worthington 3, W. J. Leach 4, A. Sharp 5, J. H. Swinfield 6, J. Bailey 7, S. Ainger 8.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—For evensong, on September 6th, at St. Michael and All Angels', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Bennett 1, A. Butler 2, H. C. Piper 3, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 4, R. Pickering 5, K. C. Taylor 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8. Rung to commemorate the completion of 40 years' Sunday service ringing by R. Pickering.

PUDSEY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes): J. W. Baxendale (conductor) 1, S. Ward 2, J. C. Booth 3, R. Myers 4, J. Ambler 5, G. Ambler 6, J. E. Procter 7, F. Seager 8. Arranged for Mr. Seager.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of St. Barnabas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Meers 1, C. Cottrell 2, G. F. Swann (conductor) 3, R. C. Ingram 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, F. J. Steel 6, W. Davies 7, J. E. Pywell 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Stafford, Manchester.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of Great St. Mary, for evensong, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the back six in 25 mins.: J. W. Ward 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, C. W. Smith 3, A. G. Rivers 4, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 5, T. R. Dennis 6.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service, 720 Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise spliced: H. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, W. Dean 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Spliced Surprise by all the band.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday, September 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. F. Alexander, jun., 1, Miss M. Stephenson 2, S. Duck 3, Miss D. Rulman 4, Miss A. Rulman 5, W. J. Johnson (Durham) 6, E. Thompson 7, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss M. Stephenson, who is leaving the district for Huddersfield, to the regret of her fellow-ringers, who realise the loss the band sustains. Their good wishes attend her in her new sphere.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 50 mins.: *A. Feist 1, G. G. Higgin 2, E. C. S. Turner 3, *A. Saunders 4, J. Feist 5, G. Ades 6, *G. Lucas 7, F. Bennett (conductor) 8, H. Statham 9, *C. Diplock 10. * First quarter-peal on ten bells.

ROCKING.—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 46 mins.: S. Warner 1, G. Lindridge 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, B. Redgwell 4, F. Ely 5, H. C. Reason 6, W. H. Hammond 7, A. Wiffen 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of R. Tywell, a member of the local band, who was married at Bocking to Miss E. G. Hazelwood, of Braintree.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 6th, at the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, W. H. Hewett 2, E. F. Pike 3, H. S. Ellis 4, F. Digby 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, H. Belcher 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, R. Sanders 10.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne 2, W. Osborne 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey (first as conductor) 5, H. Osborne 6, A. Jeffrey 7, R. Sawyer 8. Rung for evensong on the patronal festival.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday evening, August 30th, for the nave service, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, also three courses of Stedman Cinques: G. E. Fearn 1, G. E. Large 2, G. F. Swann 3, S. T. Holt 4, F. Price 5, T. H. Reeves 6, H. G. Bird 7, T. Hemming 8, C. Tansell 9, S. Grove 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, R. Mathews 12.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, August 30th, a quarter of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Hunt (conductor) 1, W. H. Poole 2, T. W. Jeanes 3, T. Hancock 4, W. G. Gigg 5, A. H. Reed 6, S. Priddle 7, J. Roy 8. First quarter inside on eight bells by the ringers of the 3rd and 7th. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Taplin 1, F. Wyton 2, F. Davis 3, E. Phipps 4, G. M. Bloxham (conductor) 5, E. Marshall 6.

CHADLINGTON.—On Sunday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Shaylor 1, C. Pratley 2, J. P. Keyte 3, B. Phillips 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, H. Pratley 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. Specially arranged and rung after the baptism of the 2nd ringer's son.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, August 2nd, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Stuart Sandford 1, Guy R. Ambrose 2, John Burles 3, Harry Argent 4, Cyril M. Mitchell 5, Edward J. Beer 6, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, William J. Beer 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by H. Argent and C. M. Mitchell.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Emberton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick Parish Church on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Also the bells at Newton-le-Willows are available after 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, September 12th. Usual arrangements. Members please note alteration of date.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. if possible. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The third quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Quainton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Evershot on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, Beaminster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, in the Co-operative Café, Newborough. A good meeting is desired, all ringers being cordially welcome.—J. W. Addison, Northern District, A. B. Cook, Eastern District.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting at local café. All members and friends welcome.—E. M. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Kingham (8 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Heanor on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Abbott's Ann on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in Village Hall. Bells available at 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mrs. Steedman, Abbott's Ann Rectory.—F. S. H. Marle, District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Apsley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5, price 1s. each.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available early. Service 4 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Foxcarth on Saturday, September 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 16th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby, to those who notify Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Sept. 17th. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham on September 19th for the unveiling of peal board. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise D. Chapman, Church Square, Haddenham, Thame, Oxon?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 6 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Star Inn (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Divisional Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 35, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, before September 17th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at All Saints', Poplar (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea nearby.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—Two trebles added by Taylor's to complete the octave. Dedication 3 p.m., Saturday, September 19th, by the Archdeacon of Aston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) recently rehung. Service 4.15. Tea (5 p.m.) at moderate charge. Business meeting to follow. Numbers to Rev. J. H. Park, Thornton Curtis Vicarage, Ulceby, S.O., by September 17th. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske, near Thirsk, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6, tenor 10 cwts.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided for those making application only by Tuesday, Sept. 15th, at 5 p.m. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting, this being the association's attempt for a ringing competition.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

IT rests with YOU to make the meeting at Abbot's Langley a success. Saturday, Sept. 19th. Ringing 3.30 till 8.30. Tea 5.30. Cheap tickets by train or coach from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD AND HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above guilds will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, and A. E. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards, Hon. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—D. E. Beamish, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me by September 22nd.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pembridge on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Monday, September 21st, and oblige?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Those requiring tea (4.30) please notify, by September 23rd, D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Dean, 11, Craven Street, Otley, not later than Thursday, September 24th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinhoe on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers by Sept. 21st to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

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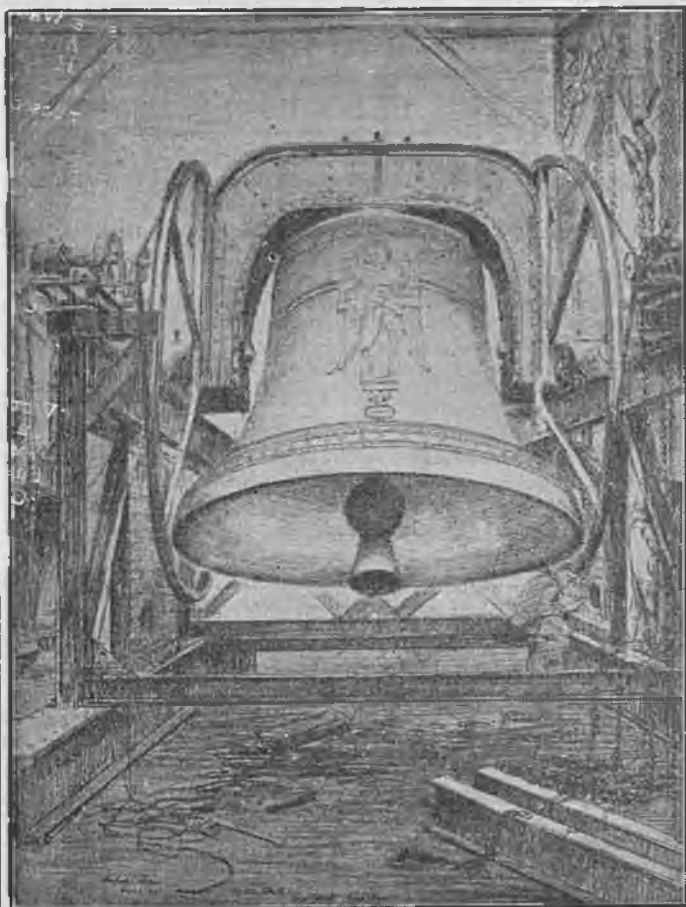
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AN ASTOUNDING PROPOSAL.

Nearly two centuries ago, in the year 1741, to be exact, two peals of Treble Bob Royal were rung at St. Sepulchre's Church, London, the first by the Eastern Scholars, the second by the College Youths. For each of these performances a board was erected, but on that which commemorated the College Youths' peal this couplet was added:—

'When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth.'

Whether the implication concerns a false peal, as was for long generally supposed, or a badly struck one, as some later historians have thought to be the case, is of no particular consequence, but this ancient rhyme is brought to mind by the astounding proposal that a tablet should be erected by public subscription at Painswick 'to commemorate the ringing of 17,687 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hrs. 36 mins. on November 8th, 1930.' A faculty has been granted to two Painswick gentlemen in order that the tablet may be placed on the south wall of the Parish Church. Unless the tablet is to record the true facts of what happened, in order that future generations may commiserate with the band who performed this great but wasted feat of endurance, the proposal is surely a crowning folly to a fiasco which would be better buried in the limbo of the forgotten past. There was a point up to which the Exercise at large sympathised to the full with those who had taken part in this greatest of all false peals. The claim afterwards made that it still stood as the greatest number of changes rung on twelve bells caused some of that sympathy to evaporate, but the whole thing will be brought to ridicule if this suggestion, to commemorate it by a tablet in a conspicuous part of the church, is carried through.

Until the actual wording of the tablet is known, criticism must be restricted, because it may be the intention of the promoters to record the real facts, but no condemnation from ringers will be severe enough if an attempt is made to represent this false peal as a performance which has any merit in the history and records of the art. To commemorate it as such by 'public' subscription would be an imposition on the ignorance and generosity of the public which nothing could justify. The thing to do with a false peal is to expunge the record, not perpetuate it, and, whatever may be the actual form of the ultimate wording on the tablet, we doubt if a false peal, whatever its length, can justify a commemorative stone. The faculty has been granted to Mr. S. G. Goulding and Mr. H. J. Birt. If these gentle-

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men are ringers, they should know what the opinion of the Exercise would be; for our part we cannot imagine that the majority of those who took part in the 'peal' can have acquiesced in the proposal. Would it not be better to drop the idea at once, and leave the '17,687 Grandsire Cinques' as an unpleasant memory? If the people of Painswick are so intensely interested as to be desirous of providing a tablet for a false peal, they ought to be sufficiently keen to see a true one of the same or a longer length rung. There would then be something really worth commemorating, but unless the tablet concerning last year's peal is worded strictly in accordance with the facts, even the record of a wonderful feat of physical endurance would not justify it, for it would be misleading to future generations.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 7
WILLIAM A. COOPER 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
CHARLES E. LAWSON 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
*GEORGE W. HUGHES 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Arranged for Messrs. C. E. Lawson and L. W. G. Morris, of Leeds.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble	JOHN BERRY 6
*N. ALLNATT 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 7
JOHN THOMAS 3	HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 8
LOUIS A. WILSON 4	JACK ROBERTS 9
HERBERT W. BISHOP 5	SIDNEY PALMER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

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

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HARRY PRICE Treble	HAROLD F. MARTIN 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
*WILLIAM SHORT 3	*ROBERT MATTHEWS 8
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. First peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY C. ALFORD Treble	PERCY E. CLARKE 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 7
THOMAS LANGDON 3	JAMES BULLOCK 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
ALBERT A. HUGHES 5	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	*JOHN W. WARD 6
*GEORGE SPARROW 2	*ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*T. REGINALD DENNIS 8
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 4	*FREDERICK DENCH 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung on Mr. Prior's 60th birthday.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 7
HENRY H. FEARN 3	THOMAS F. KING 8
*H. JAMES TURNER 4	ALBERT WALKER 9
CHARLES WEBB 5	JOHN WITHERS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged for Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, and Mr. T. F. King, of Bath.

FULHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. HOLIER Treble	CHARLES F. HUNT 6
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 2	FRANK CORKE 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	HARRY MANCE 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9
EDWARD R. MACKRILL 5	PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank C. Norris, a member of both societies, on the day of his marriage to Miss Grace Coombes. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Hunt.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAVE Treble	JAMES A. HART 6
HENRY STALHAM 2	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
*ALFRED J. MORRIS 3	WALTER CHARMAN 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 5	*WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mrs. Goldsmith on the 28th anniversary of their wedding, at the church where they were married.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE Treble	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect for Henry Bennett, a much esteemed member of the Appleton band, who died at the age of 66 years and was interred at Cumnor on Saturday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HAEBOURNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HOWARD STANLEY 5
*HENRY H. FEARN 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 3.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
MAURICE SWINFIELD Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	JACK BAILEY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	*W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* 100th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the IMMANUEL, STRATHAM COMMON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
DAVID WRIGHT 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
*FRANK E. DARBY 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
FRANK JENNINGS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* 75th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Jennings. Arranged with pleasure for Mr. Vincent, on a visit from Sunderland.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 5
JAMES B. BUDD 2	JACK BRAY 6
JOHN E. KENNINGTON 3	HERBERT I. MINGAY 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd, who entertained the band after the peal. Ringing friends will join in wishing them many future years of happiness.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
ROBERT PICKERING Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
THOMAS J. ELTON 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	ARTHUR E. READ Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. E. Harrison, M.A., M.C., Vicar of St. Giles', and Miss M. C. Mackintosh, of Hampstead, London, who were married at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on September 5th.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church on Thursday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Hatton 1, N. Allnott 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, J. Woodroff 4, J. Penney 5, G. Lawrence 6, J. Roberts (conductor) 7, C. J. Gardiner 8.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
KEITH HART 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HARMSTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	HARRY CARTER 5
JACK BRAY 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
*MRS. J. BRAY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* 50th peal and first peal of Stedman. Arranged as a birthday compliment for the ringers of the tenor.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	HERBERT DEVENISH 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
FRANK G. RINGE 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	PERCY JERVIS 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 2	*NORMAN C. LEWIS 6
JOHN P. TARTLTON 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 234). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
WALTER H. L. BOCKINGHAM ... 2	CHARLES JEFFS 6
FRANK KIRK 3	HARRY D. HOLLICK 7
BEN JARMAN 4	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	*CHARLES COOK 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
*JOHN W. WARD 3	*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED PITSTOW.

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

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor, and rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. T. Groombridge, sen. The 150th peal together of Messrs. Groombridge, sen. and jun.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	ARTHUR BIGLEY 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
*FRANCIS BALL 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
AMOS SMART 4	HARRY CHAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal on eight bells. Harry Chambers has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Treble	CYRIL T. HIBBERT 5
MRS. FREDK. M. MITCHELL ... 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
*KINGSLEY BURT 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY 4	HARRY W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Gravesend, Kent. The 3rd and 5th men from Isley.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Cartwright, of Harborne, Birmingham, was elected a member previous to starting.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM J. WHITING ... Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Charles A. Read and Miss Florence Winchester, which took place at Crawley on this day. Both are members of the Dorking Parish Church band of ringers.

WESTON, BATH.—At All Saints' Church, on August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) for evening service: Miss N. G. Williams (conductor) 1, Miss Daisy Ashman 2, Miss Enid Cross (first quarter-peal inside) 3, Sealy Woodburn 4, W. H. Crocker 5, G. Brewer 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

A birthday peal for Mrs. C. H. Sone. This composition is now rung for the first time.

GORING-ON-THAMES.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

MRS. CYRIL PEARCE Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	GEORGE GILBERT 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. WARD Treble	THOMAS CHINERY 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2	FREDERICK DENCE 6
ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 3	ALFRED E. PITSTOW 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	HARRY S. RICHOLD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PITSTOW.

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

The following six peals were rung as the result of six evenings' ringing arranged for P.C. Charles Davis, of the Metropolitan Police Guild, and Mr. George H. Daynes, of Deptford, who desire to thank all who assisted and rang with them.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*P.C. CHARLES DAVIS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	WILLIAM HALL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

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

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK ATWELL Treble	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 6
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FRANK CRABBE 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	KENNETH KNOWLES 8
CHARLES GREEDY 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES 9
*FREDERICK GREEDY 5	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES

* First peal of Caters. Rung on the 14th anniversary of the ringing of the 6th's wedding day, also the 18th anniversary of the ringing of the 7th.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*JOHN W. JONES Treble	PETER C. HEATH 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 7
†CHARLES H. PERRY 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 8
DONALD G. CLIFT 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
GEORGE POPNELL 5	*SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* 50th peal together. † 100th peal. Rung on the 21st birthday of W. C. Perry, son of the ringer of the 3rd.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWKINS Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
EDWARD H. STRADLING 2	DONALD G. CLIFT 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 7
GEORGE HAWKINS 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

A birthday compliment to George Went, one of the local ringers.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

HARRY PAGE Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	TOM PAGE 7
*P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

* First peal of Kent Major. Rung on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, of Caradoc Street, Cwmearn, Monmouthshire, Mrs. Jones being a native of Pentre.

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TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with six different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	ARTHUR WILSON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This peal was specially arranged and rung to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman. Messrs. Hibbins and Dennis have now rung peals of Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and this was also their 50th peal together.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Lancaster, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT E. BALL Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4
FRANCIS BALL 2	AMOS SMART 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE 3	WALTER PERKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

WALTER THOMAS... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 4
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 3	*PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal of Minor.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble	FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
THOMAS C. JAINE 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE, SEN. 5
CHARLES JAINE 3	*GMR. WILLIAM H. JAINE, JUN., R.A. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal. First 'family' peal for the Guild on tower bells. Three generations of the family took part. The oldest member is 59 years of age and the youngest 16. The combined age of the band is 194.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (GLASGOW) SOCIETY.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 66, HILLHEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

HARRY F. SARGENT 1-2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 5-6
ALBERT F. SARGENT 3-4	*THOMAS C. WINDERAM 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First peal.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal for Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. N. Haines 1, P. L. Miles 2, A. Outmore 3, E. E. Welham 4, H. Cook 5, W. E. Judd (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, E. R. Mackrill 8.

PEALS IN NORTH-WEST DEVON.

The following peals were rung for the newly-formed North-West Branch of the Devon Guild. They are the first by the branch and were made possible through the brothers T. G. and A. W. Myers, of Plymouth, who were spending a holiday in the neighbourhood. Messrs. Myers desire to congratulate those who scored their first peals and also to thank all who contributed to the success.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOHN W. SANGWIN Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 4
*CHARLES SANGWIN 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS 5
*FREDERICK SANGWIN... .. 3	WILLIAM SHEARS... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal. This is the first peal rung for the branch. The first peal on the bells.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE VINNICOMBE ... Treble	†JOHN W. SANGWIN 4
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN 5
WILLIAM SHEARS 3	*WILLIAM MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor. The first peal on the bells.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE VINNICOMBE ... Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS 5
*CHARLES SANGWIN 2	*JOHN W. SANGWIN 6
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	*FREDERICK SANGWIN... .. 7
WILLIAM SHEARS 4	†FREDERICK PROUD Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

THE NEW 'COLLECTION.'

CARTER'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many years ago I pointed out in the 'Bell News' that Carter's Principle, when correctly given, has coursing order division heads. As lately as 24th August, 1928, I gave in 'The Ringing World' the first divisions of Carter's Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and the figures I gave agreed with the method given in the 1907 book as CARTER'S DOUBLES.

In the new book just issued the Reverse of 1907 is given as the method, and the method of 1907 is given as the Reverse. Why this alteration? Perhaps the committee will kindly enlighten us and also say why they give the one in its correct form and not the other.

Below I give the method and its reverse in the form that I have known it for very many years.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Carter's Principle as in 1907 Collection, but given correctly:—

The Method.	Reverse.
12345	12345
21354	21354
12534	23145
15243	32415
51234	23451
15324	24315
51342	42351
15432	43215
51423	34251
54132	43521
45312	45312
54321	54321
53412	45231

N.B.—It should be obvious to everyone that Carter's Principle is REVERSE STEDMAN DOUBLES by altering head from 53412 to 45231, and the Reverse of Carter's Principle is Stedman Doubles by altering head from 45231 to 53412.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT TIPTON.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, September 5th, at St. Martin's Church, Tipton (Staffs), the bells being at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock. The Guild's beautiful form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Mortimore), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bounteous tea was in readiness.

The usual business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the Vicar, who gave a right cordial welcome to the members on behalf of himself, the churchwardens and other church officials. Mr. Harry Mason wrote regretting his inability to be present. Several new members were added to the roll, including the Vicar as an honorary member.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Sedgley, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Tipton, the date and arrangements being left in the hands of the ringing master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. S. J. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Parley, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Tipton for his warm welcome, for his kindness in granting permission to hold this meeting at his church, for conducting the service and his eloquent address, for the use of the tower and bells, and the schoolroom in which to hold the tea and meeting. Thanks were also accorded to the organist for the musical part of the service, and special thanks were given to the donors of the tea and to the ladies who had kindly prepared and served the meal. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Geo. Hughes, the energetic secretary of the local band, for making the necessary arrangements, and to his willing band of helpers, also to everyone who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one.—The Vicar briefly replied on behalf of himself and all concerned.

Those present then joined in singing the National Anthem and the meeting closed with prayer. Afterwards the members kept the bells merrily going until nearly 9 o'clock.

FIRST QUARTER OF STEDMAN AT 74.

Mr. W. Pittman, of Weston-super-Mare, has rung his first quarter-peal of Stedman at the age of 74 years, and he is to be congratulated on such a performance. The quarter-peal was rung at St. John's Church, Weston, on September 10th, by A. E. Parsons (Old Hill) 1, H. G. Bird (Worcester) 2, J. Preston (Erdington) 3, A. Wilkerson 4, E. B. Crouder (St. John's, Deptford) 5, E. Parker (conductor) 6, W. Pittman 7, J. R. Jones 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

No doubt the inclement weather had an effect on the attendance at the meeting of the South-Western Division at North Weald on Saturday, only 14 stalwarts from Bentley, Barking, Romford, Leytonstone and Sible Hedingham braving the elements. However, those who did attend made the best of it and it enabled several to enjoy their first touches of various Minor methods, the bells being kept going till the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address. Tea followed in a well-known cottage near by, thus bringing back to several present the memory of many pleasant hours spent therein on previous visits.

At the meeting three new members were elected and Romford chosen for the next meeting (the district annual), to be held, if possible, on Saturday, November 21st next.

The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. O. Gosney) for kindly granting use of tower and bells and for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, Miss Brown for kindly playing the organ, Mrs. and Miss Gridley for arranging the tea, and last, but not least, to the local secretary, Mr. S. Blatch, for having everything in readiness.

The Vicar, in replying, said how pleased they all were to welcome the association to North Weald again, and, despite the miserable weather, he hoped that it would not damp their spirits, but that they should arrange to pay another visit as soon as possible, when, perhaps, the weather would be a trifle kinder.

After the meeting the bells were made use of till 8 p.m., when those of the stalwarts who had arrived by train were given a hearty send off to cheer them on their mile and a half tramp across the fields to North Weald Station, which was accomplished with a few minutes to spare.

MUFFLED BELLS.

With the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Murgatroyd, late a member of the local company, touches were rung at the Parish Church, Shipley, on Sunday, August 30th, as follows: 504 Stedman Triples: H. Foster 1, J. Briggs 2, E. H. Simpson 3, E. Jenkins 4, H. Stott 5, F. Seager 6, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 7, A. Trotter 8. 672 Double Norwich Major: H. Foster 1, T. King 2, H. Haigh 3, T. B. Kendall 4, H. Stott 5, F. Seager 6, E. Jenkins 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. White 1, C. W. A. Brown 2, F. J. Lambert 3, F. Bennett 4, W. Button 5, T. E. Sone 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, F. Parker (first quarter-peal) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Irish tour finished last Saturday in Dublin. Six counties were visited and a peal rung in each, there being in all nine successful attempts out of twelve.

In the report of the peal at Great Addington in our last issue, an asterisk, denoting the first peal of Surprise Minor, was placed against the ringer of the treble instead of the 2nd (Mr. A. E. Bull).

The meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford on September 26th is at Ponkridge, not Pembridge, as stated in the notice last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Budd, of Grimsby, have just celebrated their silver wedding, and their ringing friends will join in wishing them many future years of happiness. A peal in honour of the event was rung at St. James' Church, Grimsby, on Thursday week, and the ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Budd.

The many friends of Mr. G. R. Fardon, of London, will regret to learn that he is in hospital, with two fractured ribs, as the result of a fall from a step-ladder.

The dedication of two new treble bells at Husbome Crawley, Beds, is to take place on Sunday, October 4th, at 3 p.m. They will raise the existing ring (tenor 18½ cwt.) to an octave. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the dedication will be performed by the Assistant Bishop, the Right Rev. G. H. Lander.

The peal at Willey, Salop, recorded last week, was not the first on five bells in the county. A peal on the ring of five at Leaton was rung on July 1st, 1922.

Ten Nottingham and three Newark men opened the new peal of ten bells at Grantham on September 19th, 1925. It took all 13 of them to get the bells through a peal of Grandsire Caters, there being two men on the 9th and three on the tenor. What would be said of bellhangers in these days if a new ring of bells took that amount of handling?

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

CLAIMS SURRENDERED.

Of the three peals of Grandsire Triples by Mr. G. Lindoff, published in our issue of August 21st, Nos. 1 and 2 had been previously obtained by Mr. J. Pigott, of Birmingham, and Mr. Lindoff renounces his claim to them, retaining No. 3 as his composition.

Mr. J. W. Moorhouse writes that he is informed by Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, that the four-part peal of Bob Royal published in our issue of September 4th was published by Mr. Willson on September 17th, 1898. Mr. Moorhouse, therefore, surrenders his claim to this composition, but in fairness to himself he wishes to add that he carefully looked through the Collection of Peals before publishing.

PROPOSED TABLET FOR FALSE PEAL.

Under the heading of 'Painswick Record Peal: Memorial Tablet in Parish Church,' the following paragraph appeared in the 'Gloucester Citizen':—

'A faculty has been granted to Mr. S. G. Goulding, of Butt Green, Painswick, and Mr. H. J. Birt, of Tibiwell Gardens, Painswick, for the erection on the south wall of the Parish Church of a Painswick stone tablet, to commemorate the ringing of 17,687 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours 36 minutes on November 8th, 1930. The cost, £25 12s., will be defrayed by public subscription.'

The proposal is dealt with in our leading article.

A FOUNDER OF THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

The 70th birthday of Mr. George Walker, of Norton-le-Moors, Staffs, a native of the village, was celebrated on Saturday, September 12th. Mr. Walker was one of the founders of the North Staffordshire Association in the year 1883, and he is one of the old school of ringers who were attached to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew. Apart from his ringing, Mr. Walker faithfully served his beloved church in other capacities, both in service and in kind. A very substantial sum was received from him towards the recent recasting of Norton bells.

The new school of ringers to honour Mr. Walker's birthday rang for divine service in the evening on Sunday, September 13th, a 720 of Biddulph Double Surprise Minor: O. Williams 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner (a former ringer at Norton and who was on a visit) 3, J. E. Wheelodon (conductor) 4, W. C. Lawrence 5, J. Walley 6. A message was afterwards conveyed to Mr. Walker from the ringers expressing the hope that he may yet enjoy many more happy returns of his birthday.

A HALF PEAL.

On Friday evening, September 11th, the Claines ringers rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) in 1 hour 37 minutes. The bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Whinfield, who was interred on this date. The deceased was the widow of the late Mr. A. H. Whinfield, who was organist at Claines Church from 1898 to 1917. The ringers were: E. Wilson 1, G. Checketts (conductor) 2, L. Dowdeswell 3, A. Barton 4, R. Sayers 5, W. Lawrence 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. Yates 8. This was the longest length of Triples by W. Lawrence, also the first half-peal on the bells.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

ST. BENE'T'S BELLS TO BE REOPENED ON
DECEMBER 5th.

The dismantling of the bells at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, will be completed in a few days, and the bells and frame removed to the Loughborough Foundry for refitting. While these are in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. the builders will be busy in constructing the reinforced concrete corbel course, which is to carry the frame when it is re-erected in the tower, and every effort is being made to get the work completed as expeditiously as possible.

The date of the reopening is tentatively fixed for Saturday, December 5th. Several factors make it necessary to carry the date as far forward as this, chief among them being that the contractors shall have ample time to complete their work, and that the great gathering of ringers which will assemble for the commemoration of Stedman's Tercentenary will not find the facilities for ringing in Cambridge hampered by any restrictions necessitated by the University term.

It is hoped that the delay which has been forced upon the committee will not greatly affect the attendance at the ceremony. In these days of comfortable travel by train or coach, to say nothing of the unquenchable enthusiasm of ringers, the gathering is likely to lose little of its size or representative nature by the postponement, and the plans which were being made for the end of September can be adapted to the beginning of December.

Ringers and those responsible for ringing arrangements are asked to reserve the date, and details of the programme will be announced as soon as possible.

Contributions to the fund which have been promised but not yet forwarded should be sent without delay to
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or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading. It is not too late for any who have not yet subscribed, and who would like to be identified with the scheme, to contribute to the fund.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEMBERS DEFY THE RAIN.**

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday at Limpsfield Chart. The ringers who put in an appearance rather surprised those responsible for the arrangements, some presenting themselves after one and a half miles' walk from the bus across the common in pouring rain and wet through. Even the downpour did not damp the spirits of those 28 ringers who journeyed from Buckland, St. John's, Croydon, Deal, East Grinstead, Godstone, Horley, Hartfield, Reigate, Redhill, Turners Hill and Westerham, and the bells were rung in the standard methods. At the service the Rev. Melville Williams (curate-in-charge at Limpsfield Chart) welcomed the association to Limpsfield.

After the service the party adjourned to the Village Hall for tea. The business followed, the Master of the Southern District (Mr. R. Thorpe) occupying the chair.

The ratification of Mr. J. Edwards and Mr. E. Everest as members was confirmed, they having been proposed previous to a peal at Limpsfield Chart.

The next meeting is to be held at Redhill in November.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Melville Williams for the use of the bells and for his address at the service. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Mrs. Leonard Tidy for undertaking the catering, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea table.

The ringers returned to the tower once again in the rain and kept the bells going till about 8 o'clock. The five that were left indulged in some handbell ringing, and after some Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor had been brought round, they also departed for home.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S HISTORY.**AN INTERESTING JUBILEE VOLUME.**

Cambridge University Guild has given many distinguished ringers to the Exercise, and the art owes a great deal in many ways to men who received their initiation into ringing or had their interest stimulated by joining its ranks during their sojourn at the University. Two years ago the Guild celebrated its jubilee, and there has now been published a most interesting history of this first 50 years of the Guild's existence. The work of collecting the material and writing the book was undertaken by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A., Rector of Watlington, Norfolk, and now general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, and he completed his task with an obvious keenness and enthusiasm. And what is more, he is not only author, but printer as well, and those who peruse this little volume of 85 octavo pages will do so not only with delight, but with a ready indulgence of any shortcomings on the technical side of the production.

Bound in a cover of Cambridge blue, the history is divided into periods, each recording the ups and downs inseparable from a society carried on under such conditions, and the first of these is by no means the least interesting. In it we learn how Mr. W. C. Pearson, of Clare College (now Vicar of Henley, near Ipswich), having begun to ring at home, attempted to form a ringing society, and succeeded, with the aid of A. C. Holthouse (Clare), in making a start. At a meeting in Clare College with five present on February 4th, 1879, it was resolved 'to form a society for the purpose of practising change ringing.' Originally the title was 'The Clare Association of Ringers,' but within a week it was changed to 'The University Guild of Change Ringers.' The rules made it open only to members of the university, but a little later its scope was extended to embrace as life members all who were active members at the time of going down.

The history takes up step by step through the good years and the 'lean' years, reminding us sometimes of peals, sometimes of touches which marked advances in the activities of the Guild, and shows also that the members often set a lead to the Exercise, as, for instance, when they rang in 1891 the first peal of Double Norwich Major on handbells. And through all this long period of 50 years the devoted enthusiasm and guiding and encouraging spirit of the Rev. A. H. Boughey is noticeable. He has been the mainstay; indeed, one might almost say the bedrock on which the Guild has been built up until, in influence, it occupies an almost unexampled position in the Exercise.

The Guild's annual tours naturally receive much attention, and many amusing experiences are recounted, such, for instance, as that at Dunstable, during one of these tours, when the curate endeavoured to push on the trap door to enter the ringing room, and the 7th man jumped off his box on to the rising trap; and again at Middlewich, when the ringing is reported to have called out the fire brigade. At one period, when much handbell ringing was being done in term time, there was a conveniently undated authority in use, for display on the doorway, permitting 'music,' in order to prevent interruptions by college authorities. In the graver side of the history we learn that 118 members of the Guild served in the war; of these, six were killed in action and nine more died of wounds.

The volume, published at 5s. and obtainable only from the author, will interest ringers generally as well as members of the Guild, and is a valuable contribution to the modern history of ringing. Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake tells us in the preface that the work was undertaken because it was generally felt that an attempt ought to be made to put on record the 50 years' history of the Guild whilst the founder and other original members are still with us. It would be well if other ringing organisations, with their roots half a century deep in the soil of ringing, would follow the example of the Cambridge University Guild, and particularly would we commend this to the Oxford University Society, about whose early history Canon Coleridge whetted our appetites at the Oxford Guild jubilee gathering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.**

The quarterly meeting for the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Ickleton on Saturday, when members were present from Cambridge, Chrishall, Elmdon, Fulbourne, Melbourn, Over, Sawston, Stapleford, Trumpington and the local band. A service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very helpful address on perseverance. Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.L.C.M., was at the organ.

Mr. A. E. Austin, district ringing master, presided over the business. It was decided to visit Sawston in October if possible. Regret was expressed that a peal attempt clashed with this meeting, thus rendering the attendance somewhat small.

Messrs. R. C. Sharpe and L. Warner, of Newmarket, and S. Brown, of Exning, were elected non-resident life members.

The district secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. E. Izzard, a member of the Bourn band, who was killed while motor-cycling, and the company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The bells were kept going until 8.40 p.m., the methods being Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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XIV. THE END OF THE ANCIENT SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 28th, 1787, the old Society rang the first peal of Stedman Caters ever accomplished. This was at St. John's, Horsleydown, a new church in the borough of Southwark, where four years before William Mears, of Whitechapel, had put up a ring of ten. These bells have been unringable now for many years, and there are very few living ringers who have heard them.

A peal of Stedman Caters is no great thing nowadays; but we must remember that the first performance is always much more difficult than any other. We find it so in our own peal ringing, and what is true of us individually is true of the Exercise as a whole; the more peals are rung in any method the easier they become.

The board which records this peal is the first which calls the society the ancient Society of College Youths. The adjective is not merely decorative or honorific. It means that the peal was rung by the old, original society and not by the other one which was using the same title.

John Reeves composed the peal and called it from the treble. The other bells were rung by Anderson, Jenkins, Inville, Heap, Williamson, Grant, Christopher Wells, Loundes and Webb. Blakemore did not ring. Although still a member of the old society, he was philandering with the junior company. Later on in the year he called some peals for them.

Having rung Caters, the next thing to be done was Stedman Cinques, and this was the rock on which the Society split. For some time members of the junior society had been coming to the practices at St. Martin's. Some of the band were glad to see them, some were not, and Jones and Reeves had not forgotten or forgiven the Birmingham incident. Disputes followed, and over all was the rivalry between Jones and Blakemore for the conductorship. The dispute took the usual course and ended in a row and secession. Curiously enough Blakemore was the first to go. He joined the Cumberlands on June 25th, 1787, and called a peal of Grandsire Caters for them at Spitalfields. They, too, were practising Stedman, and so long as he could call the peal, it was all the same to him which company it was with. His departure was the signal for a general scuttle. On July 14th Reeves went over to the Cumberlands and his old society received him with open arms. He had only been a member for a month when John Frazier, the Warner, resigned so that he could take office, and in a year's time he called their first peals of Stedman Caters and Norwich Court Bob Major.

Blakemore had left the College Youths because there was not room enough for him and Reeves, and now the latter had followed him to the Cumberlands. That by no means suited Blakemore's views, and so he speedily forsook his new companions and went back to the junior College Youths, where he was made welcome. Seeing that both Cumberlands and College Youths had already experienced conductors among them, it seems rather strange that these two men could walk into a new society and at once take over the calling. The truth was that there were no peals of Stedman for the others to call. Reeves and Blakemore were the only men who knew anything about Stedman composition, and the recent experience of Treble Bob had taught men to be wary of

making experiments in methods they did not fully understand.

Anderson and Allen Grant joined the Cumberlands; Christopher Wells and the rank and file of the old Society threw in their lot with the junior society. With them went the practice at St. Martin's. So that in a month or two the band which William Jones had got together, and for long kept together, was shattered to bits.

Soon after this the junior society received an invitation to pay a visit to Yorkshire and assist at the opening of the new ring of bells at Halifax. They made up a band and asked some of their new recruits to go with them. The party included, among others, Donkin, Monk, Lyford, Holdsworth, Inville, Muggeridge and Blakemore. On the way they were joined by William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham attorney. Two years before Crofts had been up in town and rung a peal of Grandsire Caters at Horsleydown. The following is from the peal book:—

'Hallifax in Yorkshire. October 10, 1787.

The succeeding day of opening the new Bells, was rung by the College Youths, a complete peal of 5088. Treble Bob in 15 Courses with the 6th at home nine times wrong and 12 times right, the bobs all call'd while the Tenors were above 4th place and was the first peal ever rung in that county. Time 3 hrs. and 15 mts. (Clavis, p. 128). Robert Pye Donkin 1. Thomas Blakemore 2. John Inville 3. Joseph Monk 4. William Lyford 5. George Webb 6. Joseph Holdsworth 7. Samuel Muggeridge Tenor. Composed and Call'd by Mr. Thomas Blakemore.' (Note 20.)

From Halifax they went on to York, where, on the 12th, they rang 5,185 Grandsire Caters. Blakemore called this, too, from the second. Three men were required to ring the tenor, Crofts being one. Muggeridge rang the ninth.

The ringing attracted a lot of attention in the city, and the news soon got spread about that an extraordinary performance had been done on the Minster bells by the celebrated College Youths of London. The Archbishop heard of it and sent them a couple of guineas. 'They very kindly thanked his Lordship for this mark of esteem, but refused to accept his money, which was directly returned to his Lordship, at the same time giving him to understand in a very polite manner that they were not of that class of ringers who practised ringing for the sake of what they could get by it.' (Note 21.)

The old Society was now in a desperate condition. The leaders had forsaken it, the rank and file had gone, the tower was lost. Early in 1788, when the weekly meetings at The Barn came round, only two or three members turned up. What was to be done? The scene is rather dramatic. Two or three obscure and disappointed men had to decide the fate of the oldest and proudest society in the Exercise. There were two things they could have done. They could have gone over to the junior society and formally joined with them. Or they could have done as their predecessors of 1756 did—sit still and wait for better times, hoping that the Society's prestige and its outside members would in time save it. They did neither. Personal feeling was far too strong for the first, and they were not big enough men for the other. After all, it was a pretty hopeless task to

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Burryport, a five-bell tower, on Saturday, September 5th, when members attended from Aberavon, Llangelfolach, Gorseinon, Llanelly, Llanstephen and the local band. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. J. Morgan), assisted by the curate (the Rev. D. J. Evans). A very hearty welcome was extended to the Guild on their first visit to the parish by the Vicar, who also gave a very helpful address. Tea, at Howo's Cafe, had been very kindly provided by the church members, and their hospitality was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

The Vicar took the chair at the short business meeting, when Neath was chosen for the next meeting in December.

The bells of Burryport are in much need of the bellhanger and an extra bell or three bells to make a peal of six or eight. Little hope for this, however, was given by the Vicar, who said that funds were low and that a new organ was before the bells.

Five new members were made from Burryport, including the Vicar and curate, and it was hoped that the other three ringers who were not at the meeting would join as well.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, taking the chair at the meeting and for his kind welcome to members of the Guild, to the curate for his part in the service and his presence, and to the church members for the tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to have the Guild there and to make their visit a pleasant one, and he would convey the ringers' thanks to the church members for the tea. He would be pleased to extend a welcome to them again at any time they cared to come, but he would not promise that another bell would be there on the next visit.

Some of the ringers went on to Pembley to have a ring on the three bells there.

FATHER AND SON'S RECORD.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEALS TOGETHER.

A peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Westerham, Kent, on Saturday, was the 150th in which Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and his son, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., have rung together. It is a record which has seldom been equalled. Of the total, 43 peals have been conducted by the father and 44 by the son, and the list is as follows:—

On tower bells: Grandsire Triples 15, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Triples *31, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Cinques 14, Plain Bob Major 6, Plain Bob Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Minor 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 9, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Hereward Major 1, Double Oxford Major 1, Double Norwich Major *16, Duffield Royal 1, New Cumberland Surprise Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major *4, London Surprise Major 6, Bristol Surprise Major 6, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Cambridge Surprise Major *20, Cambridge Surprise Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 7.

On handbells: Grandsire Triples 2, Plain Bob Major 5, Plain Bob Royal 3, Granta Treble Bob Major 1; total 150.

* Includes one non-conducted peal in each case. † Includes the 'father and son' peal at Shoreditch in February, 1928.

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try and run a ringing society with about three members and no tower. The fate of all London societies was, sooner or later, to expire. The London Scholars were gone, and the Union Scholars, and the British Scholars, and the Eastern Scholars, and only just recently the London Youths. It was now the turn of the College Youths.

The Master that year was William Irons. Of him little or nothing is known, for he did not ring peals and his name appears in no records. The Society owed a few small debts, and Irons offered to pay them if he could have the property. The offer was accepted and the Society wound up.

The property consisted of a set of handbells, a small peal book recording performances from 1776, a name book, and the records of the Eastern Scholars. To mark his ownership Irons wrote his name on the front page of each of these books. The Eastern Scholars' book is the only one of them which has survived intact, and in it you may still read 'Mr. William Irons, Hiss Book.' (Note 22).

NOTE 20. There is a peal board at Sheffield, dated March 8th, 1785, recording a peal of 5,120 Union Treble Bob.

NOTE 21. The A.S.C.Y. official book, 1928, says 'they were entertained by the Archbishop of York.' The 1894 edition says 'they were received and entertained with marked distinction by the Archbishop of York.'

NOTE 22. This book is now in the British Museum.

NORTH NOTTS RINGING CONTEST.

ORDSALL AGAIN WINNERS.

A large number of ringers visited East Markham on Saturday week to ring in and witness the fourth contest for the Crawford Silver Cup. This cup was presented to the North Notts Association in 1928, to be competed for each year by the affiliated towers. The donor of this trophy, Mr. A. Crawford, of Rampton, gave the cup in memory of his father, Mr. C. Crawford, of East Markham, who was one of the most enthusiastic men in North Nottinghamshire in the advancement of the art of change ringing, and was well known throughout the bounds of the society.

Ringers were present from Anston, Bolsover, Collingham, Edwinstowe, Gamston, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Shireoaks, Worksop, Wheatley and Treeton, with a full band of local ringers. Mr. J. R. Brearly again officiated as judge.

A short service was held at 5.20 p.m., the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, Vicar of East Markham, officiating.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall and was followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Mrs. C. Crawford, Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Miss M. Rowsell, Mr. C. J. Hemsall and Mr. G. Booth (churchwardens), the judge, Mr. J. R. Brearly, Mr. M. Haigh (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. W. Stockdale (hon. secretary), with all the hands who had competed and visitors.

The result of the contest was announced as follows, the bands being given in the order in which they rang: 1 Ordsall (102 faults, 10 penalties, a total of 112); 2 Gamston (185, 10, 205); 3 East Markham (174, 10, 184); 4 Sutton-on-Trent (101, 20, 121); 5 Anston (114, 20, 134); 6 Shireoaks (123, nil, 123); therefore, Ordsall, the holders, were again declared the winners.

Miss M. Rowsell, in presenting the cup, said that the contest seemed to be improving, for never before had six teams competed, and she welcomed Gamston into the competition. She hoped that in another year's time the number of bands taking part would be much larger.

Mr. R. W. Stockdale received the cup for Ordsall and suitably replied.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, in a short speech, said that he thought this cup should keep moving year by year from one tower to another, and he thought it would then give more encouragement.

The Judge (Mr. J. R. Brearly) then made his comments on the ringing. His general opinion was that there was still room for improvement, but, on the whole, the ringing had been of a much higher standard than in previous years, and he hoped to see twice the number of entries next year.

South Anston was selected for the next meeting on October 10th. Mr. H. Haigh asked the secretary if any more had been done regarding the joint meeting with the Nottingham Sherwood Youths' Society at Newark, but the reply was that the permission for the use of the bells had not yet been obtained, and both associations were awaiting a reply from the Vicar of Newark through the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson thanked the caterers, Miss M. Rowsell for presenting the cup, and the judge.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the Rev. R. E. Rogerson and all who had taken a helping hand for giving the association the welcome year after year to their pretty village with its beautiful church and splendid bells.

Mr. R. Daniels, of Wheatley, thanked the hon. secretary for carrying out his duties so well, and for the general arrangements of the day. The tower was again visited and some good ringing was done on the eight bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th, when members were present from Bucklebury, Compton, East Isley, Newbury, Overton, Peasmore, Thatcham and Brightwalton. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. F. Howard), Miss N. Howard presiding at the organ. Tea, served in the Village Hall, was kindly given by the honorary members of Brightwalton, and 30 sat down to an excellent meal, the company including the Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Howard, Miss N. Howard, the Rev. H. J. Puxley, the Rev. Gage Hall, the Rev. A. H. Caldicott, Miss Caldicott, Dr. Abraham, etc.

The business meeting followed, over which the Rev. H. Howard presided in the absence of the Rev. H. Bonsey (chairman of the branch), and was supported by the branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 14th. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. Howard, to Miss N. Howard for presiding at the organ, and to the honorary members for kindly giving the tea, on the proposition of Mr. W. Matthews, seconded by Miss S. Davis, and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THE BAD CONDITION OF COWBRIDGE BELLS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held on Saturday last in the old world borough of Cowbridge, situated in the agricultural portion of Glamorganshire. The tower contains a ring of eight bells by Evans, of Chepstow, cast about 1726, with a tenor approximately 18 cwt. It is a very musical ring and worthy of better conditions. The bells go, as all of Evans' bells were hung, left handed, and are hanging to-day in the same frame and fittings as when placed there. For many years suggestions have been made to rehang the bells, but other things which in the opinion of the local church authorities were needed first have precluded any action being taken. The roof of the nave has been entirely renewed; at the present time the aisle requires entire renewing, and until this is done there is little hope of the bells being rehung. Call changes are rung by the local ringers, who appear to have no ambition to remedy things. The bells were raised about 3 o'clock, and it was found almost impossible to get change ringing even by those who have had a life experience. A few plain courses of Stedman were rung or rather struggled through.

Service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. C. W. Buckley, assistant curate, in the absence of the Vicar. On behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. Buckley welcomed the association to Cowbridge, and hoped, after the remarks made in regard to the bells, that when the association next visited Cowbridge the bells would go easier.

Following the service the business meeting took place, presided over by the Rev. C. W. Buckley. Various items in regard to proposed restorations were discussed and instructors' reports were presented. Several new members were elected, and after a further expression of opinion in regard to the bells, it was unanimously resolved that the association, through the hon. secretary, should send a report to the Vicar pointing out the difficulty and danger of ringing the bells, and suggesting that every effort should be made to restore such a fine old ring of eight.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and a move was then made to Llanblethian Church, about a mile distant, which is also under the same Vicar. This tower contains a ring of six, restored in a new iron frame some 20 years ago. No ringing is done here, and when Llanblethian was suggested to be available a week or two ago, it was discovered there were no ropes and that only chiming was done. The Pentre band were good enough to offer six discarded ropes, and these were actually taken there by one of the Pentre band the day before the meeting, with the result that after a few minor repairs and adjustments the bells were rung in various methods. It is hoped this will stimulate the Cowbridge ringers to get practice at Llanblethian.

The meeting was well attended by members from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. Fortunately, Cowbridge is about the only ring of eight which is not pealable in both counties.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT ROWDE.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Rowde on Saturday, September 5th. This tower contains a handy ring of six bells, with tenor of 11½ cwt., which were rehung by Taylor and Co. in 1928. Some good ringing in various methods was carried out during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Opperman). The singing was bright, thanks to the choir, who attended in nearly full strength under Miss E. T. Wright, the organist.

At the close of the service a peal board was dedicated in the ringing chamber. This tablet records a peal of Grandsire Doubles (the first peal on the bells) rung in 1929, and in which the local captain, Mr. E. A. Perrett, rang his first peal.

Tea followed in the Institute, to which 43 sat down. The Rector, addressing the meeting, extended a hearty welcome to the branch and said they felt honoured that the Guild had chosen Rowde for their meeting.

The business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. It was decided to hold a practice meeting at Melksham on Monday, September 21st, at 7 p.m., when Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, will give the 'third' of his lectures on 'Ringing.'

Mr. William J. Whiting, of Leatherhead, was elected a life ringing member of the Guild.

The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on October 3rd, when it is hoped both Holy Trinity (8) and Christ Church (8) bells will be available for ringing. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Ringing was continued at Rowde till about 7.30, and after tea a good number also visited Bromham tower, where ringing finished soon after 8 p.m.

The towers represented were Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), Southbroom, Westbury, Bratton, Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Rowde, Urchfont Holt, North Bradley, Melksham and Trowbridge, and the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—For evensong at the Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. Abbott 1, P. Browning 2, B. Robinson 3, A. Butterill 4, W. Moore 5, A. Moore 6, W. Stote (conductor) 7, W. Townsend 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells by the ringers of the 1st, 5th and 8th.

ECERTON, KENT.—On Sunday, September 13th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 46 mins.: Miss M. Pack 1, D. Homewood 2, J. Pack (aged 13) 3, A. Waddington (conductor) 4, A. Missing 5, W. Missing 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of Treble and 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Osborne 1, L. Davis 2, W. R. Cartwright 3, C. Forth 4, S. E. Andrews 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, A. V. Dent 7, C. Chandler 8. Kindly arranged for Mr. Biffin, who hails from Exeter.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 13th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor: W. Butler 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, W. S. Butler (conductor) 5, E. Bright 6. For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Glass 1, W. Mellin 2, W. Butler 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, W. S. Butler (conductor) 6.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. Folley 1, C. Strawbridge 2, P. Bulley 3, L. Mason 4, F. Date 5, H. Arscott 6, J. Pugsley (conductor) 7, W. Male 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Stacey, the local hon. secretary of the association, the ringers wishing him 'many happy returns of the day.'

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Whithy 1, G. Dent 2, S. Clark 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, T. Cavill (conductor) 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Rochester (first in the method) 8.—On September 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): W. Rochester (first in the method) 1, F. Whithy 2, S. Clark 3, L. Cavill 4, W. Morris 5, H. Smale (conductor) 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 30th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. J. Boyce 1, W. T. Merritt (first quarter inside) 2, V. Swift 3, G. Winter 4, W. Swift 5, S. Hillier (conductor) 6, F. Green 7, F. Edwards 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Foxearth on Saturday, September 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 306, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—D. E. Beamish, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuncaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 6 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM.—A practice has been arranged at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Thursdays, 7.30 till 9 p.m., commencing September 17th. All ringers welcome.—J. Dafters.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Star Inn (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Divisional Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske, near Thirsk, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6, tenor 10 cwts.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting, this being the association's attempt for a ringing competition.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD AND HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above guilds will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, and A. E. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham on September 19th for the unveiling of peal board. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise D. Chapman, Church Square, Haddenham, Thame, Oxon?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at All Saints', Poplar (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea nearby.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—Two trebles added by Taylor's to complete the octave. Dedication 3 p.m., Saturday, September 19th, by the Archdeacon of Aston.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY.—Saturday, September 19th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Cheap fares from all stations to King's Langley or Watford. Buses direct to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Taxal (Whaley Bridge) on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec., 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chedworth on Thursday, September 24th. Bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those who intend being present please let me know by 21st?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication by the Bishop of Peterborough at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, September 24th, of the restored ring of six bells by Taylors, Loughborough. Ringers' festival, Saturday, October 3rd.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hill Farrance (6 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Will those who want tea please notify, by next Tuesday, P. Merson, Bishop's Hull?

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Clipstone on September 26th. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, September 26th. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a presentation to the Rev. J. H. Lewis. Please send numbers for tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me by September 22nd.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (rs.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Monday, September 21st, and oblige?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Those requiring tea (4.30) please notify, by September 23rd, D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Dean, 11, Craven Street, Otley, not later than Thursday, September 24th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinhoe on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers by Sept. 21st to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle, near Bradford, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary by Tuesday, 22nd inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, the 23rd. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Abbotsleigh on Saturday, September 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Kindly let me know if you are coming by the 22nd.—H. Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge only to those who notify Mr. J. A. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Deepcar, near Sheffield, by Thursday, the 24th. Good bus service every twenty minutes from Sheffield to Deepcar on Stockbridge. As the financial year of the association ends September 30th, will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Neston (8 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Stratton St. Margaret (Swindon) on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church about 4.30 and tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1s. per head. A good attendance is hoped for, as these bells have been rehung in a new frame and augmented from six to eight, and will be dedicated on Sunday evening, September 20th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. J. J. Antrobus). All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Penn on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than September 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wool on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Puddletown and West Lulworth) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at West Hendred, on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify me by the 23rd.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea; cafe opposite church. All ringers welcome.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A ringing meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. John's, Hillingdon, October 31st.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 30th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. —The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. at both churches, St. Mary's and St. John's. Tea will be served at St. John's Hall at 5 p.m. (kindly given by Col. Nash). Ringers' service at St. John's to follow. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Please make an effort to come and make a record meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 30th.—F. W. Hoppood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at Sowerby, near Halifax, on Saturday, October 3rd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who send word not later than Monday, September 28th, 1s. 6d. each, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea

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HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—Dedication by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander of the two new trebles by Taylors to complete the octave, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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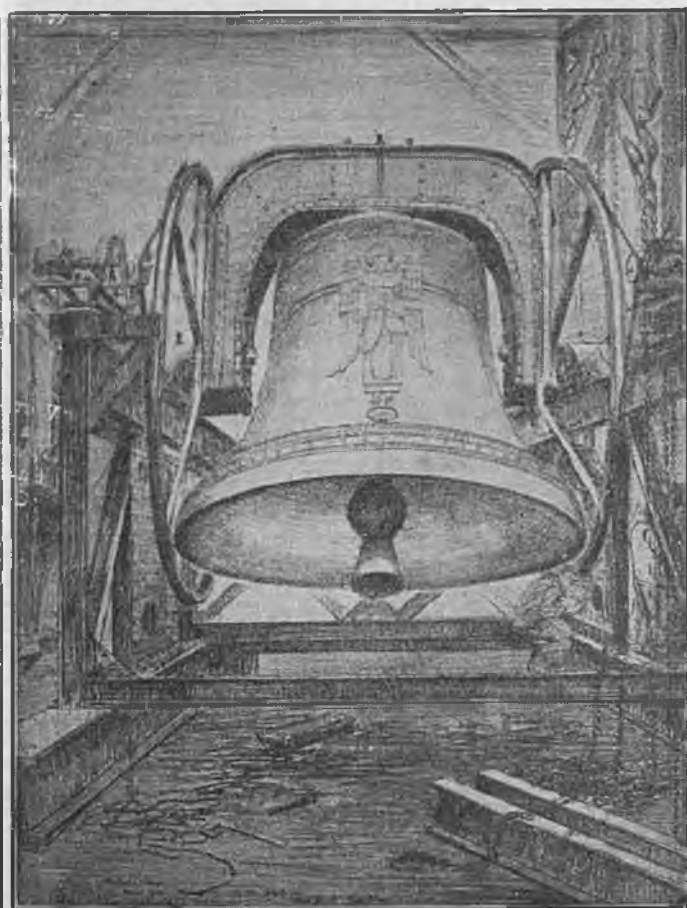
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CLAIMS TO COMPOSITIONS.

A correspondent, who is not without some knowledge of the subject, referring to the fact that in our last issue composers renounced their claim to three peals, ventures the opinion that if it were possible to publish the figures of all the peals composed during the last decade or so, perhaps not five per cent. of them would be found original. While some ringers may not be prepared to put the figure quite so low, there can be no question that a very considerable proportion of the compositions produced in these days have been obtained before. There are some plans in some methods that are completely worked out, but would-be composers do not know it. They belong to a new generation and the work of men that have gone is unknown to them. In due course another new generation will spring up, and they will reproduce the work of those now living. It must inevitably be so all the while there is no complete record of compositions to which reference can be made. For the time being, at any rate, the Central Council cannot see its way to forming such a register as would be required. The difficulty is not so much in getting the material together, as in making effectual use of it when it has been compiled, and yet the need of such a thing becomes more and more apparent as time goes on.

Our correspondent points out that the disclaimers of last week were brought about by the publication of the figures and, obviously, publicity is one of the best means of ascertaining whether a composer is entitled to claim a composition. There are, however, two very strong reasons against it. In the first place the obligation of proving the right to a composition should rest upon the composer and his right should not stand merely by default of a counterclaim. Secondly, the publication of compositions on any large scale is a costly matter, and it cannot be expected that others should bear the expense of printing figures merely in order that someone may be satisfied, not necessarily that a composition had not been obtained before, but that at the date of its publication no one else claimed it. When a man puts together the figures of a peal it should be his responsibility to show that he has the right to call it an original production, but how can he do that unless there is available for his use some record of what has gone before? Constantly composers, who are just making their first groping efforts in this branch, send their figures to 'The Ringing World,' asking if they are original, so that we know there is a real desire among this class of beginners to do the right thing and not claim as their own anything which has been previously produced. But in the absence of

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definite information, what is more natural than for a budding aspirant to claim his work as something new even though its plan may be so obvious that scores of his predecessors may have obtained the same peal. The time is certainly coming when the word 'composed' will lose a lot of its significance. In regard to a great many modern productions 'arranged' is already a more appropriate description, and there would be good ground for using this term in all cases where the plan of composition or the requirements of the method were not entirely new.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	THOMAS F. KING 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ALBERT WALKER 6	A. PADDON SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Treble	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	FREDERICK DENCH 8
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	JOHN W. WARD 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYNONDS 11
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 6	FREDERICK J. TILLITT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who attained the age of 80 years on September 18th. The ringers of 6, 7, 8 and 10 are from Saffron Walden, Essex.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5320 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	ARTHUR G. KING 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 8
MISS KITTY WILLERS 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 9
GEORGE MAYERS 5	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Spliced Royal by all, by the association and on the bells. The longest length and the 50th peal on the bells for the association. This peal is Miss Willers' 100th and first of Royal. The composition, containing the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the second in 6th's, and all the 5-4's and 4-5's, is rung for the first time in honour of the 81st birthday of John Souter, the Diss veteran.

UXBRIDGE.—On September 3rd, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.; Miss Doris Cox 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, H. Batton 3, W. H. Gutteridge 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, P. E. Jones 8. Ringers of treble and 3rd are from Farnham Royal. Great credit is due to Miss Cox for the way in which she rang her bell, this being her first quarter-peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOHN PHILLIPS	Treble	ERNEST STITCH	6
HARRY PAGE	2	FREDERICK LASBURY	7
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	WILLIAM PAGE	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	9
GEORGE POPNELL	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival as a farewell to the Rev. M. Jones-Powell, D.D., who has left Cardiff for the parish of Peterston-super-Ely, Glamorganshire.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*JOHN GOODMAN	Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
JOHN BASS	3	HARRY PRICE	8
WILLIAM SHORT	4	HECTOR G. BIRD	9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5	THOMAS HEMMING	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. † First of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Mr. John Goodman earned the thanks of the band for kindly taking a vacant rope at the last minute.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS	Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK	6
RICHARD A. POST	2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	8
SYDNEY TAYLOR	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	5	GORDON CAUDWELL	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE	Treble	GEORGE WHITE	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	WM. A. BRECKON	7
SIDNEY ELWICK	3	HUBERT WATERS	8
ALFRED E. OXLEY	4	HARRY GIBSON	9
JOHN WALLER	5	RICHARD HANSELL	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal and first attempt. Arranged for Mr. T. H. Taffender, of London, and Mr. H. Gibson, of Scarborough, who were elected members of the above association previous to starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL	Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
FRANK RINGE	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
*PERCY GREEN	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

F. W. CECIL CURTIS	Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	5
WALTER R. FARROW	2	GEORGE MAYERS	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	EDWIN R. GOATE	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	4	FREDERICK SEAGER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a complimentary peal to Fred Seager on his holiday return to his native county, and also as a birthday compliment to four of the 'lads,' Messrs. F. H. Haigh, P. J. Johnson, F. B. Kendell and F. H. King.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ALBERT W. COLES	7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN	Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT	2	ALBERT G. HARRISON	6
JOHN SNELLING	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
EDWIN R. GOATE	4	FREDERICK SEAGER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. This composition, with the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6 and the tenors parted for eight leads, is now rung for the first time.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*HERBERT W. SMITH	Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
DAVID VINCENT	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
FRANK L. FISHER	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD	Treble	ALBERT W. COLES	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KINVER, STAFFS.—On Wednesday evening, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, J. F. Simpson 2, P. Handley 3, J. Bass 4, T. Field 5, V. Hubble 6, F. Handley (conductor) 7, P. Jones 8. First attempt by 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8, and first attempt as conductor. All are regular service ringers at St. Peter's, except J. Bass (Woolaston).

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR I. HOLMES Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal on the eight bells. The two trebles were added by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May last.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART, No. 2.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
ARTHUR WALKER Treble	WILFRED APPEGATE 5
JOHN H. LENTON 2	HARRY BROWN 6
*VICTOR APPEGATE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
WILLIAM TATE 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. Rung in honour of the reopening of the above church, after being closed for internal painting and decorating.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

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

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	PEARL INSKIP 5
EDGAR H. TINGEY 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 6
WALLACE G. CHURCH 3	HERBERT SHARP 7
HARRY TYSOE 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. TOWNLEY PARKER Treble	JACK CHARNOCK 5
†HARRY FRANCE 2	WM. SHARPLES 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	FRED RIGBY 7
HERMON NELSON 4	GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. The peal was rung as a farewell to the Rector of Chorley, Dr. P. J. Kirkby, an honorary life member of the association, who is retiring this month.

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	RAYMOND PHILPOT 6
RAYMOND OVERY 3	ALAN R. PINE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. H. POLLING

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London on the bells. A birthday compliment to W. J. Robinson and the conductor.

NEWMARKET.—On September 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, 720 Bob Minor: K. Tuffs 1, Mrs. L. Warner 2, O. Moody 3, L. Warner (conductor) 4, S. Twitchett (Stetchworth, Cambs) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6. First 720 of Minor by ringers of 1 and 5.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

REV. H. LAW JAMES' SEVEN-PART, No. 2.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

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

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,]
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	*WILLIAM C. RHODES 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 4	FRED PRICE Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

JOHN W. UNWIN Treble	WM. E. PITMAN, MUS., BAC. 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
*WILLIAM J. WOOD 4	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
HAROLD MARCON 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

P.C. CHARLES DAVIS Treble	RONALD BULLEN 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	FREDERICK PIKE 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret Joyce Davis, daughter of P.C. Davis.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
E. GEORGE SWIFT 3	FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4	WILLIAM BRANTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Thursday, September 17, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	†ROGER W. DANIELS 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	†CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method, and hail from Lincolnshire. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Haycock, who has just taken over the joint livings of Framsdan and Creetingham.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE GRAY Treble	*HAROLD J. HAZELL 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	WILLIAM ROSE 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal to be rung by a band representing eight different colours. The ringer of the treble is from Hertford, 2nd from Cranbrook, 3rd from Tunbridge Wells, 4th from Ipswich, 5th from Cambridge, 6th from Peterborough, 7th from Norwich, and tenor from Dorking.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.).

JACK WAUMSLRY Treble	WILLIAM GAYES 4
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	JOHN WORTH 5
ALBERT V. REES 3	JACK TIPPER Tenor

Conducted by JACK TIPPER.

First peal in five methods on the bells and by the band, also first in the branch by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JAMES ROSE Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 4
ALFRED B. KING 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
KEITH W. WHITEELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

H. A. Wright was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting the peal.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Ten different callings.

ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	JAMES SHAW 4
*FREDERICK J. WARR 2	ROBERT S. GIBES 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3	HERBERT E. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD L. FLAVELL.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Grandsire and three of Canterbury Pleasure, rung alternately.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR MILES Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE 2	JAMES T. RANDLE 5
†REGINALD MORRIS 3	CHARLES R. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in two methods.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of London Surprise and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 4
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KENNETH SNELLING 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Minor in four methods as conductor.

THE IRISH TOUR.

The following performances were recorded for the Irish Association during a tour in the North of Ireland, September 7th to 12th:—

DUBLIN, COUNTY DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

DROGHEDA, COUNTY LOUTH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WM. ARMLEY WOOLER ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal in the method in the county.

LURGAN, COUNTY ARMAGH.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 3
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal in the method in the county.

HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Malachi,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 1	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
WILLIAM HORAN 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.
The first peal in the method in the county.

BELFAST, COUNTY ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. ARMLEY WOOLER 1	WILLIAM HORAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal in the method in the county.

HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER 1	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The first peal in the method in the county and the first Surprise peal on the bells.

BALLYMENA, COUNTY ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Patrick,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 1	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal on the bells.

COLERAINE, COUNTY LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Patrick,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER 1	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal on the bells and first peal of Major in the county.

LONDONDERRY, COUNTY LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Columba,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER 1	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	WILLIAM HORAN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDER. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

BELLRINGERS GO FOX HUNTING.

There was a very pleasant gathering of ringers at Foxearth on Saturday, when the Northern Division held a meeting at this place, the first since 1924. Although the parish is somewhat isolated from the rest of the county, a number took advantage of the ideal autumn afternoon and proceeded there by bicycle. A warm welcome was extended to all by Mr. Sam Evans, the leader of the local band, who had everything in readiness, and touches of Stedman; Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung before the service.

The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Bassett), Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, read the lesson, whilst the Rural Dean, Dr. Young, of Birdbrook, gave a most helpful and enlightening address. This was followed by an excellent tea at the Village Hall, which had been arranged by Mr. S. Evans, and about thirty sat down. The Rural Dean, the Rector and organist attended, whilst Mrs. and Miss Evans and a friend waited at table. A business meeting followed, at which one non-resident life member was elected, and it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Bocking on November 14th.

Mr. Howard, in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, said he hoped that some membership would be retained at Foxearth after all the association had done. He thanked the organist for his services, also Dr. Young for his helpful address and advice, and assured him that his words would long be remembered. He also thanked the ladies who had assisted at the tea.

The Rev. G. H. Bassett, in replying, said the ringers were always welcome. He was very pleased to meet them, and hoped they would soon pay another visit.—Dr. Young also acknowledged the vote of thanks, and said it gave him the greatest pleasure to meet a company of ringers.

After other touches on the bells, some of the cyclists decided to make for home. They had left a Fox in the earth, and decided to explore new roads on their return in search of another. All went well until Borley Church was passed, when some of the leaders headed for the Belchamps, whilst the remainder kept to the proper road and finally found the 'Fox' at Bulmer. The others, being somewhat dissatisfied with the state of the Belchamp roads, took to the fields and, after encountering hurdles and footbridges, arrived at a farmhouse. Night was falling, and the thought of home greatly impressed them. Having inquired of the farmer's wife for the 'Fox,' they were politely told there were plenty in the district, but they were greatly relieved when she directed them to the one at Bulmer, which they reached after covering about four miles in one hour and twenty minutes. By this time the other members had seen sufficient of Bulmer, and, although the chief whip gave a loud blast, there was no response from the missing few, so they headed for their own village, which was safely reached. After partaking of reasonable refreshment and discussing the formation of a search party, the last huntsman returned weary and worn, but in good spirits, and although the price of refreshment had been advanced one penny per pint, he said he would have one 'if it cost him a bob.' And he did!

F. R.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division, held at Apsley on September 12th, was not so well attended as in previous years, owing to the weather. Ringers came from Hemel Hempstead, King's Langley, Watford, Willesden, Berkhamstead and Tring, and members of the local company were present. The methods rung ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Rev. C. B. Goodwin held a short service, and very kindly entertained the ringers to tea. At the business meeting, Mr. H. Bishop acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. J. Puplett. The president, Mr. F. J. Reeves, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity in providing tea, and to all those who had helped in making this meeting a success.

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DEATH OF DR. EUSTACE HARWOOD. A FORMER RINGER AT OLD WINDSOR.

The mortal remains of the late Dr. T. Eustace Harwood were laid to rest in the family grave at Old Windsor Church on Saturday, September 5th, the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. McCaig, lately from Cornwall, officiating. The service was choral, and many of the deceased's medical friends and brother bellringers were present. At the conclusion of the sad rites a muffled peal was rung on the tower bells. A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 6th, when the Vicar gave a brief address based on the text, 'The memory of the just is blessed,' in the course of which he mentioned the long connection with the parish of deceased and his father, and referred to the former's literary gifts.

For many years Dr. Harwood resided at Hampstead, but he always maintained his interest in the parish of his birth and its bells. He devoted much time to historical research for his valuable work on 'Windsor Old and New,' a recently published volume, which reveals deep insight into the customs and traffic on the Thames before the days of railroads. This work was dedicated in 1929 to the memory of his father, the Rev. T. E. Harwood, M.A., who was curate of Old Windsor 1862-1873, and Vicar from 1876 to 1911.

Dr. Harwood, in his younger days, became interested in bellringing under the foreman, Mr. J. Gutteridge, who is now 84 years old, and had rung about a dozen peals of Grandsire Triples for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. His first was in January, 1893, conducted by Mr. J. J. Parker, followed by several with the Rev. J. H. Hindson, then Vicar of Wraysbury, just over the river. He had called Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and was one of the team which scored the 'first local' peal, conducted by Mr. Wm. Welling.

Dr. Harwood's medical studies were carried out at Edinburgh, and whilst there he rang in a peal at the Cathedral of St. Mary, one of the band being the first lady to score a peal in Scotland.

During the war period, Dr. Harwood did strenuous and valuable work at St. George's Hospital, London, and recently he was in private practice. He was of a genial, kind and reserved disposition, much like his father, who died in 1911, and who the writer had the pleasure of knowing personally from 1878. Only last June Dr. Eustace Harwood called to see him and handed him No. 333 of his book—the issue was limited to 400 copies—and had a long chat over the tencups about the old days at Old Windsor when there were only five bells in the tower. Even the possibility of a band of M.D.'s attempting a peal in the near future was discussed, but a greater conductor has called 'Stand.'

W. H. F.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that there are only two TRUE PLAIN courses of this method, it would be interesting to the Exercise if we could see the actual figures of the six-score, a description of which is given in the new 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.' Perhaps the committee will oblige.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

Brighton.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

A FOUR-PART ODD AND EVEN BOB PEAL.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

231456

I { S451326
F435261
2G462153
H146523

I416532

Calling first course as G.

S345261	A	2	6	7	9	14
4D541326	B	2	6	7	9	10 11 14
A432561	C	2	6	7	8	9 12 14
C125346	D	2	6	7	10	11 12 14
A234165	E	2	4	5	6	7 10 11 12 14
3D536421	F	2	5	6	7	9 10 14
C164352	G	2	4	5	6	9 10 14
4D462135	H	2	4	5	6	9 10 11 12 14
C521643	The first of the two courses marked					
E652341	S is produced by 2 6 7 9 11S 12 13 17,					
2D453126	and the second one by 2 4 5 6 8S 11.					
B154263						
D251634						
E625431						
2D324156						

Repeat from 416532, calling first course as A. The course ends between the singles are at slow sixes.

This is the first Four-Part odd and even bob peal of Stedman Triples and was conducted by Maurice Swinfield at Measham on August 26th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A number of inscribed ships' bells from British warships, many with war-time associations, are for sale, the most expensive being one from H.M.S. 'Tiger,' priced £10.

Family peals and 'name' peals we have had, railwaymen's and gardeners' peals, but the latest is a 'colour' peal. Last Sunday there were as many tints in a belfry at Brith as you would find on an artist's palette—Gray, White, Green, Brown, Hazell, Rose, Golden and Pink, and between them they rang a peal of Superlative.

Congratulations to that fine old Ipswich ringer, Mr. Robert H. Brundle, who reached the age of 80 years on Friday, and celebrated the event by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on Saturday. Mr. Brundle is the oldest ringer to ring a peal of Surprise Maximus, and we hope he will be spared with strength for many years yet to continue the art he loves so well.

The bells at Henlow, Beds, have been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have added a treble to increase the ring to six. The dedication took place last Saturday.

Owing to a misunderstanding about the membership of one of the ringers, the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, rung at Prittlewell on August 8th last, cannot be credited to the Essex Association, and consequently is to become a peal for the Kent County Association.

FRAGMENT FROM KINGTON MAGNA.

AFTER PEPYS, AND RECENTLY DISCOVERED.

July 4th (Eve of Lord's Day). Did decide to go to Aquae Sulis to ring at the annual meeting of the ringers of Somerset. Took Gryph on the pillion—a stout fellow. Did encounter much rain and mist, but did ring on the bells there. Mighty pleased with the sermon, for the Rector there did not tell us what naughty men the ringers of old were. Nor did he tell us that we should attend the services for which we did ring, that being mighty difficult for some of the ringers there, who did work on farms. But he did speak some common sense. At 8 p.m., did start back, still raining. Radstock in fine style, but missed petrol cap. Gryph would go and search for it. Half an hour, but no cap. Four shillings. Did hold hand on tank, mighty uncomfortable. Stratton-on-Avon, petrol pipe broke, so mended same with tubing from the lamp, and so on to two miles from Shepton. No petrol, much having run out unperceived when the pipe broke. Now dark, and having no carbide must needs push to Shepton. Garage man mightily astonished, but did fill us up with petrol and carbide and give us a cork. 11 p.m. and on our way. Two miles and lost nut of mag. chain case, this falling off with a great clatter. Gryph said he would carry the case, so away again. 12.30 a.m., the timing chain broke. Memo: must get new one. Mended chain, still raining, and timed up the mag.—not easy, but Gryph struck matches and away again. 2 a.m., lamp went out and had to refill it with carbide and water. Strange it should be short of water, seeing we had had so much. 2.45 a.m., left Gryph and so home to bed, 16 miles, 3.30 a.m.

July 11th. A Dorset meeting, with some keen fellows. New chain to mag., fourteen shillings. Did take Gryph, the new chain working well, albeit somewhat noisy. Started back late. Mag. chain broke. Did decide to push, putting new chain on handle bar. Five miles and Gryph asked if chain was all right. Could not feel it, so must needs return to search for it. Had to push bike back for the sake of the light. Went back and found chain. Fourteen shillings. Five miles. (A fragment is missing here.) Resolved to buy a new machine, though mightily disturbed about it, for must needs attend Sanger's practices, Double Norwich. Copper bath rung London and is highly excited. Must not let him leave me so far behind. So to bed early, nothing but scurvy punctures in the new machine. Some say the tyres be perished. Fourteen punctures in eight days. Methinks the devil be in the bike.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th, when 35 members and friends attended from the following towers: Battle, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Burwash, Crawley, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hawkhurst, Heene, Lewes, Mayfield, St. Leonards (Christ Church), and Uckfield, together with members of the local band. Mr. W. Haigh, of Etchingam, and Mr. John Evans, of Hughenden, Bucks, were also present.

The bells were kept well going in all methods from Grandsire to Cambridge during the afternoon and evening, and several young ringers obtained their first touches in various methods.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Grahame Clarke), no service was held.

A splendid tea was provided at the Star Inn. The Rev. F. N. Hope presided at the tea, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair.

Mr. W. Haigh, of Etchingam, and Mr. Arthur Field, of Pevensey, were elected members.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwarden for the use of the bells, etc.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.**BELLS NOW AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.**

At the end of last week St. Bene't's historic bells were lowered to the ground and were removed on Saturday to the Loughborough Foundry. Our photograph shows them outside the church just before they were loaded on to the waiting lorry.

At the Foundry the bells are to be sandblasted and cleaned, the rap notes corrected, new independent crown staples fitted, ball bearings and new clappers provided, and all the other fittings, including headstocks, replaced by new. The frame has also been dismantled, and will be reconstructed and strengthened.



THE BELLS OF ST. BENE'T'S OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

[Photo by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.]

Subscribers to the fund who have not yet forwarded their promised contributions are asked to do so without delay. They should be sent either to

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The reopening of the bells and the celebration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman is tentatively fixed for Saturday, December 5th.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Rye, on Saturday, September 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Cyril Wenham to Miss Nellie Gain. Mrs. Pattenden 1, K. Pattenden 2, W. Button 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, C. W. Player 6, H. Wood (conductor) 7, C. Coleman 8. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th hail from Stone-in-Oxney, where the bridegroom is a member of the local band.

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION.**THE BELLS OF WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.**

Last Sunday was a memorable day in the history of the parish of Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, for during the morning service the ring of six bells was dedicated after complete restoration and the recasting of the 4th and 6th. For some time past it was known that the fittings of the bells were in a bad state, and this summer, through the generosity of a parishioner, Mr. C. A. Monkhouse, the work of rehanging was put in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Fortunately the old timber frame was in good condition, but, after removing the headstocks, the 4th and 6th were both found to be cracked in the crown. This necessitated recasting, and the whole ring was removed to the foundry so that the other four bells could be tuned. This additional expense was generously borne by the same gentleman.

A good congregation assembled in the fine old church for the morning service, which commenced with the processional hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' After the second lesson the clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber, accompanied by the ringers (four of whom were choirmen), Mr. Churchwarden J. J. Warren, Mr. Cyril Johnston and Mr. W. J. Paice, hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The actual dedication ceremony was performed by the Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Mr. Johnston handed a rope to the churchwarden, asking him to accept the completed work, and Mr. Warren in turn passed the rope to the Master, and called upon him to dedicate the work to the glory of God. The Master then gathered all the ropes together, and in the sight of the whole congregation blessed the work 'in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.' After the ringers' collects the ropes were placed in the hands of the Vicar, the Rev. F. D. Browne, with a solemn charge to keep the bells from all profane and unhallowed uses. The bells were then rung in rounds by the local ringers, and the great improvement in the tone of the ring was at once appreciated. The whole ceremony was most impressive, and must long remain in the minds of those who witnessed it. The service was then proceeded with, the Master giving a practical address, during which he touched upon the urgency and the nature of the work completed in their tower, the self-sacrificing task of the ringers in that parish and elsewhere, and appealed to young people to come forward and offer themselves as ringers, acquiring that love of bells and the art of changering which alone could make them proficient.

After the service, some short touches of Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Johnston and Mr. W. J. Paice.

The bells, which are now fitted with ball bearings and go perfectly, were originally cast in 1808 by T. Mears and Son. The tenor is 12 cwt. in F, and the total weight of the peal is 45 cwt. 18 lb.

STAVELEY RINGER'S DEATH.

The Staveley company has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Alfred Markwell, which occurred on September 7th, after only three days' illness. He was at work on the 3rd, and, being a goods guard on the L.N.E.R., was getting ready for duty on the 4th when he had a seizure and lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never recovered. He passed away on the 7th, and was laid to rest on the 10th, several of his workmates and ringing friends being present at the funeral service.

Mr. Markwell was never a great peal ringer, only having rung one peal, but he was a most regular and consistent Sunday service ringer, and always ready on all occasions to 'do his bit' to keep the bells going. His pleasant face will be sadly missed, and his place will be hard to fill. Only the Sunday evening before his death he took part in the service ringing.

He joined the Staveley company at the outbreak of the Great War when the younger men of the company had to join up. Having years before been a six-bell ringer at Wilburton, he proved a valuable addition to the depleted company. He was also a chorister, having been a member of the Staveley Church choir over 20 years, and before that was a member of Bulwell and Stockport choirs. He was an ideal churchman. He loved his church and tried to serve her at all times. He ever did his duty to the best of his ability.

Mr. Markwell, who was 62 years of age, leaves to mourn their loss a widow and one son, to whom the deepest sympathy goes out. The son is following in his father's footsteps, being ringer, chorister and deputy organist at Staveley.

The deceased was a member of the Midland Counties Association and three other societies, and was Staveley's representative on the committee of the Sheffield District Society.

The bells were rung half-muffled after the funeral, also at both services the following Sunday. The ringing for the morning service consisted of 720 Bob Major, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung, followed by 'the whole pull and stand,' by the following members of the Staveley company, as a tribute to his memory: H. Stow 1, L. G. Palmer 2, W. T. Palmer 3, A. Steward 4, F. E. Parsons 5, N. C. Lewis 6, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 7, J. Knott 8.

SCOTLAND'S GREATEST RING. INVERARAY TOWER AND BELLS NEARING COMPLETION.

CAMPBELL CLANSMEN'S GENEROSITY.

The greatest ring of bells in the Highlands and the finest north of the English border has, within the last few days, found its permanent home in the new tower of the church of All Saints, Inveraray, Argyllshire. These bells, from the Loughborough Foundry, are a magnificent peal, with a tenor of $41\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in C. Their installation is almost entirely due to the interest and enthusiasm of His Grace the Duke of Argyll, whose ancestral home is Inveraray Castle. The scheme to provide a noble tower for the church and an equally



INVERARAY CHURCH TOWER FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

noble ring of bells was originally conceived before the outbreak of war in 1914, and gradually the bells were secured through the generosity of various donors, headed by the Duke, who gave the first seven bells. The eighth was given by his neighbour and vassal, Sir John Noble, Laird of Ardkinglass; the ninth by 80 of the Duke's friends and clansmen of the Campbell name, and the tenor (in honour of S. Molaise) by two Campbells. Gifts by many others provided the frame and fittings, and in November, 1920, the whole of the ten bells were cast.

At this time the tower was not even begun, so the bells were taken to Inveraray and erected in their frame in a temporary wooden 'Cloichtrach' (the Gaelic word for Bell House), and they have been chimed by means of a clavier, so that their glorious tones are already familiar over the countryside. The bells and their fittings cost over £24,000.

Having got the bells, the next effort was devoted to raising the massive tower. The first stage was up to the 73ft. level, where the bell frame was eventually to be placed. The walls of this portion are between 8 and 9 feet thick, and, internally, the tower is 22ft. 9in. square. This part of the building cost £9,750, and when it had been completed there was a pause of two years while further funds were raised, for another £8,000 was required to finish the structure. By this summer the walls were completed with fine strong battlements, the tops of which are 126ft. above the ground. A turret takes the stair up at one corner of the tower, and its top, capped by a pointed pignon, reaches a height of 138ft. The roof is of strong oak and lead. The floor of the ringing room is of oak, and there are two cement floors above it, forming a 'silence' chamber. The walls above the bells are 4ft. 6in. thick, and pierced by seven high sound windows, with fine stone tracery, such as is found in many Somerset towers. The ground floor, lit by big windows on the west and south sides, will some day be linked up to the church by an aisle—at present the tower is separated from the rest of the building. The ringing room has four windows, and the silence chamber four slits which display the thickness of the walls very well. The tower was built without any exterior scaffolding.

The bell frame rests on immense steel girders built into the walls and, like the bells which it carries, is a worthy specimen of Taylor craftsmanship.

The dedications, weights and diameters of the bells are as follows:—

Name of Saint.	Weight of bell. cwt. qr. lb.	Diameter of bell. ft. in.
1. S. Maluag	6 0 14	2 5
2. S. Columba	6 1 26	2 6½
3. S. Mund	7 1 6	2 9
4. S. Brendan	8 2 2	2 10
5. S. Maclrubha	10 1 5	3 1½
6. S. Blaane	13 0 8	3 5
7. Our Lady	17 0 22	3 9½
8. S. Murdouch	20 1 21	4 0
9. S. Brigid	28 3 0	4 6
10. S. Molaise	41 2 8	5 0½

Total weight, 159 cwt. 3 qr.

The dedications are to ancient Celtic saints 'who, in their earthly lives, founded Parish Churches, Chapels, or Monasteries, in the immediate neighbourhood, and planted the Rood of the Redeemer on many storm-sick headlands, or in smiling glens or in lonely forests, where in the sixth and seventh centuries they did great Wonders amongst the Children of the Gael for which they are kept in unfading remembrance.'

The following are the inscriptions and translations:—

1. SANCTE MALUAG ORA PRO NOBIS
(S. Maluag pray for us.)
2. SANCTE COLUMBA ORA PRO NOBIS
3. MUNDI PRO MERITIS MEREAMUR GAUDIA COELI
(By the merits of Mund may we merit the joys of Heaven.)
4. TERRAE VELIFICATE VIAS BRENDANE BEATAE TU
NOBIS PARITER PANDE SECUNDUS ITER
(O Brendan who didst sail to the Land of the Blest
Do thou, by thy favour, to us also open the pathway.)
5. PRO NOSTRIS ORES QUOTIES DABO PULSA SONORES
TE COLO TUQUE MEUM SANCTE MAELRUBHA DEUM
(Pray for our people. Everytime as I struck shall sound,
I honour thee, holy Maclrubha, as thou dost honour my God.)
6. SANCTE BLAANE ORA PRO NOBIS
7. STELLA MARIA MARIS SUCCURRE PISSIMA NOBIS
(O Mary Star of the Sea, Most pious assist us.)
8. SANCTE MURDOUCHE ORA PRO NOBIS
9. SANCTA BRIGIDA ORA PRO NOBIS
10. FERT LUCEM PRAE SE FERT ADOREMQUE
MOLAISE FLAMMA VELUT VENTO VOTIS ARDERE
MEMENTO VOTIS ARDE IGNIS PRO NOBIS SANCTE
BENIGNIS
(Molaise shows light and shows heat, as fire burns bright
with the wind, so mind that thou burn with prayers.
Burn with kindly prayers, for us, O Holy Fire.)

During the past few weeks the bells have been taken from the bell house and raised to their proper place in the new tower by Messrs. Taylor's bell hangers, and a few days since the last of them, the tenor, was hoisted in the presence of the Duke of Argyll, Lady Mary Carr-Glyn of Argyll, Lady Elspeth Campbell of Argyll and Dr. Campbell. Soon all the fittings will be complete, and the bells will then be used by means of the clavier. But £1,300 is still required before the great scheme is free of debt, and until that time the consecration and hallowing of both the bells and the tower by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles cannot take place.

The munificence of the Campbells—the clan of which the Duke of Argyll is chief—may be gauged from the fact that, apart from the bells, members in this country, the United States and the Dominions have contributed over £7,000 towards the tower alone. Inveraray tower and bells, begun from a desire to beautify and adorn the church, are now to serve another purpose. They form a memorial, and each bell is in memory of those who fell in the Great War or in former wars, who came from the parishes or glens where the saints named on the bells laboured, or to whom one of those parishes was dedicated.

THE IRISH TOUR.

BY W. H. F.

'England and Ireland, though the seas divide,
Are kissing each other at every tide.'

Who is for Ireland next year? was the question amongst the members of Mr. Williams' party touring North Wales in 1929, when several replied favourably, but the suggestion fell through, and it was Wales again for the 1930 outing. Once more the question was put, and with Mr. Lindoff's enticing 'blarney,' fresh from Dublin, this visit became an accomplished fact in 1931, and herewith are a few notes of the tour by special request. There are now quite a number of English ringers who have crossed the Channel in the past—notably the Pye brothers, 1909—who well know, by experience, the hearty welcome to be met with at the hands of our Hibernian brothers. To those who have never 'cuddled' an Irish Sally, I would mention a further inducement to go over. Good Dublin stout can be bought for sixpence a pint, when once you have made the heaving passage of Edwin Barnett's 'ditch.' I remember, after a visit in 1907, Tom Faulkner, of Barking, writing me in a very sad strain asking why we did not take him with us? I hope my readers will not trouble me with similar inquiries.

Our route was 'Go Great Western to Liverpool, then British and Irish Steam Packet to Dublin, at a cost of only 46s. return ticket, available for 16 days.' Messrs. Newton and Davis kindly dispatched our 'freight' from Liverpool landing stage at 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 5th, and Messrs. Lindoff and Murphy hauled it on to the Dublin North Wall with a hearty welcome at 3 a.m. on Sunday, the 6th, omitting the physical act of affection mentioned at the head of this article.

We had a most comfortable crossing. No one attempted to do an 'odd place last' in his neighbour's bunk. It is quite astonishing what a boat steward can do for a passenger when one has learnt his language; we even envied the Menin Gate travellers their seaworthiness when every man made a 'whole turn' in crossing the English Channel last August. The River Liffey looked its best, a bright sunrise, shining through the mist of morning, being reflected in the ripples on the water as we glided upstream from Dublin Bay. Numerous seagulls wheeling overhead seemed to be united in screaming to our party in Erse, 'Cead Mile Fáille.'

Named after King George V., the George housed us till Monday. This boarding house may well be termed the ringers' rest; its bed linen has sweetly covered the sleeping forms of a whole band of Georges—Messrs. Pye, Williams, Price, Newton, Dent, Fletcher and Martin—to say nothing about the Great George of Rugby—when they slept on Irish soil for the first time.

On Sunday, there was ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10.30 and 2.30. The visitors' book received new entries, and the Irish Association five new members, who were ably 'branded' by the president with the 'Shamrock' for life. It is worth the journey to be made a member of this society—you cannot be elected in England—and in the belfry was assembled a strong muster of local ringers who held the novices whilst the iron was heated. Among those present were Mr. M. J. Hogan (president), Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (ex-president), Messrs. J. A. Atkinson, W. H. Wilson (hon. secretary), Robt. Tait, T. MacMorrán, E. Lutman, G. G. Lindoff, J. W. Townley, A. L. Murray, E. George, G. Lindoff, and several others, including Mr. James Trappitt, of Beddington, in his 78th year, just out of hospital.

Touches of Caters and Cinques were rung, all the bells being brought into play at one time or another according to the particular 'set' we wished to hear. The conductor, like a magician, simply removed a rope to the background and brought forward another, and, 'heigh presto,' a new ring of bells was heard to suit the note of the tenor as required.

Here is a 'belfry' of all the belfries. I have not seen a better in England. Spacious, well fitted and furnished, ample windows and ventilation, good circle and draft of rope; its dark grey stone walls, relieved with white cement pointing, form an excellent background for the coloured sallies, and the plain oak peel boards that reveal the ringing progress of the St. Patrick's Guild for the past 30 years. Since Armistice Day a custom has been carefully maintained at this tower. All ex-Service ringers meet annually and ring an open peel at St. Patrick's, without notice or reminder, until they die out. There are nine—'lucky nine'—left to carry on for 1931.

The evening was spent at Bray, a fashionable seaside town twelve miles out, with a fine bay and esplanade, sheltered by Bray Head, which our tenor lad climbed on foot to balance the extra strain on his upper limbs. Touches for service were rung on the Taylor peel, the local company, some 24 strong, turning up to greet us. I may just mention that they are after the Irish shield for Sunday service ringing. Mr. J. B. Tough, the foreman, is keeping well, and the Rector, the Rev. Chancellor G. D. Scott, still doing duty after 38 years' residence. Alas, Bray and its Vicar sadly reminds me of another Bray and its late Vicar, in Berkshire, who was called from his life work at an early age only a year ago to the regret of all the neighbouring ringers.

Stormy August weather has not been confined to England. Just previous to our landing in Ireland, four inches of rain fell in two

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M.P. AND RINGERS.

A DEVON EXCURSION.

Members of the Exeter District of the Devon Guild and their wives mustered strongly on Saturday, September 12th, for a visit to Mamhead Park by invitation of Sir Robert Newman, M.P., who has a long honorary connection with the Guild. Eight societies were represented, and the company totalled between 60 and 70. Sir Robert received his guests with his customary cordiality, and with the assistance of his brother-in-law (Mr. F. R. Lumley) and the Rector of Mamhead (the Rev. W. Greener, hon. chaplain to the Forces) showed them over the gardens and grounds (which are famous for their cork, ilex and other trees) and the Parish Church (which is close to the Park and has memorials and gifts that are linked with the Newman family). The tower contains a ring of five bells, all cast by Thomas Bilbie, of Culmpton, in 1763. Three have inscriptions showing that James Davis and William Braddon were churchwardens at that time; another bears the name of 'The Honourable William Vaughan, Esq.,' and the remaining bell records the name of the founder. One bell was 'crazed' as long ago as 1884, and at the present time only chiming can be done. Several enthusiastic members of the party examined the bells and fittings, and by tapping the bells found they were of agreeable tone. Subsequently the visitors were taken to the clock tower (which commands some of the most charming views of the Exe Estuary and East Devon coast) and shown the gateway and castle keep (a copy of one in the northern part of the country). As the weather was breaking, tea was provided in the great corridor with its fine collection of statuary. Here handbells, available by the forethought of Mr. W. Howe (hon. secretary), were brought into use, and then the visitors were conducted over the house and shown some of its treasures, which include wonderful tapestries (representing Europe, Asia, Africa and America), Japanese art, Dresden china, and so on. The company grouped outside the entrance for photographing by Mr. H. V. Richards, and the opportunity was taken by Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman of the district) to tender to Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Lumley, and lady relatives the sincere thanks of the visitors for the kindness of the welcome, the hospitality and the courtesies extended in explaining features of the church and house. He remarked that every guest deeply appreciated the kindness of Sir Robert in extending an invitation to visit his beautiful home, and, in expressing a general hope that it might be repeated, suggested, amid much applause, that great pleasure would be felt if by that time Sir Robert had become Lord Mamhead.—Sir Robert, in reply, said he had happy recollections of gatherings of the Guild as a guest, and that it was a great pleasure to act as host on this occasion. He could not hazard any opinion about future events, but trusted that the ringers, having found their way to Mamhead now, would possibly be able to do so again.

From Mamhead one section proceeded to Kenton and Powderham, and another to Kenn and Exminster, where, by the kindness of the incumbents, they were able to have a pull on the bells.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Peter's, Bramley, Leeds. About thirty-six ringers and friends partook of an excellent tea, which had been prepared in the school. The Vicar and churchwarden extended a hearty welcome to all the ringers, to which Mrs. Ryder, the vice-president of the district, suitably replied, according votes of thanks to all who had in any way helped to make the meeting such a success.

A choral service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar. After service the ladies held their meeting, at which two new members were elected—Miss Ashton, of Headingley, and Miss V. Holmes, of Dewsbury. Ringers attended from Essex, Rotherham, Rothwell, Bramley, Headingley, Armley, Bailey, Burnley, and Handsworth, Sheffield, and various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening on both tower and handbells.

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days, and it rained for 42 hours continually. Much damage was done to houses in and near Dublin, and the Lord Mayor's Fund to relieve distress is now nearing the £1,000 mark. It was very doubtful whether we could get to Bray by train, Ballisbridge, crossing the river Dodder, being half demolished, and heavy lattice girders torn from the buttresses. A single track relief line rigged up showed the 'directors' of our party what an Irish 'gang' can do in a very short time. Whilst writing on the weather, it is well to be able to state that our stay of a week was one long spell of sunshine, excepting a few hours on Friday night, and we saw everything with those 'violet coloured eyes and dark sweeping eyelashes' that spell beauty for the colleen as well as her admirers.

In Ireland there are very few 'pussyfoots.' The Irish Free State can offer England a lesson on licensing laws. Our humble Sunday needs were met by special permit from the chief constable, and how we fared at the O'Connell Statue is the private concern of Mr. Murphy. Certainly the sparkling mineral waters matched the wonderful array of jewellery that surrounded our kind host.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANDOVER DISTRICT ORGANISES COMBINED PRACTICES.**

The Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild decided, at the quarterly meeting on Saturday week at Abbott's Ann, to divide the district into three areas for the purpose of organising combined practices. In the course of an interesting discussion two points were emphasised, namely, the necessity of instructors and the desirability of experienced ringers visiting towers in their area, especially where there is a young band. The hope was expressed that the second point particularly would be taken to heart by the older and more experienced members of the Guild. The charge was levelled that many were unwilling to visit strange towers, more especially those with only five bells, and it was pointed out that visits to other bellfries increased a ringer's experience, whatever number of bells he was used to ringing, while those who had only five bells to ring often needed more encouragement. To visit and help them made them feel that they were members of a Guild and not isolated units left to get on as best they could. The Guild would like to see every tower possess six bells at least, and it was urged that ringers should do their best to foster the idea, as it was felt that where the ringers themselves were keen, the parishioners would back them up.

As a result of the discussion combined practice areas were arranged as follows: Whitechurch area: St. Mary Bourne, Laverstoke, Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors. Andover area: Over Wallop, Nether Wallop, Abbott's Ann, Wherwell, Tangle, Thruxton and Ampert. Highclere area: East Woodhay, Woolton Hill, Burchclere, Newtown and Sydmonton. The instructors appointed were: Whitechurch area, Mr. F. Cluett; Andover area, Mr. O. Smart, sen.; and Highclere area, Mr. H. Knapp. The first practices will be at Whitechurch on October 10th, Andover November 7th, Highclere December 5th, all at 5.30, and it is hoped that all who can will attend. The instructors will do all they can to help towers in their respective areas when asked, and it is felt that if the plan is well backed up, great improvement in ringing in the district will result.

The meeting at which these arrangements were made was attended by nearly thirty ringers from Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Andover, Abbott's Ann, Highclere, Newtown, Nether Wallop, Over Wallop, Wootton, Whitechurch and Winchester. Service was conducted by the hon. secretary (Rev. F. S. H. Marle), and tea in the Village Hall was followed by the business meeting, at which, in the absence of the Vicar, Mrs. Steedman took the chair.

Abbott's Ann tower was affiliated as from January 1st, 1922, and the following members of the tower elected: Messrs. E. W. Chaplin, R. H. Annetts, S. Fry, D. Oram and H. H. Warwick. Miss Cross, Miss Roxburgh and Mr. F. Cluett, of Whitechurch, were also elected members of the Guild.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
TOWCESTER BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch was held on Saturday at Cold Higham. Ringers were present from most of the towers in the branch with a few visitors. The branch's form of service was used, with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' sung to the original tune. Tea was partaken of in the Rectory, and thanks are due to the energetic secretary (Rev. R. Howes) and his helpers. The ringing was very encouraging. Several Minor methods were rung for the first time, and several ringers had their first attempt at Stedman. Methods included Grandsire, Bob, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LADY'S FIRST QUARTER AS CONDUCTOR.

At St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, on Saturday, September 19th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Rabbitts 1, A. Cutmore 2, M. N. Haines 3, W. Daniell 4, Miss K. Bradford (conductor) 5, E. Goater 6, C. W. Pipe 7, P. E. Hawthorne 8. Miss Bradford's first quarter-peal as conductor. It was rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to Mr. Edward A. Morris, captain of the local band, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major.

A QUERY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On perusing the columns of 'The Ringing World' for September 18th I read an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples having been rung at Thatcham, Berks, on Saturday, September 12th. When reading the 'Reading Mercury' and Oxford Gazette' for September 19th I found the same peal reported as a peal of Stedman Triples under Thatcham news. Which is correct?

If our official organ, 'The Ringing World,' is correct, the latter report may be very misleading to many ringers, as the 'Reading Mercury' is widely read in Berks, Bucks, Hants, Oxon, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex and Wilts.

Thanking you for finding space for this, yours etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

[We think our report is probably the correct one. The composition was given as 'Holt's Ten Part.'—Ed., 'R.W.']

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW.—On September 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Dawson 1, G. Green (conductor) 2, A. Bartholomew 3, Miss W. Linn 4, P. Felton 5, H. Pennack 6, Dr. Spencer Phillips 7, P. Green 8.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Sunday, September 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Simons 1, G. Marlborough 2, J. C. Jackson 3, J. E. Rootes 4, C. Cook 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, A. Deamer 7, T. Norris 8. Rung for harvest festival, and also as a farewell to Mr. J. C. Jackson, who is shortly leaving the district.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 20th, for evensong, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): E. J. Cole (first in the method) 1, H. H. Fearn 2, R. F. Deal (London) 3, G. E. Lurge 4, G. E. Fearn 5, O. G. Norman 6, J. Neal 7, A. E. Norman (conductor) 8.

BOOTLE, LANCs.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evensong, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob) in 40 mins.: *W. Cleator 1, D. Parry 2, *L. Corteen 3, J. Brown 4, *Jas. McKee 5, John McKee (longest touch as conductor) 6. *Longest touch. Credit is due to the treble man, whose longest length previously was 120 changes.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: *E. Saunders 1, W. Birtwhistle (conductor) 2, *A. Platt 3, J. Langstroth 4, J. Jones 5, Dr. Wales 6, L. French 7, W. Bradley 8. *First quarter-peal. Arranged for Mr. J. Langstroth, who was on a visit to his native village.

LUTON, BEDS.—On September 13th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, John Davies 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Shane 8. Arranged for Mr. John Davies, of Cardiff, on a visit to his old tower after 20 years, also the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. King.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. H. King 1, George Thurgood 2, E. A. Hall 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. Bowden 6, H. Ellis 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 47 mins.: C. Walklate 1, F. Kirk 2, W. H. L. Buckingham 3, J. Blow 4, F. Kirk, jun., 5, H. D. Bickel 6, F. W. Allen 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

NETHERTON.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, on August 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: B. Boote 1, H. Hill 2, J. Round 3, A. Prestidge, jun., 4, T. A. Townsend 5, A. Round 6, A. Prestidge, sen. (conductor) 7, Hy. Hubball 8. All the ringers are regular members of St. Andrew's company.

DEATH OF OLD WALSALL RINGER.

With the passing of Frank Hallsworth, whose death occurred on September 10th at the age of 79 years, Walsall has lost its oldest ringer. He became a member of St. Matthew's band in 1870, and in 1887 succeeded his father, Mr. William Hallsworth, as steeplekeeper, and held that position for about 40 years, when he retired owing to increasing infirmity. His last peal, one of Stedman Caters, was rung on his birthday in 1913. He was one of the two honorary life members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

He leaves three sons and one daughter, the eldest son, Major W. Hallsworth, who is in India, being a ringer. The interment at Queen Street Cemetery, where his wife was buried 40 years ago, was preceded by a service in St. Matthew's Church. As a last tribute a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted by the local band, but it unfortunately came to grief shortly after half-way.

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NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hill Farrance (6 bells) on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Milfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckfield, on Saturday, September 26th. Service 4 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Penn on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pinhoe on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, September 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Good bus service every twenty minutes from Sheffield to Deepcar on Stockbridge. As the financial year of the association ends September 30th, will members pay outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wool on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Puddletown and West Lulworth) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at West Hendred, on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. J. J. Antrobus). All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 54th annual festival of this association will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 26th. A meeting of the committee will be held at the Three Tuns Hotel at noon, and dinner at 2 p.m. in the same hotel, at a charge of 2s. 6d. to members and 3s. to non-members. Festival service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. The bells of St. Oswald's (6) and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available for ringers after 12 noon, and the Cathedral (8) at 12.30 and 5 p.m. Chester-le-Street bells (8) will also be available after 6.30 p.m.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 26th. The following towers, by kind permission, will be open from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.: Town Hall, Manchester; St. Thomas, Pendleton; St. John, Miles Platting. The Feoffees of Chetham's Hospital have given permission for a party to be shown through. Meet at the gates at 2 p.m. Charge, 1s. each. 3.30 p.m.: Service in the Cathedral. Preacher: The Ven. N. L. Aspinwall, M.A., Archdeacon of Manchester. 5 p.m.: Tea at the Mitre Hotel, at 1s. 9d. each. 6 p.m.: Meeting in the Schoolroom, Chetham's Hospital.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Oct. 1st and 29th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.), and *St. Paul's 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.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 28th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 26th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. John's, Hillingdon, October 31st.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, September 30th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. at both churches, St. Mary's and St. John's. Tea will be served at St. John's Hall at 5 p.m. (kindly given by Col. Nash). Ringers' service at St. John's to follow. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Please make an effort to come and make a record meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 30th.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at Sowerby, near Halifax, on Saturday, October 3rd. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who send word not later than Monday, September 28th, 1s. 6d. each, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Shrivenham on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.45. Those requiring tea notify T. Dike, High Street, Shrivenham, by October 1st.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, October 3rd. Ringing from 3.30. Service 5. Kindly notify the secretary if you intend to be present at tea.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Winhill on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A good meeting is desired. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, October 1st? — A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Corby on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. You are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend.—H. Baxter, Braddon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Twynning, Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify secretary by Wednesday, Sept. 30th.—H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 30th?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Cavendish, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6), rehung by Taylors, available from 3; also Glemsford (6). Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me by Oct. 1st for tea.—H. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the New Inn 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Oct. 3rd. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, for all members notifying me on or before Sept. 30th.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, at 4.30, in the Church Hall, followed by short business meeting. Twyford bells available after the meeting.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells, Holy Trinity (8) and Christ Church (8), ready 3 p.m. Guild service at Holy Trinity 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—Ring of 6 bells restored by Taylor's, of Loughborough. Ringers' Festival, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Church Room. Application for tea tickets, 1s, to reach Mr. Tom Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, by first post Thursday, Oct. 1st.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Ford End on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will all those who will be present at the tea please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 30th? — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—Dedication by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander of the two new trebles by Taylors to complete the octave, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Wilby (8) Oct. 10th. Tea, 9d. each, at 4.30, at the School. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting in Church Hall. Tea, 1s. per head, only to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, not later than Oct. 8th. Friends from neighbouring societies most welcome. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells of St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Messrs. Griffiths, Mercer's Row, at 5 p.m., when a presentation will be made to Mr. R. G. Black, General Sec., on the occasion of his recent marriage.—F. Wilford, Master.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The F. A. Milne memorial will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of Mrs. Rowland, daughter of the late F. A. Milne, in the Salisbury Hotel at 5 p.m., but only to those who advise me by October 6th. A meeting of the North and East District will be held after tea. Bells available during the afternoon from 3 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Joint Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — The next meeting will be held at Tring on Oct. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Wood), followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th? — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. will be made, should reach Mr. L. W. G. Morris, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 20th. An endeavour will be made to make peal arrangements for those who so desire on the Saturday morning, if sufficient applications are received.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District. — The next meeting to be held at Guildford has been unavoidably postponed until Saturday, Oct. 24th. Please reserve the date. Full particulars later. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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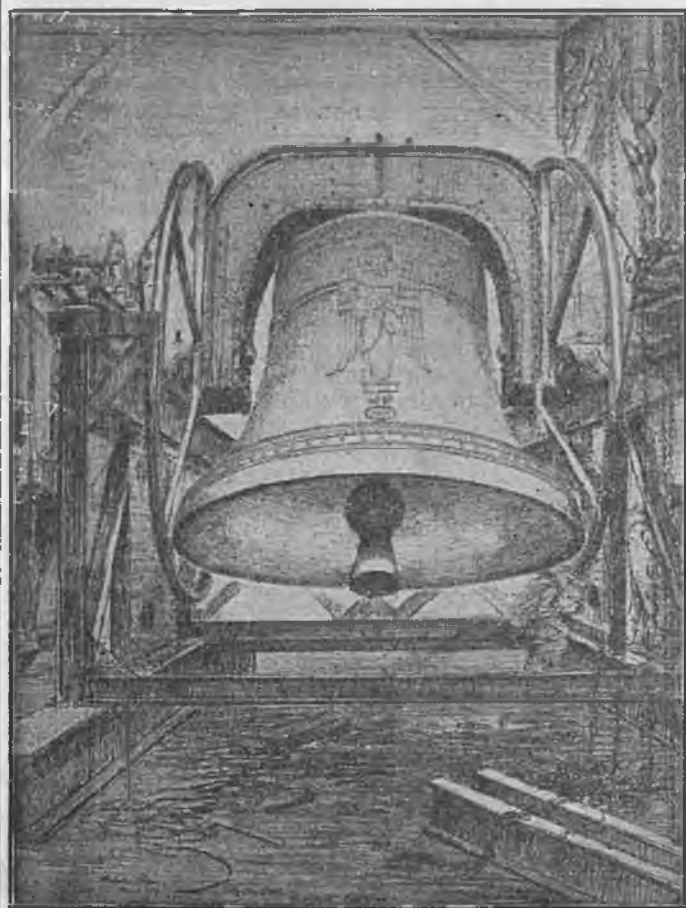
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The tablet to commemorate the Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on November 8th last year has been unveiled. The wording has been carefully drafted, but, even so, we venture to suggest that the record may be open to misapprehension in future. It is true that the performance is not described as a peal, but in generations to come, when actual recollections of the event have vanished and people turn to this commemorative tablet for what they will believe to be the best evidence of what was done on that day in 1931, it may well be that it will create the impression that this was a true peal, 'otherwise,' we can imagine them asking, 'why should it be recorded?' Everyone who understands ringing gives the band credit for their feat of endurance, but endurance by itself is not even the first essential of a peal. The primary essential is that it shall be true, and no effort in change ringing is really worth placing on permanent record unless, first and foremost, it *is* true.

Writing when the falseness of the composition was first revealed, the conductor said the Painswick Youths made their own rules and still claimed to have rung the greatest number of true changes on twelve bells, because more than sixteen thousand had been rung before the repetition occurred. We pointed out at the time that, from the beginning of ringing history, falseness in a peal irretrievably condemned the whole, and no portion picked out from the remainder was entitled to a claim to any honour. The Painswick Youths have, apparently, a different standard, a standard which, we think, the Exercise at large will not envy. In these days, when everyone knows what happened, ringers can, perhaps, afford to smile at the erection of this tablet, but future generations may be misled by it, not by what is recorded on it—although even in that respect it may be open to criticism—but by what it omits to say.

If this tablet is to be any more than a passing compliment to the twelve men who rang Painswick bells for over 11½ hours on end, if it is to stand as a record for posterity to read and by it to judge rightly the merits of the performance, it should have been frankly stated that the composition was false. That would not have taken away the 'endurance' credit, but it would have put the achievement in the place it ought to occupy. There is nothing in the wording to lead future ringers to suppose that it was anything but a true peal, and it gives to the composer a credit which, in the light of the actual facts, is not deserved. We are sorry that any of the Painswick Youths should have assented to the erection of this tablet, which seems to have been due to a misdirected sense of

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admiration on the part of the public, who, of course, only appreciate the physical aspect of such a performance and are entirely ignorant of all the recognised canons of the art of ringing. In our opinion the erection of this tablet is a mistake. We are afraid it will be a laughing stock for living ringers and misleading to those who read it in the years to come.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES 2	*ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
*ALFRED ADAMS 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
JOHN C. ADAMS 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
†HARRY HIGGINS 6	†HENRY E. GREEN Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal. Rung in the Octave of St. Matthew for the Dedication Festival and as a birthday peal for J. C. Adams and A. T. Dutton. All the above are regular service ringers at St. Matthew's.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 6
HARRY OVERTON 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 8
JAMES H. RIDING 4	*PERCY SWINDLEY 9
HAROLD EDWARDS 5	J. WILLIAM EDGE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Carew, M.A.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	HAROLD WALKER 6
*HAROLD MARCON 2	*JACK BRAY 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES 8
†GEORGE W. CREASEY 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN 9
*H. LESLIE PASK 5	†BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. Tenor

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* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	*OLIVER GREATHEAD 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	ARNOLD HAIGH 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by G. HILL.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method.

MORBURY, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER and LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

W. H. MITCHELL Treble	H. DRANSFIELD 5
H. PICKLES 2	J. MILNER 6
H. ROWLEY 3	G. GOLDSTRAW 7
E. PICKLES 4	R. THICKET Tenor

Conducted by H. ROWLEY.

* First peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CYRIL JONES Treble	ARTHUR NEWALL 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
RONALD G. JONES 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 4	LEONARD MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... Treble	HARRY EVERS 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 6
*ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM DENT 4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. NEWSON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD

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

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	PERCY E. CLARK 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 4	EDWARD HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and a birthday compliment to Gilbert R. Goodship.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5156 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY STAPLEYON ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	AMCS SMART 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	FREDERICK J. CDLLUM, JUN. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Superlative.

TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ERNEST JONES Treble	ERNEST L. HOMPHRIS ... 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
*JAMES MELDRUM 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung by special request on the occasion of the opening of the new Parish Hall.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	THOMAS W. WRIGHT ... 5
CECIL E. CARR 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JOSEPH BEALE 3	FRED COTTON 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER 4	GEORGE THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	*CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
JOHN W. UNWIN 2	FREDERICK DIGBY 6
OSCAR GILBEY 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

KRITH HART Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
ROBERT SWIFT 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	CECIL NICE 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Germanus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN H. GLUYAS Treble	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 5
*H. FRED S. MYERS 2	G. HARRY MYERS 6
THOMAS G. MYERS 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Gluyas, also as a farewell to the Rev. C. G. Roff Silvester. Four of the band rang in a peal of Stedman Triples on the Vicar's induction in May, 1927.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	EDWARD C. GOBBY 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. The conductor has now called 100 different compositions of Stedman Triples for the M.C.A.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR BELL Treble	WILLIAM ILLSLEY 5
†CECIL WALMSLEY 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
MISS M. CLAYTON 3	JAMES HARRISON 7
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 4	GEORGE HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. Hamlet to the Vicariate of the above church, which took place the previous day.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

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

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES H. PERRY Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM HEATH 4	REES JAMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor and first attempt. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. The ringer of the 2nd has now completed the circle in this tower, and the ringer of the treble has now done it for the second time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING Treble	PERCY L. JOHNSON 4
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
*KEITH W. WHITTLE 3	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in six methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. V. Johnson, of Crawley, Sussex, who was on holiday in the district.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, with varied callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. E. BERRIDGE Treble	*MRS. A. SCOTT 4
MRS. L. EAST 2	*MISS N. CAWTHORNE ... 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	MISS K. BURCHNALL Tenor

Conducted by MISS G. BURCHNALL.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, 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, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
DENNIS R. MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINGOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	GEORGE LADD 4
ARTHUR J. FARR 2	HARRY NICHOLLS 5
*ARTHUR GROUND 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST E. WOODAGE Treble	GEORGE WAGHORN 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	JOHN J. BASSETT 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	ARTHUR P. CANNON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who hails from Deal, and it was his first peal on a working bell. It was rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect for Rev. E. J. Wild, who had been priest-in-charge of the above church on two occasions, and was buried at Wadhurst on September 18th.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, September 20th, at St. Paul's Church, 720 changes of Bob Minor on the front six bells: S. Ainger 1, W. Leech 2, J. H. Swinfield 3, A. Sharp 4, W. W. Worthington 5, M. Swinfield (conductor) 6.

NORTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

SIDNEY ELLIOTT Treble	ERNEST A. MARSH 3
GEORGE A. HOLLICK 2	FRED WOODING 4
RONALD RUSSELL Tenor	

Conducted by G. A. HOLLICK.

First peal as conductor.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CLAUDE J. W. SIMMS Treble	†MRS. C. V. EBBERSON 4
GEORGE A. COOKE 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
GORDON L. DYE 3	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. COOKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY PERRINS Treble	SIDNEY THOMPSON 4
*CHARLES RICHARDS 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
JOHN BASS 3	*PERCY RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROSSITER Treble	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 4
JOHN E. METCALFE 2	*ARTHUR C. KINGSTON 5
*C. FRANK VEASEY 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD Tenor

Conducted by E. G. L. COWARD.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the treble.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CHARLES FIELD Treble	†CESAR DAVIS 4
CECIL MOGFORD 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
*GEORGE PALMER 3	SIDNEY ROWE Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in two methods 'inside.' This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Pentre Rhondda, Glamorganshire.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS P. MARJORIE LEACH ... 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal in the method.

A NORTHERN TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a tour in the six northern counties:—

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

JOHN THORPE Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES F. DUFFIELD 9
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
ALBERT W. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. F. Palmer.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the county and by the association.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JAMES BENNETT 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 8
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
CHARLES T. COLES 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.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Treble	*WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
*CHARLES L. RUTLEDGE 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5	ALBERT W. COLES 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Cathedral Church of the One and Undivided Trinity,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

First peal in the method in the county.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS

First Surprise peal in the county.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

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

First Surprise peal on the bells.

(A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE PAINSWICK 'PEAL.'

A TABLET UNVEILED.

The 224th anniversary of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths was celebrated on Saturday week, on which occasion a tablet to commemorate 'the ringing of 17,687 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours 35 minutes, on Saturday, 8th, November, 1930,' was unveiled and dedicated. The story of this 'peal' is well known. In February, 1920, a peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques was rung in Painswick and remained the record length on twelve bells until on August Bank Holiday, 1929, the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. Thereafter the Painswick men made a series of attempts to regain the record, which culminated on November 8th, 1930, in a 'peal' of 17,687 Grandsire Cinques. When, however, in the following January, the figures of the composition were published in 'The Ringing World,' it was quickly discovered that they contained a false lead, and the record went by the board.

The unsuccessful performance, nevertheless, has been permanently recorded in Painswick Church, and it was unveiled by the conductor of the peal, Mr. Albert Wright.

According to the Gloucester 'Citizen,' the tablet bears the following inscription: 'This tablet commemorates the ringing of 17,686 changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours 32 (35) minutes on Saturday, 8th November, 1930.' Then follow the names of the ringers: H. Phelps (treble), T. Baldwin, W. Ireland, E. H. Stoneley, L. Barry, A. Wright, S. T. Price, W. Staite, A. G. Hannis, J. D. G. Harris, J. F. Ballinger, J. George (tenor). The tablet adds: 'Weight of tenor, 25 cwt. Composed and conducted by Albert Wright.'

The Vicar, before dedicating the tablet, said they had come together that day to unveil a tablet which was to commemorate a great feat of endurance. This was not done in pride, but as an act of justice. They realised that even the best they could do always had its faults, but they tried to tell the truth as it stood, believing that God desired mercy and not sacrifice, and so they were ready to commit themselves and their deeds into His keeping, knowing that the Almighty was also the All merciful.

The Vicar afterwards dedicated the tablet with the prayer: 'Accept, O Lord, this memorial of endurance and skill and deliver us from all pride and uncharitableness, for Jesus Christ's sake.'

The Gloucester 'Citizen' adds:

'Many of the ringers who assisted in the establishment of the record were present, and later the annual dinner of the society took place at the Golden Hart Inn, when members from many parts of the country assembled. Mr. Albert Wright presided, and among those replying to the toast of "The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths" was Mr. James George (Birmingham), who is nearing his 80th birthday, and who was the ringer of the tenor bell in the record created last November, since when he has suffered a serious illness in no way connected with that feat of endurance. He pronounced himself fit to stand at the ropes for another twelve hours if called upon to do so!'

A 'SILENT' 720.

At Lavenham, Suffolk, on September 11th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (non-conducted): A. Symonds 1-2, S. H. Symonds 3-4, M. T. Symonds 5-6. These three ringers have now rung, non-conducted, the extent of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

KNOWLE BELLS AUGMENTED TO EIGHT.**WARWICKSHIRE RING IMPROVED.**

A visitor to the village of Knowle can scarcely believe he is but a stepping-stone from the great commercial city of Birmingham, for this village endeavours to retain all its old-world associations; its Guild Hall, adjacent to the church, dates back a great many years, whilst the wrought iron sign outside the Swan Inn, near to the church, is of the early 15th century. The church was founded in 1402 and is famous for its statuary and wood carvings. It occupies a commanding position abutting the main road.

Whilst retaining its old-fashionedness in many ways, Knowle has seen that, so far as its bells are concerned, it has moved with the times. To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 the three bells were recast and three new bells added, making a ring of six, James Barwell, of Birmingham, carrying out this work. Some few months ago the 5th bell cracked, so Taylors were called in.

It was decided to have the cracked bell recast, also to hang the peal with new gudgeons and ball bearings. Mr. Williams, one of the churchwardens, then offered to give a new bell, and eventually two new trebles to complete the ring of eight were ordered, and the dedication of these took place on Saturday, September 19th, by the Ven. Archdeacon of Aston, who preached a most homely and interesting sermon. Mr. E. Denison Taylor was present as founder of the recast 5th and two new trebles, and besides a quartet of lieutenants from Loughborough, there were visitors from the Birmingham and Coventry districts and neighbouring towers, in addition to Mr. Harry Webb, of Croft, and Mr. R. F. Deal, of London.

Some excellent ringing took place, and it was surprising to note how the recast and new bells, with their wonderful carrying power, seemed to wrap up the deficiencies which previously were so noticeable to those who had formerly known the old peal of six. The three 'Taylor' bells have certainly made a splendid improvement, and Knowle Parish Church now possesses a very handy and most pleasing ring of eight bells.

Through the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Downing, and the churchwardens, the clergy and visitors were invited to tea, and, with the weather on its best behaviour, everyone present had a most enjoyable time.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, Sunday, September 20th, 1,239 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. H. Hollier 3, C. Winney 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. W. Driver 8, C. F. Hunt 9, William Butler 10.

THE BELLS OF BULWICK.

One hears so much to-day of complaints about the ringing of bells that it is quite refreshing and decidedly encouraging to read that occasionally a peal—be it ever so humble—meets with appreciation. The following notice respecting a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Bulwick (near Stamford), Northamptonshire, recorded in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' appeared in various local papers:—

'Ringers rang a special peal of bells in the Parish Church on Saturday last in 2 hours and 40 minutes. The accomplishment was 5,040 Grandsire Doubles (42 six-score with ten different callings). According to records kept, this is the first occasion for 30 years that the above result has been attained. . . . We should like to congratulate those five gentlemen (i.e., the ringers) on their performance, also to state how much their efforts were appreciated. May we, like Oliver Twist, ask for more?'

While the opening phrase may, perhaps, exaggerate the merits of the performance, there is no doubt about the enthusiasm expressed in the concluding line.

The five bells in this tower are inscribed as follows:—

- 1 + OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. 1629.
- 2 + NON CLAMOR SED AMOR CANTAT IN AVRE DEI. 1629.
- 3 + OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. 1630.
- 4 + **JOHN TAYLOR & CO., FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH.** A.D. 1859.
- 5 JOHN MASON W BELLEMIE CH. WA. 1648.

The treble is hung above the other bells and the whole ring sadly needs the attention of the bellhanger.

The treble, 2nd and 3rd bells are from the old Stamford Foundry of the Norrisses, who had a habit of reversing the N's in their inscriptions.

The bench ends in the church were carved by a former Rector, this task occupying his leisure hours for many years. Each is different and one represents King David playing on bells, while another shows a bell in a circle which bears the inscription and date seen on the treble bell. It would be interesting to know if any readers are aware of other carvings showing bells or ringing, apart from the carvings of campanarii at Belton (Lines), Winwick (Lancs) and Stoke Dry (Rutland).

As the inhabitants of Bulwick are so appreciative as to 'ask for more,' may one venture to hope that such interest has been aroused as will prompt them to have their bells overhauled and add a treble, so that the next peal may be one of Minor? F. R. N.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

With the idea of attempting a 'Percy peal,' Mr. P. Amos, of 13, Bedale Road, Wellingborough, would be pleased to hear from any ringer who is interested, and with the Christian name Percy. Three others are still required to complete the team, for either Grandsire Triples or Bob Major.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Dudley on September 19th should have been credited to the Dudley and District Guild, whose name ought to have appeared above that of the Worcestershire Association in the report printed in our last issue.

Is it true, as reported in a Gloucester paper, that Mr. James George has said he is fit for another twelve hours at the rope end?

On Wednesday in last week Mr. C. R. Lilley rang his 150th peal of Grandsire Triples, of which he has conducted 130 in 100 different towers and in 24 counties. He has actually rung peals of Grandsire Triples in 25 counties and Holt's Ten-part in 91 towers. He has called this composition 82 times. He has called Holt's Original from every bell and a number of other compositions in this method.

The tour in the North of England, which concluded on Saturday, was highly successful. Thirteen peals were rung, which, with the exception of one of Stedman Cinques, were all in Surprise methods, viz.: Cambridge Maximus 2, Cambridge Royal 3, Cambridge Major 1, London 3, Superlative 1, Bristol 2. Six counties were visited.

Some well-known ringers, says a correspondent, who recently 'lost' the 12-bell record, are contemplating a 'peal' of 20,000 rounds, and intend suitably recording same if successful. Will anybody volunteer to count the rows to ensure the TRUTH of the peal?

THE MINOR METHODS 'COLLECTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the letter of the Rev. E. S. Powell in your issue of September 11th, I have now the authority of the members of the Methods Committee to mark the Alliance Methods, Nos. 66-70, 'cancelled' in all copies that I send out.

Will those who have already purchased copies take notice of this, as the significance of the word 'cancelled' is not exactly that of 'false'?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION'S RINGING COMPETITION. GREAT SUCCESS OF THE FIRST VENTURE.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held their first ringing competition at Kirkby Wiske, near Northallerton, on Saturday, September 19th, this being the autumn meeting of the association. It was with much trepidation that the officers arranged this contest, but it was such a huge success that there is not the slightest doubt that others will follow.

Over 60 members attended the meeting, which is a record number since pre-war days, the towers represented being Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Ripon, Thirsk, Sharow, Felixkirke, Richmond, Darlington (Holy Trinity and St. John's) and Kirkby Stephen. The local band were, of course, in full attendance. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the visit made to it by the Helmsley band, who were on their annual outing, and, judging from their remarks, it will not be the last meeting of the Cleveland Association they will attend.

Five teams from towers were entered for the competition, which consisted only of raising, rounds and lowering. This stipulation was made to encourage struggling bands and to increase the interest taken in good raising and falling. The association feels that these two sections of ringing are often neglected, in spite of the fact that they are the most important from the point of view of the listener. In addition to teams from Thirsk, Felixkirke, Richmond, Middlesbrough and Helmsley towers, teams were entered by Messrs. Burnett and Hudson. The judge was Mr. T. Metcalfe, the secretary of the association.

After tea, to which over 60 members and friends sat down, the judge gave his criticisms of the ringing. He said that he was delighted with the good quality of the ringing and surprised at the high standard of it. He urged the importance of good raising and lowering, as these were the first and last sounds the congregation heard of the bells. He gave tips and hints, and pointed out improvements which could be made in the ringing of each team, and showed faults which should be eradicated. He finally declared that Middlesbrough were the first and Thirsk the second in order of merit of the tower teams.

His remarks and hints were received with much approbation from the competitors.

Several new members were elected, and after votes of thanks had been passed to the churchwardens for their kindness in granting the use of the bells, and to the Kirkby Wiske ringers and their helpers in providing such a bountiful tea, the ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

Touches of London, Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob Minor were rung at various times during the day, and when the ringers finally dispersed to their several homes all felt that still another successful and happy meeting of the Cleveland Association had taken place.

J. C. P.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

Subscribers to the fund for the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions are asked to do so without delay. They should be sent either to

The Editor,

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Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer of the fund, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The reopening of the bells and the celebration of the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman is tentatively fixed for Saturday, December 5th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, when members were present from Ranmoor and St. Marie's, Sheffield, Ecclesfield, Arksey, Wortley, Handsworth and the local company, with a visitor from Essex. Owing to a funeral at the church, ringing was delayed, but a few good touches were brought round before tea.

At the business meeting Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president) occupied the chair, and one new member, Mr. J. H. Sykes, of Penistone, was elected.

For the next quarterly meeting in December the secretary suggested that he should try and arrange a joint meeting with the Barnsley and Doncaster Societies at Rawmarsh if possible, and it was left in his hands to make the necessary arrangements.

Votes of thanks to the local company and to the chairman for presiding concluded the meeting.

A HINT TO WESTERN DIVISION TOWERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Otley on Saturday last, when members attended from Guiseley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Keighley, Bradford, Armley, Calverley, Leeds, Shipley, Ilkley, Denholme, Holbeck, Burley and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung in various methods, and tea was partaken of in the Red Lion Hotel.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schools, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the association. Three new members were elected—G. W. Hewitt, J. Hewitt (Earlsheaton) and A. S. Hick (Tadcaster). The clashing of the meeting with the Leeds and District meeting at Idle was discussed, and it was suggested that to avoid this in future an endeavour should be made to arrange a joint meeting.

Lindley was chosen for the next meeting, if it could be arranged.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. R. Thomas, and carried. In proposing a vote of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made, Mr. P. J. Johnson said he regretted that the visits of the Yorkshire Association were not taken as seriously as they used to be by the local companies, who in days gone by went to considerable trouble and expense to welcome the members not as visitors, but as friends.—The chairman seconded the proposition and this was also carried.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall, in reminding the members of the Snowdon dinner, to be held in Leeds on Saturday, October 24th, said that the president of Central Council and the Vicar of Leeds would be present and asked for the full support of the members.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that the support of the Western District members at these dinners in the past had been very disappointing, and hoped that at least one member from every tower would be present.

This concluded the meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

THE PEAL AT THATCHAM, BERKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I can hardly imagine my old friend, Mr. George Gilbert, doubting the correctness of the above peal as appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

Yes, George! the official organ is correct; the peal was Grandsire and was sent in by the conductor in the usual way. Undoubtedly the report appearing in the 'Reading Mercury' was collected by one who was no authority on ringing.

I once saw Grandsire Triples described in a local paper as 'Grandsires Triples.'

Surely ringers in the places mentioned take in 'The Ringing World' and look to that as containing the correct description.

As this peal was arranged for me whilst visiting the district, I should not like my first peal for the Oxford Guild to be wrongly interpreted, and advise ringers to look to 'The Ringing World' as the proper authority in the matter of peal ringing.—Yours faithfully,
FRED M. MITCHELL.

HENLOW BELLS AUGMENTED.

BEDFORDSHIRE NOW HAS ANOTHER RING OF SIX.

A new treble bell has been added to the ring at Henlow, Beds, and was dedicated on Saturday week by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander. The other five bells have been put in repair. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have carried out the contract with their customary efficiency. The bells have a very pleasant tone and make a very nice peal of six. They are hung on ball bearings.



HENLOW CHURCH, BEDS.

The new treble is inscribed, 'A.M.D.G. George William Sanctuary, Schoolmaster 37 years, Churchwarden 21 years, of Henlow. Died December 19th, 1930. Youth, Manhood, Old Age Past, Come to Thy God at last.'

Three other bells by Miles Gray are inscribed:—

2nd: Miles Gray made me 1630.

3rd: God save our King 1628.

4th: Miles Graie fecit 1638.

The 5th, cast at St. Neots foundry by J. Eayre in 1750, bears the inscription 'Cum Voco venite Thomas Tristram Church Warden.'

The tenor was originally made or recast in 1638 with the 2nd and 4th, but was recast in 1877, and bears the name of the Rev. W. Holesworth, the late Vicar.

A good company of ringers assembled for the dedication, upwards of 30 being present from the following towers: Biggleswade, Clifton, Arlesey, Southill, Sandy, Bedford, Northill, Bromham, Keysoe and Henlow.

After the local company had opened the bells some very good touches were brought round, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine and Cambridge Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles all being rung. The bells were kept going till late in the evening and were very much appreciated by the parishioners.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Watford, Herts, before morning service, on Sunday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 51 mins.: H. G. Milton 1, E. P. Palmer 2, S. E. Edwards 3, S. H. Haure 4, H. L. Long 5, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 6, F. H. Crook 7, R. G. Bell 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ronald W. R. Picton, an energetic member of the Watford band for some years, who was married at this church the previous day. The band wish Mr. and Mrs. Picton many years of happiness.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 607.)

XV. THE CLAVIS.

After the trouble of 1787, William Jones left the St. Martin's band and took refuge with the ringers of his own district, with whom he seems to have kept in pretty close touch throughout his life. He rang three or four peals in 1787 and 1788 at Fulham, Battersea and Kensington. Probably he hoped with their aid to revive the fortunes of the old society, but Irons' action put an end to that hope. There was now only one Society of College Youths, and so Jones went over to the Cumberlands. He joined them on February 10th, 1789, and in that year and 1791 he called a couple of peals of Bob Major for them, one his own composition. In 1791 he returned finally to his own district and made no more changes. He was now once more a College Youth, but he seems to have had nothing to do with headquarters. He continued peal ringing for the next twenty years, scoring his last in 1812, when he must have been getting an old man.

William Irons joined the Cumberlands on August 4th, 1788. In 1790 he was elected Master, and when he died he left that society the property he had brought from the College Youths. What happened to it afterwards is a story which can be told later.

In the midst of these stirring times the 'Clavis' was born. It came out in the early part of 1788, and on the title page were the names of William Jones, John Reeves, and Thomas Blakemore (Note 23). These three had been pulling different ways for a long time and were now hopelessly divided. Although all three were, according to the standard of the times, great peal ringers, there was only one five thousand in which all of them took part. This was a peal of Bob Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on August 28th, 1785. It was composed and conducted by Reeves. The composition was a one-part in forty-three courses (fourteen bobs Before) and has the Sixth twelve times each way. It is given in Shipway's book.

The Norwich visit closely followed this peal, and the rivalry between Reeves and Blakemore soon came to a head. Blakemore appears to have been conscious of his own great abilities as composer and conductor, and was jealous of his colleague's still greater abilities. It is impossible now to judge between the two, but posterity has done Blakemore something less than justice. His name is unknown to present-day ringers, and his compositions do not appear in any ringing books, while Reeves is universally acknowledged as one of the great ringers of all time and his peals are still rung. Yet it would be surprising if some of the peals in the 'Clavis' were not the work of the lesser known man. The rivalry between these two was, as we have seen, the factor which decided the fate of the old Society of College Youths.

For the moment Blakemore has got everything his own way. At St. Martin's he was supreme. His rival was gone. The most active and skilful members of both societies of College Youths were at his disposal, and on October 6th, 1788, he achieved his ambition and called the first peal of Stedman Cinques, his own composition. The length was 6,204. In addition to Blakemore, the band included Christopher Wells, Inville and Williamson, from the old society; and Donkin, Povey, Worster,

Lyford, Sylvester and Pilgrim from the junior society. Hammett and Lawrence were members of a band which was ringing peals at Fulham and the district. Almost as interesting are the names of those who did not ring. Besides Reeves and the tenor man, five of the 1787 Stedman Caters band were not included. Of the junior company, Holdsworth (Note 24) and Monk and Samuel Muggeridge and Winstanley Richardson were dropped. Monk had been ringing peals regularly since 1755. He rang one on July 12th, 1788, and then no more till a peal of Treble Bob Major in 1792, the first on Leatherhead bells. This was his last peal. He died in his seventyninth year and was buried at Camberwell.

The collapse of the ancient society left the ground clear for the junior company. They removed their headquarters and belongings from the Barley Mow to the Barn (Note 25) and assumed the rights and traditions of the old Society of College Youths. Presently they added the word Ancient to their title. Up till then the title had been the Society of College Youths, whether borne by the old or the junior company. As was the custom in the eighteenth century, people sometimes added fancy or complimentary adjectives. Thus Stedman calls them the 'noble' society and the 'honoured' society, and elsewhere they are the 'ancient' and 'respectable' society. As the survival of a similar thing, there are still the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers and the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, and suchlike.

When the adjective 'ancient' is used of the society between the years 1756 and 1788 it always means, as in the 'Clavis,' the original society, which afterwards lapsed, in contradistinction to the other and newer company which was using the same name.

NOTE 23. Blakemore was a bookseller of 4, Dorby Court, Piccadilly.

NOTE 24. Joseph Holdsworth held a position in the Post Office.

NOTE 25. 'The Barn' was pulled down when Trafalgar Square was laid out and the National Gallery built.

RESTORATION OF BELLS AT GODALMING.

The rehanging of the bells of the Parish Church, Godalming, Surrey, has just been completed by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and on Monday evening of last week a service of rededication was held in the belfry. The Vicar (Canon G. S. Richards) officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. B. Eddrup (curate). The ringers attended. Hymns were sung and the Vicar gave an address.

After the service the bells were rung to Grandsire Triples by the members of the local company, with the addition of Mr. R. White.

Following the ringing, the ringers were entertained to supper by the Vicar at the Angel Hotel, the guests also including the Rev. W. Havard-Jones and Mr. W. T. Ruck (churchwarden).

Mr. C. Childs, captain of the Godalming company of ringers, thanked the Vicar on behalf of the ringers, and remarked that they were pleased to receive the report of Mr. White that none of the bells is cracked.

The Vicar said that in 1741 the bells were newly cast and hung, and increased from five to their present number of eight in 1799.

The bells have been quarter turned and rehung on ball bearings, with new clappers, wheels and headstocks. The frame has also been strengthened.

MR. M. SWINFELD'S GREAT RECORD.**ONE HUNDRED DIFFERENT PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

Mr. Maurice Swinfield's great forte is conducting Stedman Triples, and almost every week we record a peal by the 'Wednesday' band which he has called, and every time it is a fresh composition. Last week he called his one hundredth different composition for the Midland Counties Association, and he has called only 108 in all. Of the remaining eight, only three were duplicated, as four of them were the reverse of others, although claimed by different composers, and one was Brooks' variation of Thurstans'. Moreover, many of the compositions have been very involved, and would probably defy the efforts of many Stedman conductors; yet Mr. Swinfield comes up with a fresh one every week! We suppose there must come a time when he has no new worlds left to conquer, but till then—well, more power to his brain and elbow.

YEOVIL BELLS REOPENED.

WONDERFUL IMPROVEMENT IN HISTORIC PEAL.

Yeoil's historic peal of bells are once more in sound order and in better tone than ever before. The trebles have been recast, the rest tuned and in the opinion of those who have since heard them among the finest rings in a county of many glorious peals. The bells have the advantage of weight—the tenor is over two tons—and balance, and a marvellous improvement has been effected.

The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The upper tier framework, which carries the second and fifth bells, has been refitted on a steel girder foundation, and new and heavier sides have been fitted to the main frame to carry the eighth and ninth bells. The rest of the framework has been refitted and the whole frame and supporting beams tied together with bolts. All the ten bells have been rehung in ball bearings, new clapper staples have been fitted and the clappers readjusted. Those on the ninth and tenor are fitted with counter-balances to ensure the bells being pulled up 'clapper right side.' New rollers have been fitted, and these run on ball bearings.

Originally the tenor was said to weigh 44½ cwt., but the removal of the heavy cacons, when the bells were rehung in 1891, have reduced it considerably. The net weights of the bells are now:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Tenor	40	2	23
9th	24	1	21
8th	17	2	22
7th	15	1	26
6th	11	3	6
5th	10	3	2
4th	9	2	8
3rd	9	1	19
2nd	9	1	11
Treble	7	3	3

The dedication of the work by the Rt. Rev. Bishop De Salis, the former Bishop of Taunton, took place on Thursday of last week in the presence of a congregation that filled the great church in every part. The service, says the 'Western Gazette' (to which we are indebted for the report of the proceedings), was a wonderfully impressive one. Thanksgiving was the keynote, and two special hymns, written for the occasion by the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison), were sung. The first was 'From our ancient belfry, joyful bells now ring,' which was sung in procession. The other, a hymn of dedication, was on the theme, 'Praise ye the Lord—Praise Him and magnify Him for ever.'

The Psalms chosen were the 29th, 'Afferte Domino' and the age-old song of praise, 'O Praise God in His holiness.' The choir also sang the anthem, 'Come, let us sing.'

Every phase of life in the town was represented at the service. Clergy and ringers came from far afield. Among them were the Rev. E. S. Lock (Master of the Bath and Wells Association), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (Rector of Kingston Magna and hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), and Mr. F. Farrant (Ilchester Deanery Branch). An interesting feature was the presence at the ceremony of a representative of the Church of Japan, in the person of the Rev. P. Y. Mori, from Fukuoka, a priest in the Japanese Church.

With the clergy standing around at the west end of the church, the Vicar asked the Bishop to rededicate the bells.

The Bishop, in reply, 'by virtue of his office,' solemnly rededicated the bells. 'Receive these bells, Mr. Vicar,' he said, 'as a sacred trust, as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish. Take heed they are only used in God's service and for His greater glory. Let the bells now ring loud.'

The bells were then rung by ringers drawn from the Parish Church Guild of Ringers, which includes Messrs. J. E. Baker (conductor), C. Norman, F. Hunt, W. Fry, H. Batty, E. T. Griffin, F. Smith, C. Jeans, T. J. Setter, S. Ricketts, F. Padwick, J. Lukins and T. Marks.

To the singing of the hymn, 'From our ancient belfry,' the Bishop, clergy and choir then walked in procession through the church.

TOWN'S INTEREST IN THE BELLS.

The Vicar, during the service, said he would like to express his deep gratitude to those who had given so liberally to the Bell Restoration Fund. The number of subscriptions, including many small subscriptions, and also subscriptions from members of many other churches in the town, had really been most extraordinary. It showed very clearly the great interest they all had in the beautiful peal of bells. The total cost of the whole work was about £470, and voluntary contributions so far amounted to about £350, leaving about a little over £100 to raise.

The Bishop, in his sermon, said a text was unnecessary, but he could not help referring to the words they had heard read in the First Lesson that evening, 'Let the people rejoice, for that they offered willingly.' He thought a wonderful response had been made to the appeal for the restoration of the bells by all sorts and conditions of people in and outside the parish. This was the Mother Church, he said, and apparently Free Church people had been glad to subscribe. Nothing could be too good for that glorious church, which spoke of the glory of Almighty God. It was matter for con-

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It is 23 years since the Lancashire Association favoured Manchester with an annual meeting, so this year they decided to revisit 'Cottonopolis.' Owing to a choral wedding at the Cathedral, there was only a short service touch before 3.30, when the association service began. The organist altered the usual anthem to what is known as the Bell Anthem. Owing to a clash of dates, the Archdeacon of Manchester could not give the address, but sent a good deputy in Canon Peter Green, Hon. Chaplain to the King and Canon in Residence. As the Cathedral has no schools, tea was served at the Mitre Hotel, when over 100 taxed the caterers, who had only orders for 54.

The business meeting was held at Cheatham's Hospital, a Blue-coast school, dating back to 1300. A party was taken through the hospital earlier in the afternoon and shown some of the treasures there, including the 110,000 volumes in the library and 'the cock which crows when it smells roast beef' in the Board Room.

Canon Elsee, president of the association, took the chair at the business meeting. There was only one nomination for ringing secretary (Mr. A. Tomlinson), and this, with the two nominations for auditors (Messrs. S. Greenhalgh and A. Barnes), was confirmed. There were two nominations for vice-president, and, on a card vote, Mr. P. Crook was elected for two years.

The committee's suggested alteration to rule 3 was accepted, and Chorley was chosen for next year's venue.

A discussion on 'Shall we have an annual dinner?' followed, and it was decided to pass the question on to the committee for consideration. The new Dean of Manchester sent a message that he would try to visit the ringers, but as he had only been inducted on the previous Monday, the members were not surprised that he could not manage it.

The usual votes of thanks to those who helped to make the day a success was carried, and the meeting closed.

READING SOCIETY'S TRIO OF OUTINGS.

St. Giles' Society, Reading, have just terminated their usual annual ringing outings. Although these excursions were only half-day events, they were all very successful and enjoyable to the ringers, their wives and others who were privileged to take part in them. The first trip was a visit to Highclere, Hants, where some capital ringing on the delightful octave was indulged in, after which a visit was paid to Thatcham, Berks, and touches on this capital peal of eight bells, the clapping of which is simply perfect since their rehanging. The ringing included three courses of Oxford Treble Bob Major and, without setting the bells, three courses of Double Norwich without a false blow being struck, which was enjoyed by those ringing and listening. On the second outing a visit was paid to Marlborough, Wilts, where ringing was done on the peal of six first, which, by the way, would make a grand eight if two trebles were added. After some capital touches, the eight-bell tower in the same town was visited, and here the bellhanger ought to be a found a job before very long. Some ringing was indulged in for nearly an hour and the visitors were congratulated by the local foreman on the striking, especially of a touch of Stedman Triples. The concluding excursion took place on Saturday last, when Sonning-on-Thames and Shipplake were visited, and some good striking enjoyed at both towers. The methods rung on these tours were Grandshire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Major, and, on each occasion, Double Norwich. The conductors were A. Bailey, J. Swain, A. Jeffery, E. Humphrey, L. T. Osborne, H. Osborne and A. W. Osborne. The ringers wish to take this opportunity, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' of thanking the incumbents and foreman of the towers mentioned for permission to ring and for having the bells ready. On each occasion a motor-coach was the means of conveyance, and the lovely scenery on the various routes was very much enjoyed.

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gratulation that the work of restoration had been started before the great financial crisis through which they were passing. There were some who would, perhaps, regard church bells as rather a luxury, but he asked them to think of the bells, not as a luxury, but as a means of lifting their hearts Godward and giving greater glory to God.

It was an interesting coincidence, the Bishop continued, that the tercentenary was being kept of Stedman, who might be regarded as the father of change ringing. It was change ringing that had helped them to go forward so much in the care and proper use of church bells. The Bishop went on to speak of the appeal that bell music had. Personally, he thought it had a very real part in their religion. In times of sorrow it did seem to express something of their feelings, while in times of gladness the bells seemed to lift up their hearts and sound out a message of joy. The bells entered their lives very much, and especially in that dear county of Somerset. The message of the bells in the present time of crisis should surely be, 'Be not alarmed, be not afraid; keep firm and steady.'

The recessional hymn was 'Now thank we all our God,' and at the conclusion of the service several touches on the bells were rung by members of the Yeoil Guild and a number of visiting ringers.

The collection amounted to £16 18s. 1d.

The visiting clergy and ringers were entertained to refreshments in the Schoolroom by ladies of the congregation.

THE IRISH TOUR.

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'Wid me bundle on me shoulder,
Faith, there's no man could be bolder,
For, I'm off to Ballymena in the morning.'

Monday.—We were all about in good time for our strenuous week, with glorious sunshine, some of our members finding their 'holiday' baggage a little cumbersome. The late Isaac Shade never carried much when on tour, and, therefore, never came late to the belfry or the dinner table—his overcoat pocket was his 'holdall.' Going to the other extreme I recollect three members of the Surrey tour, 1913, turning up with large bulky cases suitable for a month's tour in America, but they have since grown wiser. To those who have never enjoyed a ringing tour I can recommend Mr. Bankes James' practice—just a simple 'rucksack.'

St. George's Church, Dublin, stands at the junction of several bold thoroughfares. It is of classical design in stone, by Wren, and resembles several of his churches in the city of London. It is surrounded by high iron railings, the ancient headstones of the departed being levelled. With its central tower and spire, the west front matches St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury. The bells—the oldest ring of eight in Ireland—were cast by Mears in 1820 (tenor 20 cwt.). They are a sister peal to the octave at Waterford Cathedral by the same founder in 1872. Rehung in 1928 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., we had a unique experience of good music and good going for our first peal attempt, thanks to Mr. Dukes and several of the home band, who met us and raised the bells for us. The ground floor of the tower forms a porch entrance, and stairs up to the galleries lead out on either side. With the belfry door open can be seen a bell of about 24 in. diameter standing on the floor, which seems to appeal to one 'to come in and ring me.' Its inscription is interesting, viz.:

Gift to St. George's Church 1719.
JAN ALBERT DE GRAVE ME FECIT
AMSTELODAM ANNO DOMIE 1719.

The performance finished at 2.20 p.m., and, with Amiens Street Railway Station nearly a mile away and the 3 o'clock express to catch for Drogheda, dinner was out of the question. Everybody 'scroured' for himself and again to find a seat on the train. However, all got aboard with their baggage somehow. On the run to Drogheda—35 miles—the line skirts the Irish Sea and crosses several inlets with a good view of Lambay Island and the coastal scenery. At Drogheda there are two churches dedicated to St. Peter—each crowned with lofty tower and spire—Roman Catholic and Protestant. Both have rings of eight bells each. The one set are 'chimed' by carillon and the other 'rung' by hand. After inquiry we found the belfry we wanted—a cool and comfortable octagonal room, its windows, very high up, are restful to the eyes; a good circle and draft of rope, but the bells 'lumpy' in their going. There are 11 men in the local company. Mr. Burrows, the hon. secretary, and the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Allman, M.A., met us and also kindly came to congratulate us after the peal, in which both our tenor and treble men proved themselves 'worthy' hands. The bells are by Rudhall, tenor reputed to be 22½ cwt. in E flat. Several of the team agreed the weight of metal was there, but that was 'after' the ringing.

A fine portrait of Sandy Milne, a Glasgow N.P. banker, who was foreman for 23 years, hangs on the belfry wall, whilst the present Vicar was president of the I.A.C.R. for 1929-30. The town is a large and important trade centre, and the high level viaduct across the River Boyne gives a good view of its many spires and the old castle mound, now a barracks.

Hungry and weary at 9 o'clock at night, we were like one of the lost tribes of Israel, saved only by the tiny tinkling of a little bell, which gleefully responded to the call, 'Are you there?' It was the White Horse Hotel and its never to be forgotten landlady that gave us dinner and bed at 'telephone' notice. Yes, we were there, instead of being at Lurgan 70 miles on.

Tuesday.—No need to say, 'Call me early.' 'Mr. Someone' did it, and at 6 a.m. all were stirring and the breakfast ready; our only train, the Portadown Express, due out at 7.17 a.m. if we were not to addle the pair of Irish eggs on our programme for this day. In glorious weather we left the Irish Free State and entered Ulster, or Northern Ireland, at a place called Adavoyle, where the customs officers carefully examined our baggage. As we were separated on the train, I do not know if anyone was 'surcharged.' In my own bag the officer found a bottle—it was Jules Freres' hair 'ointment.'

Christ Church, Lurgan, was erected in 1862, and is the largest Parish Church in Ireland, in the decorated Gothic style, with a very open, light and bright interior. Like those of many of our Victorian architects, the planning of the tower and its rooms is seriously at fault. It sounds like an Irish yarn, but I've heard of more than one house of two storeys being erected in England without a staircase, and this is a case where a church tower is without one. The tower, with very fine spire, is at the west end of the nave. There are lobbies each side with stairs leading to the galleries, that on the right, or south side, being used by the ringers. A short step ladder, in a dangerous position, gives access to a low opening cut through

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIX-BELL MEETING AT SEALE.

Seale, one of the tiny villages lying between Farnham and Guildford, on the Pilgrim's Way, was visited on Saturday by the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Time was when Seale lay in a quiet backwater, far from the madding crowd, and it is still, by comparison, a peaceful spot, and very little spoiled by the hand of 'progress.' The picturesque church, with a central tower, stands in a beautifully kept churchyard, and even under the grey skies of Saturday presented a charming picture amid the trees. Seale has six light bells and a struggling band, depleted in the last year or so by the departure of some of its main bulwarks, and Saturday's gathering, it is hoped, gave some encouragement and help to the local ringers.

The customary service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith), and the organist was also present to give his help. The Rector, in his address, welcomed the Guild and gave a brief review of the history of bells.

The Rector also presided at the tea and business meeting; those also present among the company of 30 being Mrs. Arrowsmith, Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master) and Mrs. Hasted, Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary), Mr. W. Melville (Guildford District Ringing Master), Mr. G. Grover (Guildford District secretary), and ringers from Aldershot, Farnborough, Farnham, Ash, Seale, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas') and Woking.

The Aldershot band, already 20 strong, received two additional members by the election of G. Challen and S. Gill.

The general secretary drew attention to the forthcoming celebration at Cambridge in connection with Stedman's Tercentenary. It is hoped to make up a motor-coach party from the Guild (fare 8s.), and those who would like to join in this excursion were asked to communicate with Mr. Melville.

The next meeting of the District, to be held at Aldershot on October 31st, is to be a joint gathering with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild.

Mr. Goldsmith proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the blower (in this case a lady, Miss Dodd), Mr. Gardner and the local band, and Mr. Barnard, the caterer.—Admiral Walker seconded and the motion was carried by acclamation, the Rector replying.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise, while rounds were rung for beginners, including one bright boy, who had to stand on a 14 in. box to reach the rope end.

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the tower wall to the ringing room. The captain of the local band and the steeplekeeper met us, and one hand came from his work to oil the bells, but this had already been kindly done. In the belfry is a model of the bell frame—a two-tier, weak arrangement—its original giving us a 'handful' before 'that's all' was sounded to a well-earned peal. Framed and hung in the belfry is an antiquarian document, dated 18th January, 1675, respecting a sum to be paid into the hands of a local trustee for a bell to weigh 100 lb., 'which bell wee also agree shall be got up in the Market House of Lurgan until a suitable steeple for containing ye said bell is erected.'

One o'clock and no dinner ordered. Messrs. Wooler and Barnett were hailed before the captain and reprimanded for neglect of duty. A neighbouring cafe supplied our wants and a cup of tea, and the tour was resumed by the 2.20 train to Lisburn, where a local bus service landed the party at Hillsborough Church at 3.30.

Dedicated to St. Malachi, this church with lofty spire stands on an eminence well back from the road, with entrance gates and a double avenue of trees on either side of the approach, very much resembling Kettering. We found the Rector (the Rev. F. Matchett) and his band of ringers waiting to greet us and do anything needful to assist. The bells are an ancient ring of eight by Rudhall, of Gloucester (tenor 20 cwt. in E), but several have since been recast. The plan of the old frame gives a complete and true circle of ropes for seven men, the tenor rope falls directly in the centre of the room, and whoever rings this bell should have his head 'swivelled.' This same fault exists at St. Paul's belfry at Dundee, and both form a serious handicap to our brothers' progress in Ireland and Scotland. It was proposed to try Cambridge Surprise, but we hadn't a Pye with us, and Treble Bob was rung instead, as the bells had not improved in 'go' since 1909, when the Pye party made their Surprise tour of Ireland, and Ernest turned this tenor in to London.

On leaving the tower the Rector and a few ladies very hospitably entertained us to a substantial meat tea, for which we were quite ready and most thankful. Time passed quickly, Mr. Hughes offering our thanks for the kindness, and the Rector wishing us a fair journey and every success on the tour. Bus and train took us to Belfast (14 miles), and we arrived at the Kensington Hotel at 10.30 quite ready for bed.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.), and *St. Paul's 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.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Burlescombe on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2.30.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. each).—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St Thomas, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. St. John's, Hillingdon, October 31st.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, October 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, at 4.30, in the Church Hall, followed by short business meeting. Twyford bells available after the meeting.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Mortimer on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. at both churches, St. Mary's and St. John's. Tea will be served at St. John's Hall at 5 p.m. (kindly given by Col. Nash). Ringers' service at St. John's to follow. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Please make an effort to come and make a record meeting.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me early.—F. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest at Sowerby, near Halifax, on Saturday, October 3rd. Draw 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Winhill on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A good meeting is desired. All ringers welcome.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Corby on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. You are specially requested to send in your name if you propose to attend.—H. Baxter, Breton, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Cavendish, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6), rehung by Taylors, available from 3; also Glemsford (6). Short service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the New Inn 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Ford End on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Burton-in-Lonsdale. Tea one shilling. Meeting 5 p.m.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Oct. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Wood), followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Wilby (8) Oct. 10th. Tea, 9d. each, at 4.30, at the School. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting in Church Hall. Tea, 1s. per head, *only* to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, not later than Oct. 8th. Friends from neighbouring societies most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells of St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Messrs. Griffiths, Mercer's Row, at 5 p.m., when a presentation will be made to Mr. R. G. Black, General Sec., on the occasion of his recent marriage.—F. Wilford, Master.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The monthly meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 6.30. Service at 6 p.m., when it is expected the Rev. F. L. Edwards will give the address.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A joint meeting with the Western Branch of the Norwich Association will be held at Terrington St. Clement's on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for 1s. each. All ringers are welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 7th, those who require tea.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The F. A. Milne memorial will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of Mrs. Rowland, daughter of the late F. A. Milne, in the Salisbury Hotel at 5 p.m., but only to those who advise me by October 6th. A meeting of the North and East District will be held after tea. Bells available during the afternoon from 3 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Joint Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sawston on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Please notify Mr. F. Hurry, 2, Portobello Lane, Sawston, Cambridge, by October 7th.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle (Christ Church) on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Preacher, Canon Elsee. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Utting Avenue, Liverpool North. All welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Norton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at 1s. per head. This will be the first meeting of the association held at Norton (Gloucester). All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by October 6th? Bus leaves Worcester Street 2.55 p.m.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Will requiring tea please notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield. —A good attendance is requested. Good bus service from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on October 10th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5. Tea to follow. All ringing friends are invited to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at Wenden Ambo. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at Colerne (8 bells) on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 3 p.m. A welcome to visitors. Please notify.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 10th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, before October 8th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea (1s. per head) please notify Mr. W. Robinson, 49, Bowman Street, Agbrigg Road, Wakefield, by Tuesday, October 6th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Ormskirk and Aughton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available at both churches at 3 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th? — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 13th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at a low figure. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. C. Ollier, 29, Thornley Lane, Reddish, near Stockport, not later than the 15th. Meeting after tea. Special business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good muster is therefore requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The October meeting will take place on the 17th inst. at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Immanuel bells available after business following tea. Shoals of postcards expected by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation, to those only who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. will be made, should reach Mr. L. W. G. Morris, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 20th. An endeavour will be made to make peal arrangements for those who so desire on the Saturday morning, if sufficient applications are received.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.—Preliminary Notice.—A meeting of ringers will be held here on Saturday, October 24th, with a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and ringing to mark the completion of the fund of £750 for the restoration and augmentation of the bells (8) and tower. All ringers welcome.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HESTON.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: E. Lubbock 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul (first quarter inside) 3, W. H. Stevens 4, C. S. Bird 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb (first quarter) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday morning, September 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Edwards 1, J. Beagley 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, 13th September, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, J. Armstrong 3, D. Ovington 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.—On September 27th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major in 50 mins.: D. Ovington (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 1, S. Wade 2, G. Plater (first quarter-peal of Superlative) 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8.

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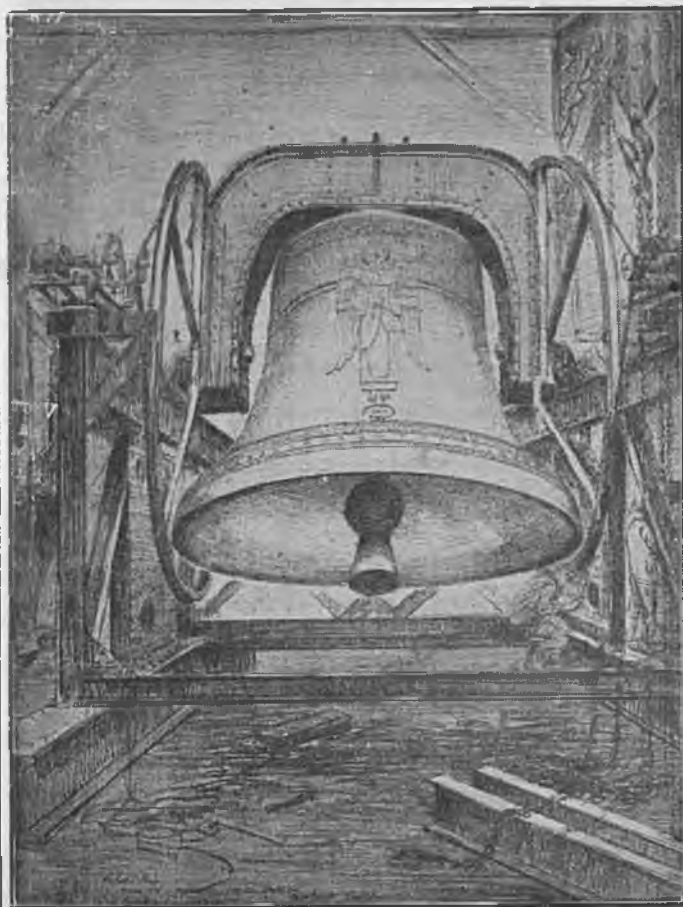
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PEAL CREDIT.

Although the competitive spirit between associations has been eliminated from peal ringing by the abandonment of point values in the analysis tables, there is a great deal to be said in favour of the practice, as old as peal ringing itself, of associating with the performance the name of the society to which the members belong. Ringers, as a whole, are proud of their associations and delight to pass on to the credit of their societies any honour which attaches to their achievements. The recording of a peal in the name of an association is by no means an empty formality, and there are few things which ringers dislike so much as to ring a peal which can be credited to no recognised organisation. Occasionally, circumstances render it impossible, but for the most part ringers are particularly careful before beginning a peal to ensure that it shall be rung under the auspices of some association or other. More than a century ago the St. James' Society was formed in London for the express purpose of enabling members of the College Youths and the Royal Cumberlands to ring peals together, and credit them to a recognised society, a proceeding which otherwise would have been impossible on account of the inflexible rule which prevents any man from being a member of these two societies at the same time.

From time to time there appear in our columns reports of peals in which the names of two associations are given. It is an established practice that the credit for the peal in the Central Council's records shall go to the first mentioned of the organisations, and we suggest that the time has now arrived when no peal should be recorded in the name of more than one association. When the names of two ringing societies appear in the report it is the obvious intention that both shall take credit for it in their respective records; but in these days when peals are rung in such considerable numbers there is little justification for giving the benefit of a performance to two associations. It is true that dual titles appear in only a few instances, but were the practice to be encouraged there are some hands who almost every week could credit their peals to half a dozen or even more associations. Ringers ought to be content to name one society and one only in each peal, even if that society is not one affiliated to the Central Council. They are not entitled to a double credit, and as the first-named organisation takes the official precedence in the national record, the inclusion of a second is unnecessary. If there is special reason for associating another society with the performance, it could be done in a footnote to the peal, but even this we should deem undesirable unless the circumstances were really exceptional.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor : 2 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER 8
ERNEST J. KING 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	EDWARD D. SMITH 11
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR Tenor

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

* First peal on twelve bells. The ringer of the tenor is 18 years of age, and it is thought he is the youngest person to ring this bell to a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WALTER SWALLOW 6
ARTHUR WALKER 2	GEORGE W. STEEL 7
HARRY C. WALTERS 3	THOMAS HOLDER 8
HARRY BROWN 4	JOHN FRYER 9
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWAY Tenor

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

* First peal of Royal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*CHARLES HOLMES Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE 6
*H. FREDERICK MYERS 2	A. WILLIAM MYERS 7
*WARREN S. HORNBROOK 3	WILLIAM HAMLYN 8
*SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY 4	*THOMAS G. MYERS 9
G. HARRY MYERS 5	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal of Caters. * Fiftieth peal. * First peal of Caters on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, this being his first attempt to call a peal of Caters.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

KENNETH PATTENDEN Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 7
THOMAS E. SONE 3	CYRIL W. A. BROWN 8
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 9
ALBERT RELSE 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	HARRY PRICE 8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	JOHN LLOYD 9
HAROLD V. COOPER 5	ROBERT LEWIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
Rung on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving festival.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

JOHN PERRY Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 7
*GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	GILBERT HARDING 8
W. HAROLD JONES 4	SIDNEY ELTON 9
*THOMAS HILL 5	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by J. PERRY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CORSTON, NEAR BRISTOL.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. F. PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. BELL Treble	JESSE H. BRAZER 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	ELI S. BRAZER 6
CECIL H. PAWSKY 3	JESSE HALLETT 7
CHARLES A. HARDING 4	HENRY MILLS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH Bucks AND EAST BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	FRANK BUCKLAND Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpire—FRANK WEST.

All are resident members of the branch.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SOUTER Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
ARTHUR LEEDER 2	DAVID WHITING 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
CLEMENT J. MORE 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 81st birthday; the ringers of the 3rd is in his 80th year. Both rung in their usual good style.

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On Wednesday, September 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Miss M. Park 1, D. Homewood 2, J. Park 3, A. Waddington 4, A. Missing (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Missing 6. Rung by members of St. James' Society, Egerton.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*CAPT. W. LINTER, C.A. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 5
HENRY W. BROWN 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
*ROY LINTER 4	HORACE D. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman. Capt. W. Linter kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Collegiate Parish Church of St. Alkelda,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN G. HALL Treble	FRED MEEK 5
JOHN STOTT 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
CHARLES GAMWELL 3	*PERCY CORNER 7
HENRY PARISH 4	*CLIFFORD BELL Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by THOS. METCALFE

* First peal in any method and first attempt.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bartholine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	*JOHN BROWN 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
ROBERT G. LEWIS 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS HURD 4	*GEORGE ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. Rung on the eve of harvest festival. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Crawley, his daughter (Miss I. L. Crawley) and Mr. E. Allman.

CASTLETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MAURICE E. WILSON ... Treble	NORMAN C. LEWIS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	BERT WHEELER 7
JOHN P. TARTON 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No 382). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

This is thought to be the first peal on the bells, which were increased to eight in 1812.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... Treble	*ROYDON DAVIES 5
*EDWARD G. TALBOT 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 3	*FRANK JENNINGS 7
*RONALD H. DOVE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' R. H. Dove's 50th peal.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday evening at St. Andrew's for divine service; a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, G. J. Choct 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett (first as conductor in the method) 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Black and Harry Hawkins.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. G. GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLOM, JUN.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	JOHN COOK 5
THOMAS ADAMS 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED BULL 7
WALTER CHARMAN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Charman; also on the eve of the harvest festival.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGEWELL ... 5
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	*ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 6
BERNARD W. PATTITT ... 3	*OLAVE BROYD 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

CHARLES PRYKE Treble	GEORGE GREEN 5
ALBERT RAINBIRD 2	ALBERT PRYKE 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	HARRY TURNER 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	FRANK G. RINGE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED J. BOYCE Treble	†CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM 5
*VINCENT E. SWIFT 2	WILLIAM A. SWIFT 6
*GEORGE WINTER 3	LOUIS A. WILSON 7
SIDNEY HILLIER 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE LAMBERT Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
JOHN O. WRELLER 2	ERNEST J. LADD 6
PHILLIP S. THOMPSON ... 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Lambert.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION OF HOLY'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY R. COCKELL ... Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	WALTER S. BORBIDGE ... 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	HERBERT F. COCKELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

Rung on the eve of the dedication festival, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. H. Archard and A. W. Angel, both very active members of the local band.

BURNHAM, RUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	*ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 7
*LEONARD STILLWELL 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... Treble	*FRED READ 5
JAMES PARR 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
WILLIE AARON 3	*JOSEPH RILEY 7
ARNOLD BRENTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1931, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... 2	JAMES L. GRAY 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by T. DAV.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal of Major. W. E. Robinson was elected a member of the association in the belfry.

STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SIDNEY THOMPSON 5
JOHN BASS 2	CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 6
J. WILLIAM SMITH 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	ALFRED REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to and in memory of Mr. G. H. Pagett, who for upwards of 50 years had been a ringer and chorister at St. Thomas' Church, and who was buried on this date.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: P. Gledstone 1, O. Greathead 2, S. Harrison 3, C. Urch 4, M. C. Fowler 5, A. Adams 6, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 7, W. Lewis 8.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 2, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

EVEREST FORD Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. 5
HAROLD RUSHTON 2	† EDWARD IDDON 6
JOSEPH OWEN 3	PETER CROOK 7
† ALBERT EDWARD SANDIFORD 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

* First peal with a working bell. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the 4th ringer, and a birthday peal to the conductor.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX 5
H. JIM RALPH 2	WILLIAM C. SEOTE 6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4	WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on this grand ring of bells, which were made eight in 1912, returned and rehung in 1927 by Mears and Stainbank.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
* FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
EDWARD S. RUCK 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by F. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

All the band are grandfathers, their ages ranging from 56 to 73, making a total of over 522 years, an average of 65 years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

W. T. Beeson's 100th peal in a Surprise method.

FIRST PEAL AT WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM.

The first peal on the very fine ring of eight at Whitechurch Canoniconum, Dorset, was rung on Saturday. The bells were made into an octavo in 1912 and were returned and rehung in 1927 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The band were congratulated by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. H. Lee), the churchwarden and several ringers, including Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who had gone down to hear the peal. The local ringers entertained the band to a bountiful tea, which was greatly appreciated.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4
PERCY L. JOHNSON 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	* ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

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

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ALFRED PETERS Treble	JAMES ROSE 4
* SHELFORD SPARROW 2	HARRY D. LISTER 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal in five methods.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Thursday, September 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

JACK ROY Treble	WALTER WILLIAMS 4
WALTER POOLE 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
WILLIAM G. GIGG 3	* SYDNEY PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Oxford, Duke of York and Violet.

* F. ROBINSON Treble	H. CHANT 4
C. ROBINSON 2	* W. F. MOXON 5
* G. BROADHEAD 3	* J. FISH Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* First peal.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY FOSKETT Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 4
REGINALD WEST 2	PERCY C. BONNETT 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK PARR Treble	* MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4
* MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

* First peal in the method and hail from Sutton-on-Trent.

SHIRLEY, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven differently called extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ARTHUR MORRIS Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 4
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 3	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since the addition of a treble by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in November, 1923.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, September 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1931, in Two Hours and One Minute,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by GEORGE AMBLER.

KIRKSTALL, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. LEACH, KIRKSTALL AVENUE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

MISS P. M. LEACH 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	*G. WILFRED SLACK 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT ASHLEY DALE, 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7-8

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 9-10

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the ringer of 5-6, and first of Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' by the ringers of 7-8 and 9-10.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The last of the summer meetings of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held in fine weather at Wool on Saturday week. A motor-coach left Weymouth at 2 p.m., and on the route picked up Upwey, Dorchester, Fordington and Sydling members. A halt was made at Puddletown, where the party were welcomed by Canon A. L. Helps and Mr. W. Hewlett, captain of the local band. After a ring on the bells Canon Helps kindly conducted the members of the party round his church and pointed out items of interest, for which he was afterwards thanked. Another halt was made at Bere Regis, and members visited the fine old village church, but time would not permit of a ring on the mellow peal of bells that hang in the tower. The journey was continued across the heath to Wool, which was reached in good time for the service. The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) and his churchwardens and ringers met the members as they arrived at Wool. The bells were rung by various bands up to 4.30 p.m., when the guild office was conducted by the Vicar. There was a large congregation. The following towers were represented: Bradford Peverell, Bere Regis, Fordington, Sydling, Upwey, West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis. Members from Bournemouth, Poole and Evershot were also present.

The organist and choir were in attendance. The Vicar gave a most interesting address on the use of bells. Following the service the ringers adjourned to the parish hut, where a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the good people of Wool, was partaken of, members and friends to the number of between 80 and 90 being waited on by a willing band of ladies.

After tea a short business meeting was held. The secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) reported the receipt of a telegram from Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the Dorchester Branch) regretting his inability to attend, and in his absence the Vicar was voted to the chair. Apologies for absence were also received from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Grundy), general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), Archdeacon Moule (Abbotsbury), the Rev. A. L. Bryant (Rector of Upwey), Mr. E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), Mr. Hewlett (Puddletown), Mr. J. Ralph (assistant secretary, North Dorchester Branch).

The Rev. E. S. Tarrant was proposed as honorary member, and Capt. G. and Mrs. Wheeler, of Wyke Regis, were both elected associate members. Mr. A. C. Trotman, of Littlebredy Vicarage, was elected a ringing member.

It was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Dorchester either in December or early in January.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and use of bells, to the organist and choir, the ladies for serving at the tables, the local band, and the good people of Wool for giving the tea.—The vote of thanks was seconded by the Rev. C. D. Job (Vicar of West Lulworth).

Responding, the Vicar said it was a great pleasure to welcome them there for the first time since he had been at Wool. He gave a brief history of his own bells, and said they were rung for Communion services at 8 a.m., on feast days and after evensong. He spoke about the bells of England, and mentioned he heard the carillons in Belgium last month. He also referred to the fact that this year was the tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, and that the ringers of England were going to carry out restoration of the bells where he rang at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, to commemorate the event.

The secretary gave a short resume of the Ringers' Pilgrimage to the Menin Gate in August.

The meeting concluded, some of the members went up again to the tower and rang on the nice-toned bells of Wool. Others went on to West Lulworth, and everywhere the members were given a most cordial welcome.

THE 'COLOUR' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to find that there was some inaccuracy in the report of the 'colour' peal rung in Kent on September 20th. Unless the recent meetings of the British Association have decided otherwise, there are no more than seven colours, viz., red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. I can find that only one of these was represented.

However, apart from this small inconsistency, the idea behind it all is excellent. In these modern times the advance of ringing has been so rapid that there are no new methods or fresh compositions left to be rung, and if the existence of the Exercise is to be preserved we must step out in some entirely novel direction. We have had Masons' peals, police peals and so on, but we have yet to hear a newspaper peal, rung by an editor, a compositor, a paper boy, etc.

Then let us have a general ailments peal. Treble, chronic indigestion; second, wooden leg; third, cross eyed, etc.; the method, Stedman Triples, with a conductor who stutters, so that the odd and even bobs come just right. The ringers would, of course, form their own association, with subscriptions devoted to the purchase of patent medicines.—Yours faithfully,

S. E. ARMSTRONG.

Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CANON COLERIDGE'S PRACTICAL LESSON.**

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Sounding Deanery Branch was held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, when ringers were present from Binfield, Finchampstead, Sandhurst, Twyford, Wokingham (All Saints) and the local band. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. and later a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. D. Brown), the Rev. — Smythe reading the lesson. A practical address was given by Canon Coleridge (chairman of the branch) from the words of St. Paul to Timothy, 'No striker.' The reverend gentleman dwelt on three incorrect ways in which he had seen ringers handle their ropes, persistence in which would go far to earn for them the opprobrious title of 'No striker.'

Later in the belfry Canon Coleridge demonstrated to the ringers present the correct ways of rope handling, for which he had pleaded in his sermon.

Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the Schoolroom, about 40 sitting down, including Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Groydon.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) thanked all who helped to make the meeting a success, and voiced the appreciation of those present at having with them Mr. and Mrs. Johnston.

The Vicar, after welcoming the branch to the parish, called upon Canon Coleridge to present Mr. Cooper, one of the local ringers, with a sum of money subscribed by the Waltham ringers and a few friends as a mark of appreciation on his completing 40 years as a ringer at the Parish Church.—Canon Coleridge, in a humorous speech, congratulated Mr. Cooper, who briefly replied.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge.

The bells have recently been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the tone and 'go' being much admired.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Idle, where the ringers had not been idle, but had made efficient preparations for the ringers, who assembled from Arnsley, Bramley, Batley, Calverley, Pudsey, Bradford and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m. except for the intervals for tea and the business meeting. Two new members were elected. The methods rung were Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise. 'That's all' was called on a very enjoyable meeting.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO A DEPARTING RECTOR.**

A special meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held at South Normanton on Saturday, September 26th, to pay tribute to the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Lewis, who has resigned, and will shortly be leaving, after 40 years' ministry in this parish. The bells were raised at 3 o'clock, and a service was arranged to give the members the opportunity of hearing the Rector for probably the last time. He has been closely associated with this organisation for 38 years, as an hon. member, and has always taken a personal interest in church bellringers. The service was well attended and the Rector gave an interesting address.

The secretary, Mr. J. W. England, read the lesson, and Mr. E. W. Riley presided at the organ.

Tea was generously provided by the Rector in the schools, and afterwards the president, Mr. Wilson Dobb, who took the chair, explained in a few well-chosen words the object of the meeting. The secretary followed with an account of the activities of the Rector, mentioning his public work and broad-minded sympathy with people of all shades of opinion. It was worth recording, he said, that on the committee arranging a parochial testimonial were four representatives of the Nonconformist places of worship.

Mr. James Rawson, vice-president, and an old friend, also addressed the gathering, and then the Rev. R. O. Wilson, past president of the association, handed to the Rector a gift from the members in the form of a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed.

On rising to reply, the Rector was heartily cheered. The gift was quite a surprise. He paid a tribute to the work of all ringing societies, and said that during his ministry he had noted the great strides made in the behaviour of ringers in general, and particularly in belfry conditions.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. R. O. Wilson was moved by the treasurer (Mr. T. Stimpson) and seconded by Mr. W. Allin; the Rector was also thanked for the bounteous tea, and thanks were accorded to the ladies who had carried out the work. The singing of the Doxology concluded the proceedings, and further ringing took place in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor. Members were present from Ault, Hucknall, Blackwell, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Melbourne, Morton, Old Brampton, Pleasley, Ripley, Selston, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Swanwick, Tibshelf and Heanor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The congratulations of the whole Exercise will go out next Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Stoneham Road, Eastleigh, Hants, who on that day will celebrate their golden wedding.

Ringers attending the Middlesex Association meeting at Barnet tomorrow should note that the tea is at the Red Lion Hotel, close to the church, and not at the Salisbury Hotel, as previously advertised.

Do any of our readers know of a heavier tenor than Yeovil, which was originally 44 cwt., cast by the Bilbies, of Chewstoke?

A grandfathers' peal has been rung at Marden, Kent, by a band whose combined ages totalled 522 years.

Last week a peal of London Surprise Major was lost at Guildford. The inquest lasted nearly an hour, many witnesses being called and much documentary evidence produced. Eventually the jury returned a verdict of 'death by misadventure, there being no evidence to show how the change course took place.' One witness ventured the suggestion that the deceased might have swallowed a 'bob' that did not belong to him, but the Coroner pointed out that this was impossible, as, while the symptoms were in part similar, the post-mortem examination failed to establish its existence. There is no truth in the statement that the police have now taken the matter in hand.

In an attempt for a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday, a rope came down in the last course!

Mr. John Hallows, who rang the treble to a peal of Boh Major at Middleton, Lancs, on Saturday, is 75 years of age, and has been ringing at St. Leonard's Church, Middleton, since 1876.

At Ipswich, Mr. James Smith has rung his first peal of Treble Bob—and he is in his 71st year!

The many friends of Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, who was formerly well known in London ringing circles, will deeply sympathise with him on the death of his wife, which has occurred in Australia, whither she went some months ago in the hope that she would recover her health.

THE PAINSWICK 'PEAL.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While cordially approving of a tablet commemorating the wonderful feat of mental and physical endurance implied in the ringing of 17,687 changes, it seems most unfortunate that reference should not have been made to the error in the composition which disqualifies it from being a 'true peal' in the sense in which all ringers understand the term.

Perhaps there might still be added a few words indicating that by an oversight in the composition some changes were repeated, but without really affecting the merits of a marvellous performance. I think something of the kind is necessary to satisfy the general feeling of the ringing world, and at the same time it ought to content those who took part in the ringing and have suffered such a cruel disappointment.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT.

King's Norton.

TO IMPRESS FUTURE GENERATIONS?

Dear Sir,—I think the whole Exercise is indebted to both the correspondent who supplied the information and yourself for the manner in which you have exposed this latest affront from Painswick. To my mind, this tablet has been erected with the DELIBERATE intention to impress future generations of ringers that it was a true peal, otherwise why not mention the fact that it was false? From the beginning the Exercise was suspicious of the performance, seeing that some two months elapsed before the figures were published, and when it was pointed out that it was false the conductor merely told us that the Painswick Youths made their own rules and still claimed to have rung the greatest number of changes on twelve bells, thereby meaning to claim the record. Did their courage fail them in placing this claim on the tablet? To sum it all up, it means that by fair means or otherwise they intend to stick to this ignominious performance.—Yours faithfully,

Portsmouth.

F. W. ROGERS.

MR BRUNDLE'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I desire to thank all my ringing friends for congratulations and good wishes on my 80th birthday, and particularly my comrades of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, for their enthusiasm in arranging a peal, and our friends from Saffron Walden and Cambridge who took part for the occasion.—Yours sincerely,

5, Wellington Street, Ipswich.

R. H. BRUNDLE.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL IN SEVEN COURSES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. G. E. Symonds claims the 5,160 Treble Bob Royal rung at Ipswich on Saturday, August 29th, 1931, to be the first rung in seven courses. This same peal was rung at Manchester Cathedral on April 21st, 1909. Also 5,376 of Maximus in five courses was rung at Ashton on March 25th, 1909, by the Ashton company, and both were conducted by Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton.—Yours sincerely,

B. THORP.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. RINGERS INVITED TO INSPECT BELLS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

Excellent progress is being made with the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, Cambridge. The reconstruction of the old timber frame in the foundry is almost completed, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. will be pleased for any ringers interested to visit their foundry at Loughborough at any time between now and October 20th to inspect the ancient bells and framework.

The builders' work in the tower is going ahead in a most satisfactory way, and the re-erection of the bells will probably be begun about Monday, October 26th.

All being well, therefore, the restoration will be completed in ample time to permit the reopening to take place as provisionally planned, on Saturday, December 5th, and ringers who contemplate organising an excursion to Cambridge for the occasion should make their arrangements accordingly.

Subscriptions to the fund which have been promised and not yet forwarded should be sent either to

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or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST. FRIEZLAND WIN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held by the Halifax and District Association at Sowerby on Saturday, October 3rd. In the competition 600 changes were rung with the usual practice of three leads or one plain course allowed. The draw was as follows: 1 Helmsfirth (Oxford Treble Bob); 3 Friezland (Oxford Treble Bob); 5 Stainland (Kent Treble Bob); 6 Elland (Oxford Treble Bob); 2 Meltham (Oxford Treble Bob); 4 Sandal (Oxford Treble Bob). About 80 sat down to an excellent tea. The meeting followed, Mr. E. Earnshaw (president) occupying the chair.

Mr. E. Whiteley (Meltham) proposed and Mr. W. Ainley (Elland) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for providing an excellent tea, and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Briggs replied in the absence of the Vicar.

Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. V. Bairstow (Denholme) were judges, with Mr. F. Smith (Sowerby) marker. The result was read by Mr. J. Broadley as follows:—

- No. 1.—156 faults; total 156.
- No. 2.—20 penalty; 246 faults; total 266.
- No. 3.—20 penalty; 120 faults; total 140.
- No. 4.—214 faults; total 214.
- No. 5.—10 penalty; 204 faults; total 214.
- No. 6.—20 penalty; 360 faults; total 380.

No. 3 (Friezland) were presented with the cup by Mr. Salmon (Halifax), who congratulated Mr. Burgess, the conductor of the successful band, on their fine ringing.—Mr. Burgess expressed thanks on behalf of the Friezland ringers, and said how pleased the people of Friezland would be. It was the first time they had won the cup.

The next contest was, as usual, left in the secretary's hands to arrange. A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very enjoyable meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A pleasant and successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Acton on Saturday last, when over 35 members attended, and the bells pealed out, after nearly 11 months' silence, under the superintendence of the ringing master (Mr. Goodfellow). Methods to suit all were practised, from Grandsire Triples up to and including Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The company had tea at Lyons' Restaurant, those present including the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, the Misses K. Bradford and E. Fulton, Messrs. J. H. Hinnisett, J. Herbert, A. Harding, G. R. Goodship, T. Collins, E. Turner, R. Mackrill, J. Prior, W. H. Seabrook, etc. The visitors included Mr. F. J. Reeve (president, Hertford County Association) and Mr. Gilkin, Congleton, Cheshire, who received a hearty welcome. The tower was visited after tea and further ringing till 8 p.m. brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT.

The members of the Midland Counties Association paid a tribute of respect to the memory of their late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., on Saturday, September 19th, when a brass mural tablet and silver chalice were dedicated at Littleover Parish Church, near Derby.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar of Littleover, the Rev. C. E. Brown, assisted by the Vicars of Spondon (Canon Farmer) and Boulton (the Rev. J. E. Young). Among those present were Mrs. R. B. Chambers, Miss Chambers, the Rev. F. C. Bayliss, Sir Henry and Lady Fowler, of Spondon Hall, Mr. W. Blews Robotham, of Littleover, Mrs. R. Robotham, of Darley Abbey, Mrs. Edmund Orme, and the churchwardens (Messrs. W. G. Haslam and F. Mount). Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) and Mr. W. E. White (treasurer), of the M.C.A., were unavoidably absent through business ties, but the association was represented by the vice-president, Mr. William Willson, and the general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. There were also present Mr. W. W. Worthington (vice-president of the Burton District), Mr. H. Fletcher (vice-president of the Derby District), and Messrs. A. Sharp (secretary, Burton), E. C. Gobey (secretary, Notts), E. Bagworth (secretary, Leicester), J. H. Swinfield (C.C. representative), as well as other members from several districts of the association's activities.

The vice-president, Mr. William Willson, read the lesson (Rev. 21, v. 1-7), and also, in the name of the association, unveiled the mural tablet. This, with the silver chalice, was dedicated, and then the Vicar of Littleover, in a stirring address, paid a warm tribute of respect to the memory of the late Alderman Chambers. 'We often hear it said it does not matter what church you belong to,' said the Vicar, 'but each church lays its special stamp on you. In your late president you had the best type of English churchman. He was interested in education, but he mistrusted merely secular education. He was proud of England and the Empire, but he thought most of the soul of the Empire. His interests were many and varied, but in them all his selfless activity was marked. The Midland Counties' members know better than I his great love and interest in bells and also the association's welfare.'

The Vicar went on to say that the old silver chalice had stood and served the church at Littleover since 1687, or nearly 250 years, and he ventured to say the present memorial chalice would be cared for, and be as long a token of the members' respect for their late president.

The brass mural tablet is of neat design and inscribed:—

To the memory of
Robert Baker Chambers,
of Littleover House,

A Devoted Son of the Church.
5th January, 1850—28th April, 1929.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth. This memorial is offered to the church, with a chalice, in grateful remembrance of their President, by the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers.

In the evening the bells of St. Andrew's, Derby, were available to members.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HELP FOR THORNTON CURTIS BELL FUND.

A very pleasant meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Thornton Curtis. The towers represented were Burton-on-Stather, Fighy, Barrow, Grimsby, Ukeby, Elsham, Killingholme and several unattached members, in addition to Mr. Stephenson, who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ring of six bells have recently been rehung and are a credit to the church and to the bellhangers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Park), who gave the members a very interesting address, including a short history of the bells.

An excellent tea, to which 32 sat down, was very kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Park.

The president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) presided over the business meeting, at which one new member was re-elected.

A collection was taken at the meeting, which amounted to 22s. 6d., and a proposal by the president that the Rev. J. H. Park be asked to accept it towards the bell fund was carried with applause.—In reply, the Vicar heartily thanked the members for their generosity and a previous donation.

The president asked the opinion of members of the 'go' of the bells, and it was the unanimous opinion that a good job had been made of the restoration.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address, also for the splendid tea and for his arrangements on the lawn for the benefit of the members. Owing, however, to rain, the sports were cancelled. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Warburton, the organist, to the helpers and to the president for presiding.

RINGING TOUR IN SIX COUNTIES.

MEMORABLE PEAL RINGING TRIP IN THE NORTH.

About a year ago, at the end of a week's ringing in the Northants district, a much more ambitious tour was mooted. It was necessary, of course, to make plans early, and certain ringers with motors, who were then present, were 'booked' as certainties (and necessities) for the trip. It was thought that at least five counties might be brought in, besides several twelve-bell towers, and with a few exceptions the early plans materialised. The late Mr. Tom Gofton was one of the leading spirits, and was working on plans for making the tour a success at the time of his death. His loss, and the withdrawal about the same time of another member of the original band, left gaps that were hard to fill, and the organisers of the tour quickly realised the difficulty of adequately filling Tom Gofton's place. In the end the party travelled but nine strong, making the tour rather too strenuous for some, but not so for the keen members of the band. All difficulties in this respect were overcome, however, by including one or two 'part-time' tourists in certain of the peals and by calling upon local talent at various places visited. It will be noted that 19 ringers took part in the peals rung.

The party being scattered, Stamford was chosen for the rendezvous on Saturday, September 19th, at 10.30 a.m., and punctually to time the band set off in two cars, driven by Bob Pye and Ted Duffield. Sheffield was reached as arranged, by 2 p.m., and many old and

brought to an untimely end, one of the party, who had had enough experience to know better, almost hanging himself when raising a bell in peal. He has decided that in future he will leave such tasks to the experts who know exactly how to do the job, but don't try. The grand effect of the Minster bells was greatly admired, both inside and, particularly, outside the tower. Taking leave of Messrs. Horner, Fearnley and Co., who had done everything possible to make their short stay in York a pleasant one, the tourists moved on to Eserick. Bristol was attempted here, but after 70 minutes' ringing a Sunday afternoon feeling came over too many of the band at the same time, and the one (and only) unsuccessful attempt of the tour resulted.

THE FIRST BIG TASK.

Halifax was reached soon after dark, and next morning the first real big task of the tour was attempted. With the inclusion in the band of Ted Jenkins and Tom Worsley, the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Yorkshire was rung. As the back bells had not been rung for several years, it was not surprising that some relief was caused by the completion of this peal. It was at this tower that the first of several newspaper reporters met the party. The departure from Halifax was made along a road lined with spectators, who had apparently turned out to see the Bishop and Archdeacon from Bolton and Wyke respectively. At Bradford Cathedral an excellent peal of Cambridge Royal was rung on a really grand ring of bells, at the conclusion of which the local ringers, including Messrs. Joe Broadley



CARLISLE CATHEDRAL,

where the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major in Cumberland was rung during the Northern Tour.

Before their augmentation to eight a few years ago, the old six bells at the Cathedral had not been rung for more than a century.

One bell (the old 4th) is said to have been cracked while being chimed, with a rope tied to the clapper, at the news of the victory of Waterloo. It was recast in 1845 and previously was said to bear the following inscription: 'This ring was made six tuneable bells

at the charge of the Lord Howard and other gentree of the countie and citie and officers of the garrison by the advice of Mager Jeremih Tolhurst, governor of the garrison, 1658.'

There is a tradition that the bells were rung on November 17th, 1745, when the Pretender entered Carlisle, and that for this they were condemned not to be rung again for 100 years.

new friends were found awaiting the arrival of the visitors. Local ambitions have to be respected, and Stedman Cinques was, in consequence, rung, a good peal being brought round. At the finish a pleasant hour was spent with the Sheffield ringers. Mr. M. E. Wilson (Master of the Cathedral band) welcomed the visiting ringers and congratulated them on the peal they had rung, adding that they had certainly given a lesson in good striking. Mr. C. T. Coles replied with sincere thanks to the Sheffield ringers, and, on behalf of the visitors, wished them success in attaining their ambition of ringing a peal of Cambridge Maximus. It was a pleasure to meet old friends. Arthur Knights, Sidney Palmer, Jack Holman, John Flint, etc., whilst the composition enthusiast in the party, meeting A. Knights for the first time, was soon discussing the 'latest' peals of Double Norwich, to the infinite relief of Gabriel Lindoff, who thereby had a rest.

A 50 mile ride brought the tourists to York by 11 p.m., and next morning a visit was paid to the Minster. Here the tour was nearly

and Jim Cotterell, offered hearty congratulations. Coming from men who are reckoned as knowing good ringing, this was much appreciated. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hughes kindly entertained the party to supper, the excellence and quantity thereof causing one or two a rather restless night.

Next morning the 60 mile run to Darlington was made in good time, and on this part of the journey the scenery began to change. Glorious rolling moors took the place of the towns of the north-midlands, and made touring much more enjoyable. At Darlington (St. Cuthbert's) a good peal of London was rung, and the now almost inevitable reporter and photographer put in his appearance. It was remarked, however, towards the end of the tour, that none of the photographs had been seen, and we can only assume that the many handsome faces all together were too much for the cameras.

Stockton-on-Tees was the next stopping place, and on the journey the one railway member of the party was keenly interested in what

he took to be the old Stockton and Darlington railway. Arriving at Stockton, Mr. W. Newton, the only surviving original member and the 'father' of the Durham and Newcastle Association, was met. In the tower the Vicar also met the party, and kindly returned after the peal (Cambridge Royal) to help let down the bells and congratulate the band.

Mr. J. A. Goffton, who had brought Mr. J. E. Keen from Newcastle for the peal, made an excellent pilot to Whitley Bay, after a tour round the back streets of Stockton trying to find a way out of the town. North Farm was reached at 10.30 p.m., and the whole party was cordially welcomed by Mrs. T. T. Goffton, who felt quite sure that she was carrying out her late husband's wishes by entertaining his ringing friends just as he had planned to do. With several members of the Goffton family present, there was a pleasant supper party, but without the genial Tom one felt that something was missing.

A TOUCHING TRIBUTE.

It was with mixed feelings next morning that the party rang a peal on the bells he loved so well, and in the afternoon a tribute was paid to his memory when a wreath was laid on his resting place, just at the foot of the belfry stairs, by William Pye, who afterwards, with C. W. Roberts, G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles, rang a course of Stedman Triples on handbells over the grave.

In the evening, with Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. H. Barber and J. E. Keen, the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in the county of Northumberland was rung at Newcastle Cathedral. The 'locals' in this peal were congratulated on a good performance without having had any chance of practice beforehand. Quite a crowd turned up in the belfry before and after the peal, including the inevitable Press reporters and photographers. It would be nice to see one of the many photos taken during the tour.

During the day a heavy reinforcement arrived in the shape of Rupert, of Surfleet, with his good lady, much to the joy of the tired members of the party, who had visions of a well-earned (?) rest.

After breakfast next morning a touching scene took place when one of the tourists made an attempt to thank Mrs. Goffton adequately for her hospitality. The particular member to whom this duty fell found it difficult to convey the gratitude felt by the band at the wholehearted welcome given to them; but it was a much more difficult matter for Mrs. Goffton to reply, and she made a brave effort to let her guests know that under no circumstances would she have abandoned the idea of entertaining her late husband's friends in the way he had planned, for his sake.

Shortly after this, a final farewell was paid to North Farm, and the 32 miles journey to Hexham Abbey, through some glorious country, commenced. Reaching Hexham to time, the party was met by the Vicar (the Rev. G. V. C. Farquhar) and Mr. H. W. Robson, the secretary of the Abbey ringers. Whilst a good peal of Superlative was being rung, those members of the band 'resting' enjoyed the sights of this fine old town and of the Abbey.

RUPERT'S RECORD AND DISAPPOINTMENT.

After lunch, another 40 miles was quickly covered, and Carlisle Cathedral reached by 4.30. Here Mr. J. Boustead met the tourists, and a peal of Bristol Surprise, the first in the county, was rung. On leaving the tower, the band was dismayed at hearing that Rupert, on arriving at the hotel, had found a telegram awaiting him, which necessitated his immediate return to Surfleet. Quite apart from the assistance he would have been in the remaining peals, his help at sewing buttons to two, or even three, garments at a time made his going a real loss to the party. The whole band felt sorry for him at his enforced departure, and for the curse of it, and a message of sympathy was sent to him and his good wife. Apparently, however, Rupert has some small consolation in knowing that he has set up a good record in travelling 550 miles by road for one peal!

Next morning London was rung at St. Stephen's, and during this performance one of the party enjoyed an hour's talk on bells and ringers with the Vicar, who afterwards met and congratulated the peal band.

A good run to Ambleside, through the gorgeous scenery of the Lake District, was appreciated by even the least romantic member of the party. At the tower Mr. W. Robinson had everything in readiness, and the bells, with a fine tenor weighing 324 cwt., were soon going to Bristol. In just under 3½ hours the first Surprise peal in the county was rung. After leave taking, the party went on to Kendal for the night, meeting the enthusiastic Edwin Jennings. At this place Cambridge Royal was rung, Mr. Jennings making quite an efficient treble man. This peal was completed by 11.30 a.m., and, after lunch, a quick run was made to Hornby, near Lancaster. Here, in a curious octagonal tower, erected in 1514 by the first Lord Montague, a pretty peal of eight, with an 11 cwt. tenor, was found. As only five peals of Cambridge (Maximus and Royal) had been rung during the week, it was decided to ring Cambridge again, for a change.

With this peal the ringing part of the tour ended, and one could not help remarking how quickly and pleasantly the time had flown. Thirteen peals were rung out of 14 attempts, all, with the exception of the first, in Surprise methods. Four members of the party shared in the conducting, and although William Pye rightly headed the list, it must be said for him that he very often 'called ye bobs' because

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HUNGRY 'MIDGES' HELP RINGING.

A quarterly meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday at Pinhoe, near Exeter. The six bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and a service was held in the church. The Vicar, the Rev. O. Puckridge, in the course of his address, gave a warm welcome to the branch, and the lesson was read by the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Pownall). Tea was served in the Schoolroom, which was, unfortunately, at a considerable distance from the church.

At the subsequent business meeting a letter of apology from the chairman of the branch was read, explaining his absence through illness.

The election of one new member was confirmed, and, after some discussion, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch on January 9th, 1932, at Topsham.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the organist. Owing to the distance, further use was not made of the Pinhoe bells, but some members made their way to Aylesbeare, where several touches were rung on the nice little ring of six bells.

Perhaps a note may be added on one feature of the afternoon—this was the superabundance of very hungry midges! These midges had one very useful result, as most of the ringers were driven inside to ring instead of standing outside talking.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday evening, September 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Halesworth, Suffolk, the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John Youngs, a member of the local band, and a regular Sunday service ringer. The deceased was laid to rest at Holton St. Peter's Churchyard on Saturday afternoon, when 672 Bob Major was rung by J. Nunn 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, J. Gibson 3, W. Pierce 4, J. O'Neill 5, A. H. Took 6, C. Moss 7, E. Garrard 8. Other touches were rung, concluding with the 'ringers' farewell, the following taking part: Miss G. Roe, Messrs. C. Goodwin, W. Kemp, A. Lee, J. Jolly and G. Gowan. R.I.P.

A representative band of the Ely Diocesan Association rang half-muffled bells at Bourn in deep respect of a late member, Mr. E. Izzard, of that village. A peal was attempted, but, unfortunately, after ringing two hours 40 minutes, a bad clash put an end to an otherwise fair attempt. Those who rang were kindly invited to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Duffil, M.A., who spoke of Mr. Izzard as being his most progressive ringer. The ringers were: J. W. Ward 1, H. J. Hazell 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. W. Cook 4, C. Robinson 5, J. Quiney 6, A. G. Rivers 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

For evening service on Sunday, September 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough, Sheppey, 720 College Single, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Nurse Cooper, who met an untimely death on the previous Thursday morning, when her car was in collision with a bus. The deceased lady was a member of the Parochial Church Council, a sideswoman and a very enthusiastic church worker. The 720 was rung by J. Wilder 1, P. Hobbs 2, W. J. Wood 3, F. Pankhurst 4, S. Wood 5, W. A. Wood (conductor) 6.

OVER BELL AUGMENTATION FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir.—It may interest the Exercise to learn that the two new trebles for Over, Cambs, are well in hand. The Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Weston, M.A., has kindly given the treble, and Mr. Ingle Robinson and ringers are making a united effort for the second, which will be inscribed: 'In memory of Horace Bernard Woolley, M.A., Vicar of Longstanton 1905-1929.' Donations, large or small, will be welcomed, and should be sent to

Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON.

Vice-captain, Over Ringers.
Over, Cambs.

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nobody else appeared particularly anxious for the job. Truly, a motoring and ringing tour combined does not leave much time for studying peal compositions, especially when postcards have to be sent from each place visited to wives (and sweethearts) left behind.

A word must here be said in sincere thanks to Messrs. P. J. Johnson, C. L. Routledge and E. Jennings, without whose valuable assistance in arranging various parts of the tour it could not have been carried out. Thanks are also due to the many local secretaries and towerkeepers, all of whom showed great willingness to assist in any way possible. Next, a word must be said for Bob Pye and Ted Duffield, who were responsible for the safe and punctual arrival of the band at every tower. Not once did they fail in this duty, and when it is considered that they 'did' over 900 miles in just over eight days, besides ringing in 12 and 13 peals respectively, it might be said that they deserve the thanks here accorded to them.

Lastly, a word of congratulation to Bill Pye, whose manipulation of heavy-going bells is still a treat to behold. Throughout a heavy week he was always ready for the back-end, and it would seem that the passing of years has had little effect on him. May he go on many more tours yet!

THE IRISH TOUR. IN AND AROUND BELFAST.

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BY W. H. F.

Wednesday.—Our stay in Belfast lasted over three nights, which gave us an opportunity—after the day's work was done—to fraternise at the 'Kensington,' an hotel I can well recommend to future visitors to Belfast. Mr. W. MacCleary, the manager, kindly gave us preferential terms after it had been explained to him that our party were not American millionaires anxious 'to do' Great Britain at a minimum expenditure of dollars.

The first 'venture' was fixed for St. Thomas' at 10 a.m.—a suburban church reached by tramcar, where Mr. D. Ireland—bless him—kindly did duty for us. Our thanks to him and to the Rev. F. B. Werrall, acting on behalf of the Very Rev. the Dean of Connor, who was absent on clerical duty. This church is a modern structure in brick and stone of fine proportion, the tower surmounted by the usual spire. The parsonage adjoins the church and is built to match it. It is a nice well-kept ringing room, a good old peal of bells by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, tenor 20 cwt., the only ring of bells in Belfast, and all were ringing in 1930 by the founders.

Of the local company there are ten; of these, three are ladies, and all show some eagerness to push on with the 'method.' Naturally our own hand were pleased with themselves on leaving this tower after scoring five peals in five counties straight off the reel, but their 'Waterloo' was to come before the day was over. However, for the present moment, the cry was 'Onward,' so tramcar, lunch and York Road Station were patronised in succession, the party duly gathering together by 2 o'clock in the corridor carriage en route by rail for their second 'venture.'

Carriekfergus is beautifully situated on the north shore of Belfast Lough, a picturesque ride of 12 miles along the coast from the city. Its importance has declined during the past century owing to the rapid development of docks, shipbuilding and the linen trade of Belfast. Its antiquity is demonstrated by the surviving North Gate—only one of four—when formerly it was walled and fortified. It is the only place in County Antrim where there are remains of ancient mural defences, and where there is a castle in occupation built before the English connection. Of the Castle it is said that it was built on the site of an old Irish stronghold prior to the advent of the mediæval builders. In the main it continues to present all the features it possessed in the 12th and 13th centuries. The keep is 90ft. high and its walls quite 9ft. in thickness.

The Parish Church of St. Nicholas is best approached from the market place. We arrived at 3 p.m. and were met by some half-dozen friends, made welcome, and kindly invited to tea after our ringing at the Campanile. Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but after nearly three hours ringing and good striking, the band got into such a 'tangle' that our composer and conductor was compelled to call 'stand.' The musical peal of bells, tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp, cast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in 1920, go like machines. There had never been a peal attempted on them before, and here are the names of the men who tried and failed: Messrs. Barnett, Fussell, Riding, Hughes, Martin, Simpson, Horan and Lindoff—and so say all of us!

The church is supposed to have been built on the site of a pagan temple, and was originally connected with a Franciscan Monastery, founded about 1232, parts of it dating from the 12th and 13th centuries. The old tower and spire were considered too weak to bear the strain of a ring of bells, and when a town's war memorial was considered, the committee wisely decided to build a new detached tower to take the new octave. This work has very successfully been accomplished at a total cost of £3,500. A stone built into the walls states: 'New peal of bells in iron frame in a new tower all erected in memory of parishioners who served in the Great War, 1914-18.' You stand on the ground floor to ring; the bells are noisy in the ringing room, a nicely fitted apartment, and on the south wall is the record: 'This stone was laid by the Most Rev. John Baptist Crozier, D.D., Archbishop of Armagh, 25th October, 1919.' The Archbishop died before the tower was completed, and the dedication was performed by his successor.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, the Misses Carnahan, MacConky, McAniff and Young seeing that everyone had sufficient, and in addition to the visiting ringers there were present the Rev. J. T. Rutherford, Mr. Wm. Pratt (hon. secretary of the Northern Branch), Mr. Wm. Young (president) and many of the local band, Mr. F. McCarrison (captain) and Messrs. J. Balls, T. Robinson, H. Jones, E. O. Hill and Henly. An enjoyable hour was spent with pipe, chat and the handbells, during which the Rector spoke a few kind words of welcome and hoped the visit would urge the home ringers to master the art.

It fell to the lot of the Welsh member, Mr. Hughes, to return thanks to our Irish friends for their hospitality to a band of English ringers, and hurrah for the 'Ringing Isles.' We left Carriekfergus by the 9.9 p.m. train with a hearty send-off from our hosts, and 'Kensington' was reached in time to visit the butler's 'pantry' before 'roosting' at 11 o'clock.

Members of the London Police Guild will sympathise with the president, Mr. Young, who on the strict orders of his doctor has had to

give up bellringing. He only took up the art when the bells were put up in 1920, on retiring from the position of Chief Constable. Both he and his daughter have been of much assistance to the Northern Branch.

Thursday.—Our journey was continued to-day on the south side of Belfast Lough, with more coastal scenery, ending at the Irish 'Bay of Naples,' otherwise known as Bangor, a flourishing seaside resort for health and pleasure with three miles of promenade. For local history it claims Dr. Wm. Clanny, born 1766, as a native. He invented the safety lamp, for which the Royal Society of Arts presented him with the gold medal. Bangor was a religious seat before Canterbury. Its Abbey was founded by St. Columb, who was born in 432, and in the succeeding centuries its fame as a centre of Christian learning spread throughout Europe. At one time the Abbey housed over 200 monks and possessed a wonderful library. The Parish Church, dedicated to St. Columb, is a handsome modern building well placed at the apex of two main thoroughfares facing the Town Council offices. The bells are a very musical peal; both within the tower and without they are pleasing to hear. They were cast by John Taylor and Co. in 1899, with a tenor 21 cwt. Several of the bells are false clappers, especially the tenor; perhaps the staple fittings want attention after 30 years' use. Cambridge Surprise Major failed to settle down to a proper 'beat,' then Stedman Triples was rung to touches and the bells lowered. To Mr. Sam Miller, local hon. secretary, we owe thanks for the keys of the tower, for permission from the Church Council and a place in Main Street to dine. The local company muster ten, half them are lady exponents. We wish success to the belles of Bangor. To-day's programme stated: 'Breakfast 8.30, train 9.50,' but half the company came down by a much later train, which really meant a morning wasted with no peal attempt till 1 o'clock. Those who came early enjoyed the sea air and sunshine on the pier, and were not particular if they rang or not. The culprits got a trouncing from the skipper and promised it shouldn't happen again, but they did not know that the skipper was glad of a quiet hour—the only chance he had to send off a couple of dozen picture cards to his English friends.

For the evening peal attempt, Hollywood, on the return route to Belfast, was the next fixture. Here we were kindly welcomed by the Venerable Archdeacon Manning, M.C., M.A., Mr. William Pratt (hon. secretary) and his merry men, including Mr. R. McClelland, the only change ringer in Ulster who has rung a full peal. Tea was provided for us in the Mission Hall, served by Mrs. Manning and lady helpers. The Press photographer came round to snap us at hand in the home position, with the Archdeacon in the centre of the group. This picture appeared in the current issue of the 'Belfast News Letter,' the oldest periodical in Ulster, founded 1737, which described in flowery language the visit of the English team of bellringers and some of their performances. Our host, in addressing us, with hearty welcome to Ireland, mentioned the progress of his own men. With the help of Mr. Lindoff and Mr. Pratt, they had recently made a valiant attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on his bells. Change ringing, he was glad to say, was now being done for Sunday services by the Hollywood company, which was founded in October, 1876. He hoped the visit would lead up to good work being done in other parishes on our list. Mr. Hughes responded.

Originally, the Parish Church, dedicated to St. Philip and James, consisted of tower, nave and chancel of small dimensions. The rapid growth of the town led to an extension of threefold capacity. A new nave, chancel and north aisle with porch has been added and the dividing wall pierced with arches. The Dunville family reside in this parish and are great benefactors to the church and local objects. The surroundings are pretty, with tall trees bordering a well-kept lawn and the church mostly covered with well-trimmed ivy. A ring of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb., with iron frame, was supplied by Taylor and Co. over 40 years ago, and dedicated on May 17th, 1891. It is to be hoped the first peal by the Northern Branch of the Irish Association will be accomplished before another 40 weeks have passed. They muster 14 members, nine of whom are change ringers, so watch 'The Ringing World.' At the cross-roads, High Street, is still retained a fine maypole, said to be the only survivor 'in England,' and the R.C. Church possesses a single bell weighing 30 cwt. Messrs. Rutherford, Savage, McKay, Pratt, jun., McCaw, Pratt, sen., and McClelland gave us a send-off to the station and the 10.15 to Belfast. We dined on the 'feathers' in County Down at midnight, and fell asleep dreaming of a record gathering of the Central Council in Dublin A.D.

(To be continued.)

TRURO CANON'S BIRTHDAY.

Sunday, September 20th, the Eve of St. Matthew's Day, was the birthday of Canon H. H. Mills, treasurer of Truro Cathedral, and in honour of this event a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the evening service by: Miss M. Penrose (longest length on eight) 1, Miss L. Willoughby 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, F. W. Marshall 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, W. H. Southard 8. Also, before the service, touches of Grandsire Caters by those who took part in the quarter-peal, with the assistance of A. W. Brighton (London), R. A. Watts, G. W. Taysom, N. Williams, W. E. Minors, C. Lanxon and Miss E. Robinson.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; St. Magnus' on the 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.), and *St. Paul's 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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on October 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. a peal board will be unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Wood), followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Wilby (8) Oct. 10th. Tea at 4.30, at the School. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by general meeting in Church Hall. Tea, 1s. per head. Friends from neighbouring societies most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Half rail or bus fares to members (maximum 2s.). Please notify me early (as usual).—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells of St. Giles' and St. Sepulchre's will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Messrs. Griffiths, Mercer's Row, at 5 p.m., when a presentation will be made to Mr. R. G. Black, General Sec., on the occasion of his recent marriage.—F. Wilford, Master.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on October 10th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5. Tea to follow. All ringing friends are invited to attend.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The F. A. Milne memorial will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of Mrs. Rowland, daughter of the late F. A. Milne, in the Red Lion Hotel at 5 p.m. A meeting of the North and East District will be held after tea. Bells available during the afternoon from 3 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Joint Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sawston on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—A joint meeting with the Western Branch of the Norwich Association will be held at Terrington St. Clement's on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 for 1s. each. All ringers are welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle (Christ Church) on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Preacher, Canon Elsee. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. J. Brown, 12, Evesham Road, Utting Avenue, Liverpool North. All welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. F. Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield.—A good attendance is requested. Good bus service from all directions.—H. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at Ormskirk and Aughton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available at both churches at 3 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, and Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maperton on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—A meeting will be held at Radstock (6 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—G. M. Hasell, 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th? — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at Wenden Ambo. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Pirbright, October 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to me by October 12th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, and business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 13th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at a low figure. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. C. Ollier, 29, Thornley Lane, Reddish, near Stockport, not later than the 15th. Meeting after tea. Special business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good muster is therefore requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. provided for those who notify Mr. H. Wood, Sharnford, near Hinckley, by Thursday, October 15th.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. W. Lack, Post Office, Great Staughton, St. Neots, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th?—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

LLANDOFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shirenewton, near Chepstow, on Saturday, October 17th. Six bells. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The October meeting will take place on the 17th inst. at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Immanuel bells available after business following tea. Shoals of postcards expected by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

FORESTERS' MEETING.—In connection with the district meeting of the Foresters of Northampton and Wellingborough, at Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, October 17th, the bells of St. Mary's Church will be open from 3.30 for ringing during the afternoon. All friends will be welcome.—H. Golding.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Egerton on Saturday, October 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Assembly Rooms at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Numbers to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, by October 15th. All welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, October 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea should advise me by Wednesday, 14th. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Tideswell Saturday, October 17th. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. at a small charge, guaranteed only to those who notify Mr. R. Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell, by October 16th. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Uphill on Saturday, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by business meeting, when arrangements will be discussed for the second annual dinner, to be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, some time in November. Date to be announced later.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by October 12th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings for October and November: October 19th, practice 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; November 1st, service ringing 10 a.m.; November 2nd, 16th and 30th, practices at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation, to those only who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those members requiring tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) should notify me not later than Monday, October 19th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 21st. Frequent electric trains to Guildford, and all ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The October quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, to be conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). Tea at 5 o'clock in Coventry Road School. The business meeting will follow. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. will be made, should reach Mr. L. W. G. Morris, not later than first post Tuesday, Oct. 20th. An endeavour will be made to make peal arrangements for those who so desire on the Saturday morning, if sufficient applications are received.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place. Kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 27th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, November 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Siedman Triples (1,260 changes): S. Harrison 1, A. Hill 2, M. C. Fowler 3, C. Urch 4, H. Fowler 5, E. C. Stacey 6, J. E. Cawser (conductor) 7, W. Lewis 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, at St. Paul's Church, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): John Denner 1, Miss A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, James Denner 4, M. Berry 5, A. Burton 6, John Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—For harvest festival on Sunday evening, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cheesman 1, H. N. Pitstow 2, F. G. Woodiss (conductor) 3, J. A. Hobson 4, L. George 5, T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, A. E. Woolloff 8.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On October 4th, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Smith 1, A. J. Turner 2, A. Causley 3, B. Saunders 4, A. Hobden 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6, W. Jenner 7, F. Miles 8.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday evening, September 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Dawson 1, G. Green 2, A. Bartholomew 3, Dr. Spencer Phillips 4, P. Felton 5, F. A. Watts (first quarter-peal on inside bell and first attempt) 6, H. Pennack 7, P. Green (conductor) 8.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Miss M. Pack 1, D. Homewood 2, J. Pack 3, J. J. Bassett 4, W. Durham 5, A. Waddington (conductor) 6. Arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who come from Lamberhurst, and whose first quarter in the method it was.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Feast Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. Whybrow 2, D. Adams 3, M. Ginn 4, R. Thoday 5, H. Robinson 6. For evensong, 720 Norwich Surprise: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, F. O. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6.

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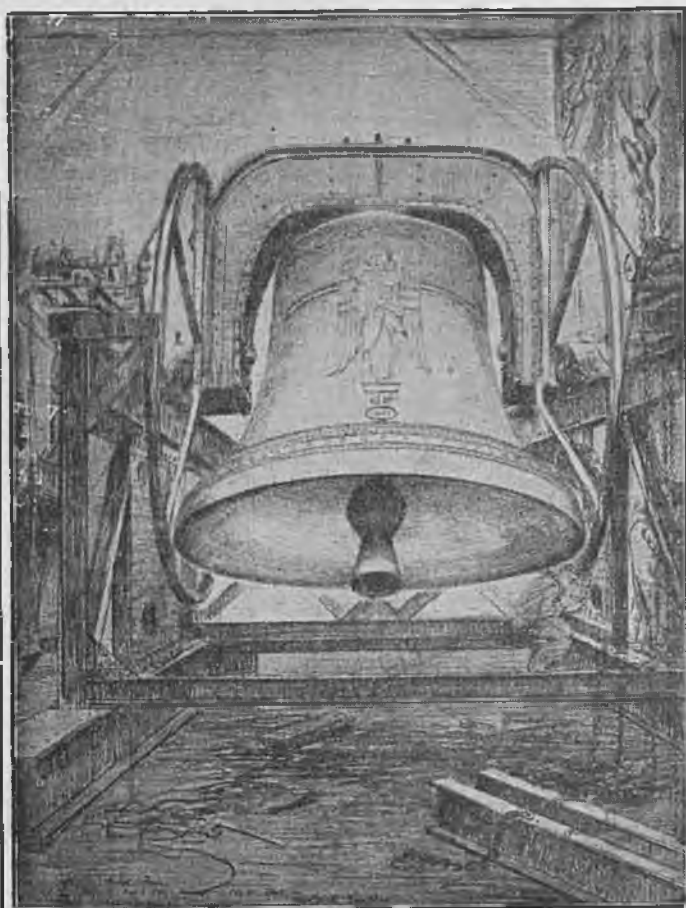
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Not one tithe of those who would like to be present at the service at Cambridge will be able to attend, but while those who are able to take part in the central act of the commemoration will be participating in a memorable event, the thousands who are unable to get to Cambridge can still share in the celebration by ringing the bells of their own churches. We would suggest that at every church on the afternoon of December 5th the bells should be rung—in touches of Stedman, either Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques, if possible, but, in any event, rung—and that arrangements should be made with the clergy to announce beforehand, either in church or through the parish magazine, the purpose of the ringing, so that the world may know that ringers throughout the country are uniting in doing honour to the man to whom, probably more than to any other, is due the characteristic ringing which has made these isles unique throughout the world in the music which floats from the church towers.

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APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WHITE Treble	CUTHBERT G. WHITE 6
MAURICE SMITH 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
SIDNEY TAYLOR 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
HENRY STALHAM 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 8
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5	BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Stokes and Turner (October 12th) and the brothers Lambert (October 11th and 15th). The 150th peal rung by Mr. A. J. Turner in Southover tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JAMES MARTIN 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
ERNEST JONES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The heaviest ring in the North of England on which a peal of Surprise Major has been rung.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
JOHN BRAMS 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
The first peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county of Surrey.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JOSEPH A. FENTON Treble	JOSEPH H. BEALE 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER 6
CECIL E. CARR 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 4	FRED PERRY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 25th peal in the method. † First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of harvest festival, as a birthday compliment to Walter Williams, the captain of the local band, and as a compliment to Miss Ivy Williams, his second daughter, and Mr. Cyril Mitchell, who were married previous to the peal, the bells going into changes as the happy couple left the church.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK FIELDEN... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
WILLIAM HORAN 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 3	JOHN BOOTH 7
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*URBAN W. WILDNEY... .. Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 6
†MADRICE J. LING 3	WILLIAM CHALK 7
†EDWARD B. SMITH 4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. J. SCHOFIELD.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. W. J. Nevard's 400th peal.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward-the-Confessor,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FRED WATKINSON Treble	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 2	LEONARD E. LAST 6
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER 7
P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
Fastest peal on the bells.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*JAMES E. BAILEY, JUN. ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First peal and first attempt.

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

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' R. G. Knowles has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal, each being to a different method.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	RICHARD G. BELL 7
MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLEBANT. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	WALTER STAFF 5
WM. BERRY 2	JAMES SHAW 6
JAMES JACQUES 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
HAROLD HAMER 4	J. H. C. MASSEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. BERRY.
Rung for the harvest festival.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JAMES SMITH Treble	JAMES DURRANT 5
*CLAUDE WOODARD 2	JAMES ROSE 6
WILLIAM KINSEY 3	HARRY WELHAM 7
*ERNEST BLOMFIELD 4	GEORGE MORE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by J. ROSE.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTH BUCKS AND EAST BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY NEWTON Treble	FREDERICK BIGGS 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
HARRY WINGROVE 3	RALPH H. BIGGS 7
*FRANK WEST 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	CECIL NICE 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

HERBERT W. ELSE Treble	LEONARD FIDLER 5
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
*CHARLES W. COOK 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ROYDON DAVIES 5
FRANK JENNINGS 2	JOHN F. GALYER 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
FRANK E. DARBY 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDR. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bannister.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
JOHN W. WARD 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	FRANK G. RINGE 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	PERCY GREEN 6
GEORGE GREEN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	GEORGE COOPER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

F. W. CECIL CURTIS Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	JAMES F. DUFFIELD 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. George Mayers' second daughter.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
*ARTHUR A. COLLYER 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 6
CHARLES W. DENYER 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
GEORGE E. CLODE 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS

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

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 6
CHARLES F. SAYER 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN

* First peal of Double Norwich. This is the composer's 150th peal for the Norwich Association. Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Lowestoft.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
ARTHUR MARTIN 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
THOMAS GOODCHILD 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First Surprise peal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

E. Barnett, sen.'s 800th peal. It is also T. Groombridge, jun.'s 200th peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

B. GOUGH Treble	S. BAKER 5
H. HILL 2	*A. ROUND 6
*HARRY GOODMAN 3	*T. A. TOWNSEND 7
H. HUBBALL 4	W. FISHER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. F. A. Smith, Rector of Brierley Hill, who died suddenly the previous Thursday.

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SEDLISCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*JOHN WOOD Treble	GEORGE KING 4
†ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
*HARRY TYRELL 3	JAMES POWELL Tenor

Conducted by J. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Ringers of treble and 3rd are local men, and in the peal the former rang his first 720 and the latter his first since 1912.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in A.

ERNEST HOLDER Treble	FREDERICK KINCHIN 3
CLARENCE STEED 2	WILLIAM STOTE 4

HORACE LL. TERRY Tenor

Conducted by H. LL. TERRY.

Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. FISHER Treble	ARTHUR WATTS 4
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
CYRIL S. WEST 3	ALBERT F. PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Capt. A. F. Coryton, J.P., and Miss Violet Shuttleworth, who were married at Steep on this day.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*LESLIE READING Treble	WILLIAM LANCE 4
BERT GARRETT 2	HENRY GARRETT 5
A. TAYLOR 3	*RAYMOND REDSTALL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GARRETT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Sir William Wyndham Portal, Bart., who was a life member of the Guild.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

LAURENCE POULSON Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 4
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal on the bells for the Guild. It is just on 20 years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	PORT PECKETT 4
JOHN BUCKENHAM 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
*GILBERT PLAICE 3	EDWARD BARKER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank R. Bowers and Miss Eleanor Veal (niece of the conductor), who were married previous to ringing the peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

VICTOR NEAL Treble	JOHN NEAL 4
DENNIS A. RAXTER 2	WALTER H. RAXTER 5
MICHAEL A. MATTHEWS ... 3	HUBERT SPARKS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

Rung as a quarterly peal for the Western Branch of the association. All the ringers are members of the St. Mary-de-Wyche Guild and the average age of the band is under 21 years.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-one of A. J. Pitman's 240's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS 4
*HARRY PAGE 2	ERNEST STITCH 5
†WILFRED J. PALMER ... 3	ALBERT E. PITMAN Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Arranged for Mr. H. Page, of Pentre Rhondra, to enable him to ring a peal of Doubles.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble

Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
JOHN W. PERKINS 2	GEORGE A. KING 5
THOMAS HANDS 3	RAYMOND JELFS Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perkins upon celebrating their silver wedding.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN L. RLEBY Treble	†LESLIE W. BACON 4
*ARTHUR J. BROWN 2	†GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 5
CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE 3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES Tenor

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival and also as a birthday compliment to the father of the conductor.

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DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)

*GEORGE W. BLOWER ... Treble	*GEORGE BATTERBEE ... 4
*ALBERT W. BOGG ... 2	*JOHN H. PITCHER ... 5
*FRED RIX ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal. The band desire to associate with this peal the name of the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, who taught them to ring, but could not take part in the peal owing to clerical duties.

TAMERTON FOLIOT, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(South-Western Branch.)

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Treble	*SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 4
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 2	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... 5
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 3	FREDERICK W. G. BALDRY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Harry Myers.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Bolton Branch.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... Treble	THOMAS SMITH ... 4
*REG V. HART ... 2	*ALBERT GREENEALGH ... 5
*ROBERT WALMSLEY ... 3	*WILLIAM SMALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. FRANKLAND RIGBY.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal as conductor. All are ringers at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton. This is the first peal for 45 years by a band of ringers from this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At ASHLEY DALE, 18, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7-8
JOSEPH THACKRAY ... 9-10	

Composed by JAMES WOOD. Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 1-2	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Umpire: JAMES FORD.

A birthday peal for Thomas Groombridge, sen.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

WANDSWORTH.—At Holy Trinity, West Hill, on Friday, October 2nd, before harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Gray 1, H. Langdon 2, E. Bish 3, W. Rushton 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, J. Runley 6, W. H. Seabrook 7, H. R. Newton 8. Rung on the 51st anniversary of the conductor's first peal in the method.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PEALS RUNG.

The 54th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Durham on Saturday, 26th September. A meeting of the committee was held at noon, and a good number assembled at the service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, when the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham welcomed the members on behalf of the Chapter, and wished them 'Godspeed' in their work for the Church.

After an excellent lunch at the Three Tuns Hotel, the annual meeting was held. Mr. E. E. Ferry, of Newcastle, president, being in the chair, supported by Canon Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead), Mr. Wm. Story, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Mr. Arthur Payne, J.P., and Mr. Thomas Newton, of Stockton, an original member of the association. Mr. J. W. Parker, treasurer, submitted a very satisfactory cash statement, showing a balance of over £28, and the secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, read his annual report.

He referred first to the loss which the association had sustained through the death of Mr. T. T. Gofton, of Whitley Bay, and five other members. The three association meetings, at Heighington, Rothbury and Consett, had been very successful, and the district meetings had also been well attended, although there was room for improvement. Assistance had been given to form a new band at South Church, Bishop Auckland, and eight probationers are making good progress there. Forty peals had been rung during the year, including six on handbells. This was an increase of seven on last year and 21 on 1929. Mr. W. H. Barber headed the list of conductors with 13, Messrs. J. W. Parker and W. J. Davidson following with six each, and ten members rang their first peal. Sixteen belfries had sent in recording sheets for Sunday service ringing. In the 8-12 bell towers, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, was first with 1,550 points, and Newcastle Cathedral second with 920. Of the five and six-bell towers, Darlington Holy Trinity was first with 1,586 points, and Whickham St. Mary's with 104. Steps have been taken to increase the number of honorary members, and circulars were sent out to 21 incumbents who have peals of bells but are not members. Only three had replied, however, and the members present were asked to use their personal influence in the matter.

Mr. Arthur Payne, in a witty speech, thanked the Dean for his address and for his welcome, and also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, which was carried with applause.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the meetings for the year were arranged as follows: Pre-Lent at Newton Hall, pre-Whitsun at Staindrop, and the summer meeting at Brancepeth.

Two honorary members and 16 ordinary members were elected, and the election as life members of the London band who had just concluded a very successful tour in the district was reported. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and at Chester-le-Street concluded a very pleasant meeting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

'MISSIONARY' VISIT TO FORD END.

Although the weather was delightfully fine, very few attended the meeting of the Essex Association at Ford End on Saturday week. The object of the visit was of a missionary character, with the idea of meeting the newly-formed band of service ringers, and placing the claims of the association before them. In addition to the locals, only eight members of the association were present from Chelmsford, Felsted, Great Baddow, Maldon, Fryerning and Braintree. The tea and meeting was held in the Parish Room. The Vicar, the Rev. L. A. Wilson, presided at the tea, and the Master of the association, Mr. C. H. Howard, presided at the business meeting. Mr. A. Coombes, the hon. district secretary, was unable to be present owing to a recent accident, and Mr. G. Green, the District Master, officiated in his stead.

At the Vicar's own suggestion he was elected an honorary member and expressed the wish of his ringers to join the association, if tuition could be provided to enable them to become change ringers. The assistance of one tower was offered, and it is hoped that members of another adjoining tower will be prepared to offer their services during the coming winter.

The bells, a ring of six by John Warner and Sons, cast in 1881, with a tenor weighing only 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., are the lightest ring in the county. They have been recently rebung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and are in excellent going order. During the afternoon touches in several methods were rung, including a well-struck 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Dr. Spencer Phillips.

The Master was asked to convey to Mr. Coombes the members' sympathy with him in his indisposition, and wish him a speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Widford on Saturday, November 28th.

Responding to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and his warm welcome, the Vicar expressed a request that the association would pay another visit at an early date.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Thursday evening, October 1st, for the harvest festival service, 1,008 of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Tulley 1, A. J. House 2, E. Pickett 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, W. S. Newnham 6, G. Maxim (conductor) 7, T. W. Chadwick 8.

DEVON GUILD.**EXETER BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Christow. Members of city bands made a motor tour of Dunsford, Bridford and Christow, and thoroughly enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in the charming surroundings of the Teign Valley. Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were the methods rung. At Christow service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. G. C. Horne (Vicar), who gave an address.

An excellent tea was laid in the Parish Hall, and attended by about 30 members and friends. The general arrangements had been made by Mr. E. J. Ryall, the representative of the local band.

At a business meeting, Mr. A. W. Searle presiding, a resolution of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. R. Hamilton, of Kenn (and formerly of the Heavitree and Cathedral bands), was passed by all standing.

The annual meeting was fixed for December 5th at St. Petrock's, Exeter.

Four members (three honorary and one associate) were elected.

Hearty thanks were passed to incumbents for use of bells, to Mr. Horne for conducting the service and Miss Ryall for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies who kindly assisted at the tea.

WEDDING BELLS AT LUTTERWORTH.

Saturday week was indeed a day of festivals and ceremonies at Lutterworth. The first in order was harvest festival, the day also brought the birthday celebrations of Mr. Walter Williams, who has been ringing master in this fine old tower for upwards of 25 years, and last, but by no means least, it was also chosen as the wedding day of his second daughter, Ivy, to Mr. Cyril Mitchell, also of Lutterworth. The bells went merrily into changes as the happy pair left the church, giving them a hearty send-off in their new sphere of life, and if this life goes along, as did the bells, without a hitch, then there is indeed much happiness in store for them. After the peal the ringers, at the express invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, started on a few fresh courses, but this time it was 'cats and drinks,' and justice was truly done, and all came truly home to eight hungry and thirsty ringers without much ado. Afterwards Mr. Ernest Morris, the genial conductor of the peal, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, wishing them long life and happiness. He expressed the hope that they would be as happy as he had been since the day he was wed. It is the wish of all the band to thank Mr. and Mrs. Williams, their daughter and son-in-law for their very kind hospitality.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A WARM WELCOME AT SAWSTON.**

A very successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Sawston on Saturday, when members were present from Cambridge, Chelmsford, Dry Drayton, Elmton, Exning, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newton, Nuneaton, Royston, Saffron Walden, Stapleford, Stetchworth, Trumpington, Walton-on-Thames and a splendid muster of the local band.

A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Bywaters, who gave a most inspiring address, in which he compared our lives with bells, saying they must be in tune to make perfect melody.

A bountiful tea was provided and served by the generosity of Sawston friends, Mrs. Hurry's delicious home-made cakes and scones being greatly appreciated.

After a discussion it was decided to visit Melbourn on October 31st. Mr. W. Stone, of Nuneaton, was elected a member, also Messrs. H. Churchman, L. Hurry, W. Hurry, F. Matthews, J. Smith and S. Stubbings, all of Sawston.—Mr. F. Hurry said help from visitors would be very welcome at Sawston on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the organist, who made a special journey from Shelford, also to those who provided tea and worked so hard to make the meeting such a success.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Kent Treble Bob Minor to London Surprise Major, thus catering for the needs of everyone.

CORBY BELLS AUGMENTED.

The bells of Corby, Northants, have recently been augmented from four to six and rehung in modern fittings. On Saturday week a meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the village and attracted a large attendance of ringers.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. A. Brooke Westcott, Rector, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, of Cranford (president of the branch). In his address, the Rector welcomed the ringers to Corby and spoke of the enthusiastic way in which the local ringers were learning the art.

Mr. Abbott, leader of the ringers, and a number of ladies, had prepared an excellent tea in the Mission Hall, and subsequently the usual business meeting was held, the branch president being in the chair, supported by Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Miss Thursfield (Ladies' Guild secretary) and the branch secretary. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Weekley.

The Corby ringers, to the number of nine, including the Rector, who is taking up the art, were then elected as members of the Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

After the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Woking, Surrey, on Saturday, in celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary, the band were kindly entertained to tea by Admiral and Mrs. T. P. Walker. The Admiral, who is churchwarden at Woking and hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is keenly interested in change ringing, and takes part regularly in the service ringing at his church.

Mr. Alfred J. Turner, who last Saturday rang his 150th peal on the bells at Southover Church, Lewes, is one of the best known among Sussex ringers. He began ringing at this tower over 40 years ago, and there are few towers in the county which he has not visited, while he has rung peals on almost all the eight and ten-bell rings. He is still a keen cyclist and in his leisure hours loves to roam the countryside.

In our peal columns we record a peal of Doubles by a band whose average age is only 20 years 9 months. This was rung at Wychbold, Worcestershire, by the local ringers as a quarterly peal of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association. They are the youngest band who have rung such a peal. They desire to tender thanks to members of the Bromsgrove band for their assistance on practice nights when trying to achieve a peal of Minor for this occasion.

FAMILY'S RINGING RECORD.

OVER 100 YEARS AT ONE CHURCH.

A long family connection with the bells at Bretforton, Worcestershire, can be claimed by Mr. J. C. Perkins, whose silver wedding has just been celebrated by a peal at his Parish Church. Mr. Perkins has been a ringer at Bretforton for 40 years. His father rang there for 57 years and his great-grandfather rang there when the bells were installed in 1823. Further, he has two sons who are ringers and two who chime for Sunday services. It is also interesting to note that the great-grandfather of Raymond Jelfs (who took part in the silver wedding peal) also rang at the same church in 1823.

YEOVIL BELLS.

A WONDERFUL TRANSFORMATION.

The restoration of the fine ring of bells at Yeovil by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have recast the trebles and tuned the other eight, has provided the Somerset town with a glorious ring of ten. In the 'Western Gazette' Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has given an appreciation of them, in the course of which he says:—

'Yeovil bells! I knew them first twelve years ago. They were a good ring, but easily surpassed by others in the county. The lightest bells had not the power to sound on even terms with the sonorous notes of the heavier bells. The whole ring was "lumpy" and uneven. The individual bells were exceedingly good, but all were not a happy family. The frame holding the bells in the tower, too, was weak. Constant ringing had loosened its joints. And it had a job to do. It had to hold steadily something like eight tons of moving bell metal, when all the bells were ringing. Yeovil people felt that something had to be done, and that meant that very shortly it was done. The eminent firm of Mears and Stainbank was called in, and on its advice the bells were removed to London for tuning. The two lightest bells were found to be much below the standard of the other eight, and were consequently recast. The older eight, however, were capable of being tuned. Although to the founders who had the work in hand the task of tuning the bells was easy, albeit highly technical, I felt that even with their skill and long experience they would be unable entirely to get rid of the unevenness which was the unfortunate characteristic of Yeovil bells. But they have done it!

Inside the tower, or outside it, the ten bells are absolutely even. What a ring of bells it is! In the county, Wrington bells, by the same founders, are rightly famed. Wells Cathedral bells, with a tenor of over 52 cwt., are a glorious ring. Wrington bells are soft and mellow, Wells are sonorous and grand, but Yeovil possess the qualities of both, and are withal pleasing. Further, the "go" of Yeovil bells is the last word. Hung on carefully fitted ball bearings, it is no exaggeration to say that they could be rung by means of a piece of string. Yeovil people can be proud of their bells, the best ten in the West. No less can they be proud of their ringers, who, under Mr. J. E. Baker, are making wonderful strides in change ringing. Those Yeovil people who are responsible for the great work just completed are to be congratulated. They have left a heritage for future generations, and it is a goodly heritage.'

TREBLE BOB ROYAL IN SEVEN COURSES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Through an oversight, the word 'Oxford' was omitted in the claim of the first peal ever rung of Treble Bob Royal in seven courses at Ipswich on August 29th, 1931.

Mr. B. Thorp does not mention whether the peal at Manchester Cathedral was Kent or Oxford; if the former, then the peal at Ipswich is still the first of Oxford Treble Bob Royal to be rung, consisting of only seven courses.

I submit that the Exercise consider these two are different methods.
—Yours truly,
Ipswich. G. F. SYMONDS

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

COMMEMORATION DATE.

As already announced, the commemoration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman and the reopening of the bells at St. Bene't's, Cambridge, will take place on Saturday, December 5th. The special service will be held in the afternoon, but it is hoped that the bells at other churches in and around Cambridge will be available for ringing throughout the day. Details of the arrangements will be published as soon as they are completed.

While a very large gathering is expected at Cambridge, ringers throughout the country who cannot attend the celebration will doubtless desire to share in the commemoration in their own districts, and a suggestion is made in our leading article that special ringing shall take place wherever there are bells to ring and ringers to ring them.

It will add also to the interest of the event if peals of Stedman—Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques—are rung during the week before or the week after the celebration, if they cannot be rung on December 5th.

Those who have promised donations to the tercentenary fund and have not yet forwarded their contributions should do so without delay. They may be sent either to

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn,
Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is evident from his last letter that Owen Kay is not seeking information. Presumably he is anxious to tell us that in his opinion the six scores on page 15 of the 'Collection' are not Double Grandsire. Well, speaking for myself, I am ready to acknowledge that I should have no objection if he thought they could more appropriately be called Double Original.

At the same time, it has to be remembered that on principle there is no obligation in Grandsire for the bell in the hunt to follow the treble: it could equally well precede her. And, therefore, there is no reason why in Double Grandsire the hunt bell should not sometimes precede and sometimes follow the treble.

However that be, these six scores are demonstrably very well worth ringing, and there is probably more hope that five-bell bands will try them under the name of Grandsire than Original.

There are at least 24 three scores with bobs alone, and as there are numerous places where singles can be inserted, the number of possible 120's is practically limitless.

No doubt for actual practice in the tower it will be found more convenient to treat the method as Original, that is with Bobs called whenever an internal place has to be made.

The only serious criticism that can be raised consists in the number of calls thus required, viz., 28 or 30 bobs and two singles in a 120.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

WEDDING OF WELL-KNOWN LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of SS. Mary and Nicholas' Church, Spalding, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th, after the usual weekly practice, when Canon Nicholas (Vicar) presented Mr. T. Brown with a convertible oak table on the occasion of his marriage. The Vicar, in making the presentation on behalf of the local band and associates of the tower, referred to the many years of service of Mr. Brown as a ringer and chorister at the church, and wished him many years of happiness in the step he was taking for the second time in his life.

Mr. Brown is a well-known Lincolnshire ringer and is the representative of the Elloe Deaneries Branch on the Committee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Until recently he was in charge of the Spalding tower.

The wedding took place on Thursday, October 8th, at Swineshead Church, when he was married to Miss Holland of that village. After the ceremony the newly-married couple left for Skegness, where they will spend a week or two before taking up residence at Sinclair, Pennygate, Spalding.

BEDFORDSHIRE GETS ANOTHER OCTAVE.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY BELLS AUGMENTED.

Husborne Crawley, Beds, where the Rev. Arthur Rust, president of the Bedfordshire Association, is Vicar, is now in proud possession of a ring of eight bells, two new trebles having been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and dedicated on Sunday week by Bishop Lauder. There was a large congregation at the ceremony and many ringers from the county attended. After the service various touches were rung, and everyone was very pleased with the new bells.

The old six are a mixed lot, as will be seen from the following details of the ring:—



THE TOWER OF HUSBORNE CRAWLEY CHURCH.

Treble: 5 cwt. 27 lb., Taylor, 1931.

2: 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb., Taylor, 1931.

3: 6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., 1637, recast by Taylor 1820.

4: 7 cwt. 23 lb., Newcome, 1611.

5: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., Emerton, 1779.

6: 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb., Newcome, 1616.

7: 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb., Taylor, 1820.

Tenor: 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., 1613 Newcome, recast 1911 by Taylor.

In 1911 the six bells were rehung by Taylor and Co. in a new iron frame, which was constructed to take the complete octave.

The tower of Husborne Crawley Church is one of the finest in the country. It is built of blocks of brown and green sandstone mixed together, and the colour effect is very beautiful. No one can trace the source of the green stone, which is very uncommon.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN OF THE OSPRINGE BAND.

After a great many years of suffering, Mr. Herbert Baker, who had been captain of the Ospringe, Kent, band of ringers for about 20 years, and a ringer in the same band for between 30 and 40 years, passed peacefully away on Tuesday, October 6th, at the age of 59 years.

After the funeral on Saturday at the Parish Church, which the ringers attended, the local band rang the bells half-muffled. Among the many beautiful wreaths were one from the past and present ringers of the Ospringe band, and one in the shape of a bell from the Ospringe handbell ringers.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**RESOLUTION ON PAINSWICK 'PEAL' TABLET.**

A meeting was held at Cavendish on Saturday week. After ringing a 720 and several touches on the church bells, lately rehung and enlarged in a very pleasing way by Taylors, of Loughborough, a short service was held in the church, with an interesting sermon by the Rector, the Rev. J. D. Barnard. Tea was at the George, and the meeting followed, at which Mr. C. E. Fisher was elected to the chair.

It was decided to leave the election of a new district secretary to the next district meeting, to be held in a month's time.

The secretary, the Rev. H. Drake, then proposed that 'This meeting recommends the annual meeting to take steps to remove from the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words "17,867 changes," being on the tablet lately fixed in Painswick Church.' He said that when the feat was first accomplished there was much praise for it on all hands, but later, when the figures were published, it was found that, after ringing 16,000 odd changes, some of the rows were repeated, and, therefore, were not changes. Nevertheless, a tablet had been put up in the church saying that these 17,000 odd changes had been rung. They might have described it in several ways which would have only been misleading. For instance, they might have called it a peal. It certainly was a peal, though a false one. But they had carefully chosen the only description which was not merely misleading, but actually untrue. He did not know who were the actual ringers, and he hoped no names would be mentioned, for it was not a personal matter: but he did not want to belong to any guild or association of which those who approved of these untrue words were members.

It might be said that such a Guild as theirs was in existence to raise the standard of ringing, or to improve the position of ringers as church workers, and this was true; but, after all, it was not their first and chief work, which was to witness to the truth. Other people could do all these other things, but they only knew what was the truth in such matters, and their chief duty was to guide those who were trusting them. The church authorities at Painswick were ignorant of these things, and they had to rely on those who know. For them what was done was merely a mistake. It was, however, very different for us who knew what was true, and deliberately approved of what we knew to be untrue. If we do not witness to the truth in these matters, for which we exist, and for which people rely on us, it were much better not to have such a Guild as ours in being.

This was seconded by Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, and there was considerable discussion. It was pointed out that the ringing so long was a wonderful feat of endurance which all must admire. It was also pointed out that, although the feat was a failure, it was a glorious failure. There was, however, no opposition to the resolution, and, on being put to the meeting, it was carried.

Afterwards there was more ringing on the bells, the 'go' and tone of which were pronounced excellent. Some members also rang at Glensford and at All Saints', Sudbury.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at the Parish Church, Bldmere, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. The day was fine and about 40 members attended from various towers in the diocese. The bells, a handy peal of eight, were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall for tea, kindly prepared by Mrs. Eaton, wife of the people's warden, and her lady friends.

The Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., being unable to attend, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. R. A. Eaton, who, in addition to being a churchwarden, is also master in the belfry.

The secretary at the commencement of the proceedings remarked how pleased they were to have Mr. James George amongst them again, and wished him a speedy and complete restoration to good health.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner as usual on Saturday, February 27th, 1932, and that the officers of the Guild make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. G. F. Swann gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose an alteration to rule re subscription of life members.

Mr. H. J. Turner, of Northfield, was elected a full ringing member, and the tower elections of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. C. E. Lawson, of Leeds, Mrs. P. Humphrey, Miss F. Humphrey and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, of Folkingham, were duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting, being the annual, at headquarters, St. Martin's Hotel, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1932.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding at the meeting and making the necessary arrangements for tea, etc., to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their services was proposed by the secretary and seconded by Mr. J. George.

The handbells were then brought out and some good touches of Stedman Triples and Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus were rung. Further ringing on the tower bells was brought to an abrupt finish owing to the breaking of the wheel of the second bell.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TO LATE PRESIDENT.**

On Saturday last the memorial erected by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in the belfry of Barnet Parish Church to the late Mr. F. A. Milne was unveiled and dedicated, in the presence of a large congregation, who attended to pay their respects to the memory of one who did much towards the founding of this association. Amongst the company were the Rev. W. E. Moll (Rector of Barnet), Canon Overton (Rural Dean of Barnet), Mrs. Rowlands and Mr. H. W. Milne (daughter and brother of the late Mr. F. A. Milne), the Rev. R. E. Priestley (curate), Mr. M. E. Case (churchwarden), and several relatives and friends of the Milne family. The many ringers included Messrs. W. Pickworth and J. A. Trollope (vice-presidents of the Middlesex Association), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries), W. Pye (Master), G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), A. W. Coles (District Master), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), G. B. Lucas, G. R. Pye, C. H. Martin, J. Parker, W. Bowden, J. E. Miller, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, etc.

Mr. W. Pickworth asked the Rector to receive the tablet from the members of the Middlesex Association, who had placed it in the belfry as a memorial to their late president and treasurer.

Mr. H. W. Milne having unveiled the tablet, which was dedicated by the Rector, the congregation descended to the church, where a very impressive service was held. The lessons, Ecclesiasticus xlv., 'Let us now praise famous men,' and Revelation xxi., 'I saw a new Heaven and a new earth. . . . And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,' were very appropriate, as was Psalm 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.'

The tablet is of white marble, on a black marble base, and records the last peal in which Mr. Milne took part, rung on February 4th, 1922, exactly eight years before his death, by Barnet and Southgate ringers. After the record of the peal the tablet contains the following inscription:—

'To the Glory of God and in grateful memory of Frank Alexander Milne, M.A., J.P., President of this Association, the members have erected this tablet, recording the last peal in which he took part. He died, at the age of 75, on February 5th, 1930. "The memory of the just is Blessed"—Proverbs x., 7.'

After the service some 36 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the Red Lion Hotel as the guests of Mrs. Rowlands, who was afterwards cordially thanked by Mr. C. T. Coles, on behalf of the members of the association, for so kindly entertaining them that day.—Amid applause, Mrs. Rowlands briefly replied, thanking the ringers for coming in such large numbers, and expressing pleasure at meeting them.

The ringing arrangements during the afternoon were in the capable hands of Mr. A. W. Coles (Master, North and East District), who saw that no time was wasted, and that the whole of the large company of ringers were able to take part. Needless to say, a great variety of methods were rung, including the now inevitable touches of Spliced Surprise Major, which are becoming quite a popular feature at meetings nowadays.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, October 3rd. This tower contains a beautiful peal of eight bells with a tenor 32 cwt. The bells of Christ Church, a comparatively new peal of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.) and very musical, were also available for ringing. Ringing commenced in both towers soon after 3 p.m., and at 4.45 all assembled at Holy Trinity for the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. H. M. Clarke). The organist very kindly attended and the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) read the lesson. Tea followed in the Church House, to which 41 sat down, including the Vicar and representatives from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Warminster, Trowbridge, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, Urcfont, Westbury, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Bath Abbey, Weston, Wootton Bassett and Abberdale.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), who extended a hearty welcome to all, and especially to the visitors. The chairman also spoke of the success of the lecture on 'Ringing' given by Mr. C. F. Andrews at Melksham on September 21st, which was well attended. After this lecture some of the members present decided to hold a weekly practice in the more advanced methods at various eight-bell towers in the branch area, the first practice being at St. John's, Devizes, on September 28th.

Three lady ringers were elected members of the Guild: Miss E. M. Slade, Miss M. Slade and Miss B. Candy, all of Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon.

It was provisionally decided to hold the next monthly meeting at North Bradley on November 7th. The branch secretary (Mr. F. Green) announced that he wished to resign from that office at the next annual meeting on the first Saturday in January.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and ringing was continued till about 8.30 p.m. The following methods were rung both in the afternoon and evening: Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ASSOCIATION'S COMING JUBILEE.

The second quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday at Staveley, near Chesterfield. The weather was ideal—a chip off the long lost summer—and this added considerably to the enjoyment of those who attended. Ringing commenced soon after 2 p.m., and was carried on during the afternoon and evening, methods from Grandshire to Bristol and London Surprise being rung, although Treble Bob seemed to go best. Perhaps the bells know this time, for numerous tablets record many peals of 'Yorkshire Glory' there.

The committee met in the Church Hall at 4 p.m. and carried out their routine work, in addition to making grants from the Bell Repair Fund to Ratby, where two new troubles are being added to make a ring of eight, and Market Harborough, where the bells are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings. A number of schemes for commemorating the jubilee of the association next year were discussed, such as a dinner and entertainment, special Cathedral service, peal by original or old members, photos of past officers in annual report, display of Surprise ringing by special bands, etc. This matter was left for local districts to discuss, and is to be finally decided at the next meeting in January.

Tea was served at 5 p.m. and some 50 or more members and friends sat down. These came from Bolsover, Belper, Burton, Colgrave, Chesterfield, Derby, Leicester, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Loughborough, and the association was delighted to have friends from Sheffield Cathedral, Ecclesfield, Kilnmarsh and elsewhere.

PRESIDENT'S SURVEY.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by the president, Mr. Denison Taylor, who was supported by the vice-president, Mr. W. Willson, hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. White, and general hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest Morris. It was a pleasure also to have the Rector of Staveley, Sir Josiah Court and Mr. W. J. Kittridge (churchwarden) present. The Rector, having to go early, first welcomed such a good gathering to Staveley, and trusted they would enjoy their visit. He stressed the ideal of the ringer, and spoke of their calling as being equal to the parson in the pulpit.

The president then gave a survey of the last quarter's working. The most important event was, of course, the dedication of the mural tablet and silver chalice in Littleover Church, near Derby, to the respected memory of the late president, Alderman Chambers. He regretted that owing to business ties he had been unable to be present, but they all had read the account of the service in 'The Ringing World,' and knew that it had been a very impressive and appropriate one. He would ask Mr. Willson later to give his impressions on this. Mr. Taylor then mentioned the recent ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, so successfully organised and carried through by the vice-president. Full accounts had appeared in 'The Ringing World' of this most impressive tour, and it made one regret inability personally to go on such a memorable visit to the battlefields. Peal ringers had been successful in over 30 performances from Minor to Yorkshire and London Surprise, and the Leicester company had rung Stedman Caters and Cinques 'in hand.' Then there was that unique record accomplished by Mr. Maurice Swinfield in conducting 100 different compositions of Stedman Triples. He was sorry to note the passing away of several well-known ringers who were life members of this association, and especially noted the death of Mr. A. Markwell, of the local company. He tendered the sympathy of the members to his family, some of whom were present. In concluding his remarks, the president asked all branches to consider the coming jubilee celebrations, and to be ready to make final arrangements.

New members elected since the last meeting, viz., eight ringing, three rejoins and three life, were confirmed.

The hon. treasurer informed the members of the committee's grant to Ratby and Market Harborough, and this was ratified.

TWO MEMORABLE EVENTS.

The vice-president, Mr. William Willson, gave a vivid impression of the memorial service to the late Alderman Chambers, and said how fitting it was to thus commemorate one who had worked so hard for the association's welfare, and who alone had placed the finances on such a sure foundation. He was glad the members had revered his memory in such a way. Speaking on the pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, he said that for long he had thought over a scheme whereby they could commemorate and revive the memory of ringers of England who fell in the Great War in a different way to the mere tangible memorial. This visit had been the outcome and would ever be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to take part in it. Everyone should go and see for themselves the dreadful results of war, and on hallowed and holy ground feel the awful yet wonderful emotion too deep for words. There would be no more war then. He was afraid the younger generation who had not known its horrors were apt to forget all that their fathers and elder brothers had gone through. There had been the pleasant side, and the enjoyment of visiting cities of the Continent, and the handbell peals successfully rung. The latter would remain as historic events, and the M.C.A. would thus always be connected with the pilgrimage.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESS OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Hartlebury.

Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and the service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. D. Noel Paterson), assisted by his curate, the Rev. — Dukes. The Rector gave a very inspiring address and drew the members' attention to the names carved on the ends of the pew of the at one time pewholders. They date back to the 15th and 16th centuries.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall, at which some 80 members were present. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. Dukes, Miss F. Gibbons (the first lady honorary member of the association), Mr. R. G. Knowles (association ringing master), Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary), Mr. C. Skidmore (ringing master of the Northern Branch), Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary), Mr. W. Short (Central Committee representative).

Arising from the minutes, the Rector explained that unfortunately the Bishop of Worcester, who resides at Hartlebury Castle, could not give a date in September, although he would very much have liked to address the ringers. The officers were unanimously re-elected, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them for their splendid services. The officers suitably replied.

The Ringing Master of the association (Mr. R. G. Knowles) and the general secretary congratulated the branch upon the successful meetings which had been held, and it was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Kidderminster.—Mr. T. J. Salter, in a humorous speech, explained that although the bells did not at present go 'extra grand,' he would do all in his power to make the meeting successful.

The Hartlebury ringers were proposed as performing members, and Miss F. Gibbons, in seconding, said she did so with great pleasure, and hoped they would take full advantage of the association's help to learn the beautiful art of change ringing.

The Rector and his colleague were then proposed honorary members.

Mr. T. Hemming proposed that the quarterly peal be attempted at Hartlebury, and the Rector readily gave his permission.

Mr. R. G. Knowles spoke to the members of the work of the Central Council, and strongly advised the members to read the reports in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. J. R. Newman congratulated Miss Gibbons, on behalf of the association, on having been raised to the magistrates' bench, and said he thought she was the first member of the association to attain the honour.—Miss Gibbons thanked the members sincerely for their congratulations.

The secretary said they had within the last few months lost by death a very old and honoured member of the association in the person of Mr. H. Oldnall. He had been a Sunday service ringer for 60 years at Hartlebury Church, and moved that a vote of condolence be passed with the family, the members agreeing by standing in silence.

Mr. C. W. Cooper, librarian, produced one of the volumes of 'Bell News' for the members' inspection. The whole series are now handsomely bound, and will be for the use of any member of the association.—Mr. H. Mason was warmly thanked for his beautiful gift.

Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Paterson for entertaining them to such a bountiful tea, to the Rector for the use of the bells, arranging the service and his address, which had been quite interesting, also for presiding at that meeting.—This was seconded and carried with applause.

The Rector, in reply, said it had been a real pleasure to him and Mrs. Paterson to entertain the branch and he thanked them sincerely for their very kind vote of thanks. He wondered why he had not been a member before. He said the association would be celebrating their jubilee next year. It was formed in his old parish of Bromsgrove, and he hoped he would be with them.—The Rev. Dukes also returned thanks for his election to the honorary members' list.

This closed a very successful meeting.

The collection in church for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 17s.

Mr. W. Turner, towerkeeper, wishes it known that his address is The Village, Hartlebury.

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Sir Josiah Court then spoke a few words of the pleasure it had given him to be present with such a good number of ringers, and wished them happiness in their calling. He hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them all again 'ere long.

Mr. W. E. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local committee for arranging this most successful meeting, and to Mr. Parsons and helpers for providing tea.—Mr. W. J. Kittridge, the churchwarden, replied in a pleasing speech, and Mr. Parsons also said a few words on behalf of the local company.

Further ringing was indulged in and the parties present broke up to wend their several ways home, pleased with themselves and all concerned at such an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. E. M.

THE IRISH TOUR.

FIRST PEALS ON 'UNKNOWN' RINGS.

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By W. H. F.

By Mac and O you'll always know
True Irishmen, they say;
For if they lack both O and Mac,
No Irishmen are they.

Friday.—The two towers for to-day, Ballymena and Coleraine, were previously unknown to change ringing. No peal had ever been attempted at either and the 'go' of the bells was an unknown 'quality.' Both churches are dedicated to St. Patrick, the famous early Irish saint, who was buried at Downpatrick, the capital of County Down.

Ballymena, the geographical centre of County Antrim, is midway betwixt Belfast and Portrush, called the 'City of the Seven Towers.' We regretted leaving Belfast without seeing Mr. Kimber, late of Hughenden, who wrote us on seeing the report of the 'English bell-ringers' visit to Ireland' in the local Press. Our train left at 9.30, and a scenic railway ride of an hour revealed the farming practice in Ireland for economy of labour. All the crop of the newly-mown hay-fields was stored in large haystacks evenly spaced. The Ballymena district is noted for famous men—Sir George White, hero of Ladysmith, was born near, also Sir William Brown and Lord Kelvin, chairman and engineer of the Atlantic Telegraph Co. At the Parish Church we were welcomed by the Rev. M. Robb (in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. T. A. Cullen), Mr. Montgomery, churchwarden; Mr. V. C. Patterson, hon. secretary; and local ringers.

In the belfry it was found the bells had already been placed the 'right way up' for us to call 'go' at once, so a touch of Stedman Triples was rung just to record in this tercentenary year of Stedman that his method was the 'first ever' on Ballymena bells. It was rung by Messrs. Barnett, Lindoff, Wooler, Martin, Shepherd, Riding, Horan and Simpson. On the tower walls is the record that 'These bells were placed here to ring in memory of Rev. J. W. Murray, LL.D., Dean of Connor. "He being dead yet speaketh." They are a fine peal of eight, tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.—in tone and weight the exact replica of St. Mary's, Slough—cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1895. A fine ringing room, good circle and draft of rone, bells going well, all that conduces to a good peal. On leaving this church we were heartily congratulated by all who had listened to the ringing and escorted to the Clarence Hotel, where a substantial hot luncheon had been generously ordered. We should have preferred to have spent an hour or two with the local company to add to the figures, rules and addresses that were scribbled on pieces of paper for their enlightenment, but the 4.18 p.m. train for our next parish could not be missed. Again our thanks were given for hospitality and kindness, and as we went to the station 'tears of the mountain' began to fall for the first time since our landing.

At Coleraine is a beautiful stone church, with battlemented tower of graceful proportions, surmounted by four handsome corner pinnacles—the only church of twelve we had visited without a spire. It has some choice stained glass and a beautiful veredos; the Communion chalice—rare and valuable—was the gift of the Honorable Irish Society 300 years ago. Its bells are equally beautiful, cast by Taylor and Co. in 1893, tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E flat, all hung in an iron frame, and now, after nearly 40 years' constant use, in good going order to-day. The base of the tower forms an entrance porch to the nave, and herein a tablet records: 'This church dedicated to the Glory of God, in memory of His servant, St. Patrick, was founded in the 5th century after the birth of Christ, was rebuilt by the Honourable Irish Society of London in the year 1614 and was again rebuilt in the year 1884. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., placed this tablet here, Governor of the Honourable Irish Society, in August, 1884.' In the church is a drawing in letters of gold and suitably framed which gives a list of the leading British clergy on duty abroad—a new feature to me—headed quite simply with the happy title, 'Our People Overseas.'

Coleraine is pleasantly situated in the valley of the River Bann, noted for its fishing, the Banbridge being almost in the centre of the borough. Its name owes its origin to St. Patrick himself: it is a word-poem meaning the corner of the ferns; whilst the Book of Leinster contains a detailed account of a feast held here almost 2,000 years ago. According to the Venerable Bede, the Rivers Bann and Bush were full of salmon in the year that Christ was born, and the supply never seems to have failed. The town has a good harbour and regularly maintains services with Glasgow and Liverpool and other ports in Scotland and England. It has always been the spoilt child of London—its beneficent mother—and has enjoyed a Charter since James I., 1612.

Our party were met at the railway station and escorted direct to the cafe, where a substantial tea awaited them. Mr. W. Jackson (churchwarden), as host, deputising for the clergy. Mr. J. Bishop (hon. secretary), and the only one remaining of the band who opened the new bells in 1893, kindly assured us we could ring till 10 p.m. and that several ladies had been inquiring when the English ringers were going to begin their music. The local band muster eleven—two of

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): V. W. Rigg 1, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 2, S. Bragg 3, H. Bragg 4, H. Shepherd 5, J. Bragg 6, R. Bragg 7, H. Smith 8. Rung for the harvest festival evensong. This is the first quarter-peal on the augmented ring.

WEST DIDSBUURY.—At Christ Church on Sunday, October 4th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Whitelegg 1, H. Jones 2, *W. Maycock 3, A. Frost 4, D. Brown 5, T. Timperly 6, R. Davies 7, F. Page (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's R.C. on Sunday, October 4th, for evening service for the reception of the Bishop of Leeds, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): R. Harrison, sen., 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, C. H. Lake 3, Tom O'Hara 4, G. Holmes 5, J. Myers 6, J. Greaves 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, October 4th, at the Parish Church for matins, 720 Kent Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. Whybrow 2, B. Wayman 3, M. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, R. Smith 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday morning, October 4th, for the patronal festival at St. Michael and All Angels', a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): A. Butler 1, R. Pickering (conductor) 2, J. W. Taylor 3, K. C. Taylor 4, H. J. Lockley 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. W. Bate 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to B. Dalton.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On October 4th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor for morning service and for the harvest festival: G. H. Bishop 1, L. A. Newman 2, T. Warner 3, T. Saunders 4, L. J. Honess 5, A. P. Cannon (first 720 as conductor) 6.

LOUGHTON.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. John's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, P.S. J. Thorpe (conductor) 6, F. Corney 7, G. Carter 8.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Barnabas on September 27th for the harvest festival, the day was started with 360 Bob Minor for the 8 a.m. Communion service. For the 11 a.m. service, 1,344 Bob Major in 49 mins., and for the evening service, 1,456 Bob Major in 52 mins., the latter touch being also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, whose birthday was on Saturday. To conclude the day, 240 Bob Major was rung after the evening service. The ringers taking part in the Major ringing were: E. Percival 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, H. Garrard 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, S. Pipe 7, J. Dyer (conductor) 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Saviour's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cooke 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. Wharton 3, W. Hughes 4, E. Glenville 5, J. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Mosten 8. Rung for the evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Cassell, sen., 1, J. Herbert 2, W. Scott, sen., 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, W. Malins 5, C. Moody 6, W. T. Elson 7, F. Hendy 8. Arranged for W. Scott, sen., of Newport, I.O.W.

LAVERHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for matins, on September 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, W. Jarvis 3, J. Nash (London) 4, L. Offord 5, A. Symonds 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, F. A. Turner 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 7th ringer.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PENZANCE BRANCH MEETING AT LUDGVAN.

A meeting of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held at Ludgvan, was attended by ringers from Madron, Phillack, St. Hilary, St. Anthony, Manaccan, Gulval, Zennor and Truro. The ring of six was kept going during the afternoon and evening, and in the evening many also made their way to Gulval, which church possesses a very musical ring of eight cast by Warner.

Owing to the indisposition of the Rector of Ludgvan (the Rev. A. T. Bescarwen), the service was conducted by Canon T. F. Maddrell, Vicar of Gulval, who gave a very forceful address and told those present some reminiscences of the early days of his ministry at Truro. Tea was provided in the Church Hall.

Dr. Symonds proposed a vote of thanks to all the helpers, and asked that a message of thanks be conveyed to the Rector.

Ludgvan Church is pleasantly situated on a hill and overlooks Mounts Bay and St. Michael's Mount.

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whom sat in the belfry whilst we successfully brought home one more 'first peal in the method in the county.' With thanks to the Rector, the Rev. L. V. Upprichard, M.A., and to Mr. Jackson, we left Coleraine in the rain, and rushed on to Portrush (70 miles from Belfast) to the Finvola boarding house that Mr. Bishop had arranged for us to spend the night in. Our landlady received us at 10.30 p.m. and packed us off at 7.30 in the morning; she was evidently well used to emergency meals and was a real 'mother' to two ladies of our company from Low Moor.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; St. Magnus' on 22nd, and *St. Paul's 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.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at Wenden Ambo. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Pirbright, October 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Glover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints' Church, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, and business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at a low figure. Meeting after tea. Special business: Election of Branch Secretary. A good muster is therefore requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available 3.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shirenewton, near Chepstow, on Saturday, October 17th. Six bells. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. Mary's Church, Builth Wells. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The October meeting will take place on the 17th inst. at Streatham. St. Leonard's 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Immanuel bells available after business following tea. Shoals of postcards expected by the Hon. Dis. Sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Next meeting at Tideswell Saturday, October 17th. Church of St. John-the-Baptist (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery will be held at Uphill on Saturday, October 17th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by business meeting, when arrangements will be discussed for the second annual dinner, to be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, some time in November. Date to be announced later.—L. G. Tanner, Local Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, October 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Meetings for October and November: October 19th, practice 6.30 p.m., quarterly meeting 8.15 p.m.; November 1st, service ringing 10 a.m.; November 2nd, 16th and 30th, practices at 7.30 p.m. All above at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation, to those only who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. It is imperative that those members requiring tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) should notify me not later than Monday, October 19th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 21st. Frequent electric trains to Guildford, and all ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The October quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.

to be conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). Tea at 5 o'clock in Coventry Road School. The business meeting will follow. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 20th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than October 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A monthly practice meeting at Ufford at 6.30 on October 24th.—C. E. Fisher, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, October 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. All applications for tickets, for which a charge of 4s. each will be made, should reach me not later than first post Tuesday, October 20th. Will intending visitors who would like to stand in a peal of Stedman Caters on the morning of the 24th at Bradford Cathedral, please send in their names without delay? On the afternoon of the 24th, the rings of eight at Headingley St. Michael's and Far Headingley, Christ Church, Upper Armley, together with the two new rings of eight at Burley and Holbeck, will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Langham (6). A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham Church on Saturday, October 24th. Service at 4.15 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at Dedham Gun Hotel, price 1s. each. Will any members likely to be present please notify me by Tuesday, October 20th? Stratford (6) and Higham (6) will be available. Suffolk ringers living near district will be welcomed.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. Those intending to be present are kindly requested to notify me not later than Tuesday, October 20th.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

OVER, CAMBS.—Dedication by Bishop Price at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, October 24th, of new trebles to complete octave, by Mears and Stainbank. Group photograph 4.30. Tea 4.45 p.m., 1s. each. Ringing after service and tea. Please notify W. I. Ginn, Local Sec., Chain Road, Over, Cambs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Chiseldon. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify the secretary before 21st inst.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, October 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Sun Hotel 4.45, 1s. 6d. each, for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Hearty welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Norton (by Gaulby) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Eight bells. Red bus leaves Hind Hotel (L.M.S. Station) at 3.10 for Great Glen. Meet there 3.30. Proceed to King's Norton by car as arranged. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m. Names for tea must be guaranteed, and should be sent to me as soon as possible. Please make it your duty to attend and make it a good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Buckfastleigh (Ashburton not available). Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Luke's. Tea 5. Please advise Mr. A. L. Bennett, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh, those coming for tea, not later than previous Wednesday, or H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, with a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., to mark the completion of the fund for the restoration of the old six bells and the provision of two additional trebles. Preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild. Tea 4.30. Bells available 2 p.m. to 3.15 and after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea will greatly assist by sending their names as soon as possible to the Rev. C. C. D. Oake, Ambrosden Vicarage, Bicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor and Liss on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available in both churches from 3 p.m. Service in Blackmoor Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, Blackmoor, at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will those who require tea please notify before Thursday, 22nd?—W. Read, Heather Park, Blackmoor, Liss.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—(Established 1672.)—A meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, October 24th. Buses leave Millstone Lane (Platform No. 4) at 2.20 p.m. and every hour after. Will those requiring tea please advise Mrs. Harrison, Barton-in-Fabis, Notts, early.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business

meeting. All those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, October 20th. Swanmore (6) also available before and after meeting. All ringers welcomed.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place. Kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 27th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea at 4.30. Tea will only be provided for those who apply not later than Wednesday, October 28th. Gentlemen heartily invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surlfleet, near Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Those intending to be present kindly advise by 27th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3.15. Will those requiring tea please send card to Mr. F. Goodfellow, 18, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, by the 28th inst.?—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Elmley Castle (near Pershore) on Saturday, October 31st. Service with an address by the Rev. Harcourt Fowler at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the previous Tuesday, October 27th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (9d.) and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 28th. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stonham Aspal, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at Ten Bells 4.45, 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by the 28th inst. A good opportunity for ten-bell practice.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenhams, Stowmarket.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me on or before Thursday, October 29th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, November 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

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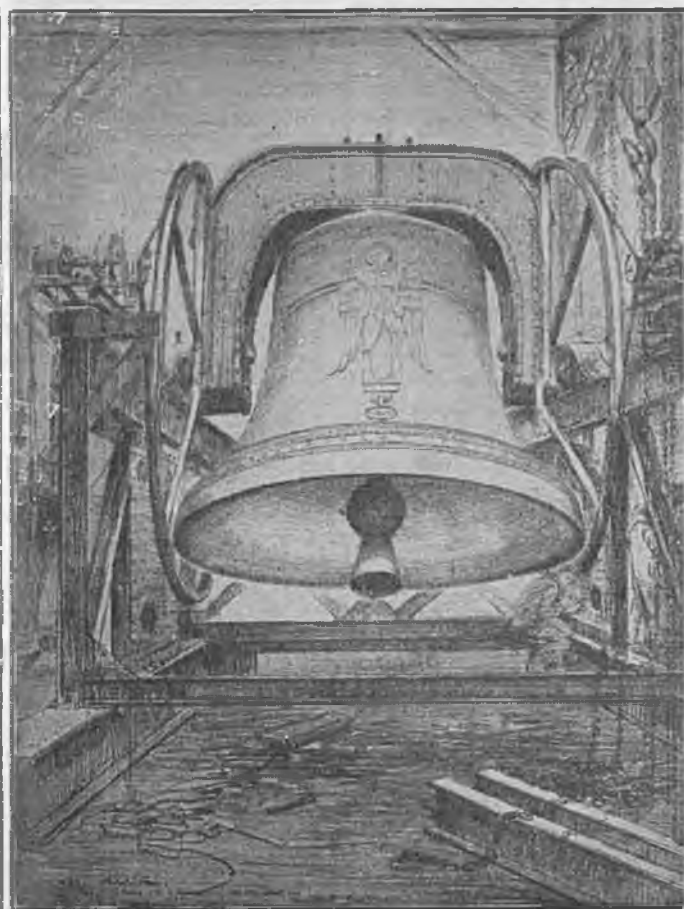
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In this issue of 'The Ringing World' is Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's concluding article on one of the most important periods of the history of the College Youths. These articles must have been read with widespread interest, not only by members of the Ancient Society scattered throughout the country, but by all ringers with a desire for knowledge of the past. Mr. Trollope's articles have been based upon long and painstaking research among old books and documents, and the Exercise is indebted to him for the light he has thrown upon the happenings of a society which has always held a prominent place in the art. Coupled with the historical facts which Mr. Trollope has been able to give us, his facile pen has presented the developments of those three or four decades in a readable and entertaining style, which few could have equalled.

Mr. Trollope set out to clear up the question of the continuity of the society which was established in 1637, and whose claim to an unbroken pedigree has from time to time been challenged, largely on the strength of the notes left by Osborn, which are now in the British Museum. What Mr. Trollope has made clear is that the original society can be traced from 1637 onward to 1788 and extinction, and that the present society can be traced directly backward to 1756. Between 1756 and 1788 there were two societies running parallel and independently, and he leaves the reader to draw his own conclusions as to whether the migrations from one society to the other during the period are sufficient to substantiate the claim to continuity, while fortifying a decision in the affirmative by the fact that the Cumberlands, who, had there been a real break in their rivals' line of descent, could have laid claim to being the senior society, but have never done so, and that Shipway, who came to London about this time, wrote in his book, published in 1816, that the College Youths appeared to be the most ancient society of ringers, said to have been established in the sixteenth century.

Nothing so exhaustive as the articles by Mr. Trollope has ever before been published concerning this vital period in the history of the Ancient Society, nor, we imagine, has anyone previously gone to the same expenditure of time and diligence as the writer must have devoted to the subject. We have already lost sight of far too much of the history of the Exercise, and anything that can be permanently saved to us is a gain not only now but for the future. Mr. Trollope, by his researches, which, by the way, he is still carrying on into the early history of ringing, is making a valuable contribution to our knowledge and is bringing phases of the past before us in a new perspective.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOHN PERRY Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
GEORGE W. HUGHES 6	HENRY E. GREEN Tenor

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK BLOUING ... Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	FRANK PONTING 7
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	THOMAS PRICE 8
GEORGE ORCHARD 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
TRAVERS PRICHARD 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.
Rung for the church festival. It was also a birthday peal for the ringer of the tenor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble	THOMAS PERRY 6
*FREDERICK R. WIGGIN ... 2	*H. F. EVANS 7
†FRED BIRKS 3	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 8
A. EDWARD WINTERTON ... 4	W. HAROLD JONES 9
*A. E. GARRETT 5	*W. A. RIDDINGTON Tenor

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CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 8
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.
The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association before starting.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER H. FARLEY ... Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD 6
CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
JOHN GOODMAN 3	WILLIAM GREEN 8
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LONDON.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT 1	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
*HORACE BELCHER 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
†FREDERICK DIGBY 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal with an 'inside' bell. † First peal on ten bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Churchwarden W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Tuesday, October 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

*EDWARD BROWN... .. Treble	*SAMUEL YATES 5
†GEORGE WORTHY 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
THOMAS METCALFE 4	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a compliment to J. C. Pollard, president of the association, and passed F.C. (4,510) 1st October, 1931.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD HUNT Treble	GEORGE KILMINSTER 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2	ALFRED RUCK 6
WALTER ROSE 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 7
WILLIAM OAKLEY 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

First peal on eight bells by the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who hail from Badgeworth. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, captain of the local company.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD H. WRIGHT... .. Treble	GEORGE W. SIMPSON 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW 6
GEORGE MILLS 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. John T. Brown (a member of the local band) to Miss A. Holland, of Swineshead; also in celebration of the harvest festival.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble	JOHN MEDHURST 5
HARRY SEAL... .. 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
PERCY G. DENTON 3	ERNEST EVEREST... .. 7
HAROLD HUNTLEY 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAL.

A 50th birthday compliment to H. Baker.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	*HARRY W. HOWARD 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 2	JOHN WORTH 6
*REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 3	ALBERT H. BOOTH 7
JACK TIPPER 4	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. WHITING Treble	*W. CYRIL SMITH 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
ALBERT E. CHESMAN 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First Surprise peal.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

W. BRANTS Treble	*P. BELL 5
C. PIPE 2	E. GOATER 6
M. HAINES 3	W. PARKER 7
E. BUTLER 4	*W. JOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. GOATER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	FRANK G. RINGE... .. 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	PERCY GREEN 7
*HARRY TORNER 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 2	T. COLIN RYDER 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	ROGER W. DANIELS 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

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

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN H. R. HESSE 5
JOHN COOK 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
GORDON WOOTTON 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	ALBERT CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal.

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

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JOHN WEADON Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
JOHN BORLES 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Francis George Mennie Walden, grandson of the Rev. G. W. Mennie (the Rector of Milton), also to Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	* REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

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

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBEY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ERNEST BRETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, Norfolk, who was on a visit to London, and it was also rung as a compliment to him, on the second anniversary of his wedding.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

* REV. CANON JOHN YOUNG Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON 5
† HARRY BROWN 2	JOHN H. LENTON 6
WALTER SWALLOW 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
ARTHUR WALTER 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. This peal was arranged between the Rev. Canon John Young, formerly Vicar and Rural Dean of Pontefract, and now Vicar of East Ardsley and Rural Dean of Wakefield, and his old Pontefract ringers, the conductor having been his warden.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	JOHN R. RODWELL 6
FREDERICK GRIFFIN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams. The band were entertained to refreshments after the peal by Mr. Williams. It was the conductor's 1,300th peal and P. Griffin's first peal of Bob Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

* ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
CHARLES H. MOORE 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL 3	GEORGE G. WARNES 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	† ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal since 1914; re-elected a member. Arranged and rung as a golden wedding compliment to the composer and Mrs. Williams.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 16, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK 5
* THOMAS KING 2	JAMES HARRISON 6
NORMAN KENYON 3	WILLIAM MILLER 7
MISS M. CLAYTON 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 2	HARRY KILBY 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
* ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	* HAROLD F. MARTIN 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT
* First peal of Double Norwich Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

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ARKSEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*HARRY ARRAND Treble	*CECIL H. HOLMES 5
GEORGE CLARKE 2	*ERNEST COOPER 6
OLIVER GREATHEAD 3	EDGAR C. STACEY 7
*HORACE S. MORLEY 4	CHARLES THORLEY Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. COOPER.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. H. Arrand was proposed a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to George and Gertrude Arrand, son and daughter of the treble ringer.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*REGINALD JENKINS Treble	BERNARD H. WELLS 5
RONALD TURFIN 2	WALTER CLAYDON 6
*CYRIL HYGATE 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
FRANK JEAL 4	MAURICE A. NORTHOVER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD 5
*HAROLD E. PENNACK 2	PERCY GREEN 6
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	MAURICE LING Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. The quickest peal yet rung on these bells. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. George Williams (the esteemed Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Williams. The band wish to thank their old friend, Mr. W. J. Nevard, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

GEORGE GODARD Treble	*CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
MISS E. JESSIE ANGIN 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 3	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7
THOMAS G. MYERS 4	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* 70th peal of Bob Major. These peals have been rung in 50 different towers. Arranged for Miss Angwin and A. S. Roberts, of Truro, Cornwall, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Woodley.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. SONE Treble	EDWARD V. BEER 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	ALBERT RELFE 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
RICHARD A. CONSTANT 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The band wish to thank Mr. 'Ted' Hadlow for having everything ready. The composition (No. 182) is rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES W. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM SAWYER 4
ALFRED B. KING 2	FRANK L. FISHER 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, with different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK TURNER Treble	GEORGE CHERRY 4
HERBERT W. WITTERING 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND 5
*WALTER BROWN 3	WILLIAM LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal of Minor.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two different six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 3
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	ROBERT BEET-SMITH 4
CYRIL BEET-SMITH Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal on the bells. First peal on five by all the band and first of Stedman Doubles by the association. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd have now rung Stedman on all numbers from Doubles to Cinques.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE Treble	SYDNEY JESSOP 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	*JOHN YOUNG 5
FRANK DEWEY 3	*REGINALD HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor and the ringer of the 4th.

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

JIM TEBAY Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 4
*ERNEST OVERSLY 2	*DAVID G. BATESON 5
*RICHARD T. BATESON 3	*JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal and belongs to the local band. First peal on the bells and by the band.

OCTOGENARIAN RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.

As a compliment to Mr. E. Jones, a veteran of the Watford bellry, who, a few days earlier, celebrated his 81st birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in which he took part, was rung at St. Mary's Church, Watford, for evening, on Sunday: E. Jones 1, S. Hoare 2, H. Long 3, H. Cashmore (conductor) 4, W. Oakley 5, R. Bell 6, F. Crook 7, W. Norris 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON	1-2	RICHARD A. GOFTON	5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3-4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	7-8
ROBERT S. ANDERSON	9-10		

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all except the conductor, and was rung without previous practice. The composition contains the sixth its extent home at seven course ends.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

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

* 50th peal together on handbells. Rung on the 45th anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' initiation to the St. Albans Cathedral Company.

The following peals were rung for

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

On Sunday, October 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. AYRE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	WALTER AYRE	5-6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witnesses—MRS. W. AYRE and MISS LONG.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

In THE STAFF ROOM OF THE NEW SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN MALYAN	1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5-6
JACK BRAY	3-4	WALTER AYRE	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major in hand.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble		JACK BRAY	4
STEPHEN H. HOARE	2	*FRANCIS KIRK	5
*JOHN MALYAN	3	WALTER AYRE	7-10

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in six methods.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

In THE STAFF ROOM OF THE NEW SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF SPICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	WALTER AYRE	7-8
*MRS. G. W. FLETCHER	3-4	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER	9-10
JACK BRAY	5-6	*W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	11-12

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' First Spiced peal of Maximus rung 'in hand.' First peal of Maximus 'in hand' for the association.

THE IRISH TOUR.

BY W. H. F.

(Continued from page 672.)

'If stones could speak then London's prayers should sound,

Who built this church and citie from the ground.'

Saturday.—Our last day in Ireland came without invitation, and Londonderry was reached—in a Scotch mist—after nearly 40 miles' run, most of the journey alongside Lough Foyle, with its sea coast similar to that of North Wales from Rhyl. Whilst waiting for morning prayers to close the beauties of the town and Cathedral were examined, including a cannon ball fired during the famous Siege of Londonderry in 1688-89; 'roaring Meg,' one of the guns that did good work in its defence, and Macanlay's original MSS. in praise thereof. The town is situated on the River Foyle, the older parts upon a hill rising to 120ft. above sea level, the ancient Cathedral crowning an area enclosed by the old city walls, some 20ft. high, erected in 1600 to 1617 at a cost of £9,000, and still intact. Like Chester, it is one of the few walled cities of the kingdom, and bears the proud title of the 'Maiden City,' having successfully withstood three sieges in the 17th century. Its history can be traced back to the time of St. Colum, who was born not far away, and was founder of an abbey here in 546. A relic is still preserved in the churchyard of Long Tower, called St. Colum's stone, on which the saint is said to have knelt in prayer.

Originally known as Derry, its title was changed in 1613, the same year that a Royal Charter was granted to the Honourable the Irish Society, the Governor, recorder and five of the 24 assistants being Aldermen of the City of London. This body rebuilt the Cathedral in 1633 at a cost of £4,000, and a foundation stone in the tower porch records the words heading this report.

The Cathedral belfry, octagonal in plan, has large lancet windows on three sides, is handsomely fitted with high panelling, surmounted with a bold cornice all round its walls. The modern seats have bell-shaped backs similar to Rayner's chair at Newport, Isle of Wight, which was made 100 years ago. Circle and draft of rope are excellent and the sound of the bells just comfortable. My first impression on entering the room was 'here's another Exeter—all things bright and beautiful,' and I trust the Derry ringers will—for generations to come—appreciate the generous efforts of the Dean and Chapter to provide a ringers' room worthy of the chancel.

We were met by the curate—on behalf of the Dean of Derry, the Rev. R. G. S. King, who was on holiday—and Mr. O. Bryan, vergar, who kindly hastened our preparations for the 'Go—Treble Bob Royal.' At 12 o'clock the conductor called 'stand' with only an hour's faultless Kent. We were ringing ten bells and there were 13 ropes, and our bob-caller—who is still riding the tenor box in grief—suddenly discovered that you cannot buy three shillings worth of this method in one packet. This was a most annoying failure, to come to Londonderry all the way from London and then have to abandon the crown of the tour. As a consolation Norwich Major was substituted at once and another attempt made on the lighter eight—the tenor is 23 cwt. and not 20 cwt. as previously mentioned. This came home safely into rounds at 3.47 p.m., and our only train due out at 4 p.m. from the distant G.N. station.

These bells—newly cast in 1929—are by Gillett and Johnston, and are hung with new iron frame, the total weight of bell-metal being very nearly 7½ tons. This is one of the most successful modern 'ringing contracts' I have met with, and the only regret I have is that Derry bells are too far away for our English ringing friends to go over and try them.

Did we catch our train? Yes, thanks to one of the Derry boys, who took us through ancient alleys and by-ways, and the 'dressing' was completed by several men on the train. Had it not been that our 'short cut' of a mile was mostly downhill, this 12½ stone of Buck could never have done it. The carriage racks were full of bulging baggage, with the six peals in six counties in six days that our tourists were lugging back to England.

'Ruminating' in my carriage corner about 5 o'clock, I remembered our breakfast was at 7 a.m. On reaching the luncheon car I found the 'gormandisers' had cleared up the 'lot.' Oh, my!—my poor inner man: I felt as if I'd taken part in a Painswick performance.

Now on the homeward trek the whole circle of Ulster was completed at Portadown Junction, and the party had quite 'rounded' Lough Neagh, its centre, and the largest area of fresh water in the British Isles. Dear Dublin was reached at 8.5, the party having travelled nearly 400 miles for the nominal fee of 30s. a head, the railway officials having shown much courtesy to us when making arrangements for the tour. Mr. R. S. F. Murphy helped us to 'fill in' time till the return boat for Liverpool left at 11 p.m., and saw us off with the urge to 'come again soon.' It is a breach of etiquette to use the landing stage at Liverpool without notifying members of the Lancashire Association. On this occasion Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. Claud Davies were on duty, and took the tourists to breakfast, gave them a touch of Stradman at 'Old Nic's,' and a course of Cambridge at St. Luke's with the local Sunday 'stedfasts.'

Breaking up a party is always a matter of regret—like breaking up an old bell. Before this happened we all agreed that the good work of change ringing in the Emerald Isle was progressing; that the name of Lindoff was already a familiar one wherever bells were to be found, and that the clergy of Ireland fully appreciated all that he has done in the past for the Irish Association.

MOULTON BELLS RESTORED.**TREBLES TO BE ADDED LATER.**

The dedication of Moulton Church bells, which have just been restored, took place on Thursday, September 24th, by the Bishop of Peterborough, the ringers taking part in the opening touch of ringing being: T. Tehbutt, J. J. Taylor, T. Law, W. J. Dove, H. England and F. Wilford. Mr. J. Oldham, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., was present, and rang in several touches after the service.

On Saturday, October 3rd, at the special invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Turner), ringers and friends of the Northampton and other branches of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild had a festival gathering, and rang, at intervals during the afternoon and evening, on the newly dedicated peal.

Service was conducted by the Rev. A. Price, of Little Billing, assisted by the Rev. Canon J. P. Friend, of Collingtree, the Rev. H. D. Smith, of Yardley Hastings, the Rev. J. White, of Pitsford, who presided at the organ, the Vicar and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Wilford). The Rev. Canon J. P. Friend gave a splendid address, taking for his text the inscription which is on the treble bell, and which, translated from the Latin, means, 'Do all to the Glory of God.' During the service whilst the three hymns were sung, handbells accompanied the organ, the performers being the Vicar, Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. J. Dunkley and Mr. A. Taylor, and this was very much appreciated. After the service, ringers and friends proceeded to the Church Room, where a splendid tea, arranged by the Ladies' Working Party, was served to 77 adults and children. Afterwards further selections on the handbells were given.

The Rev. J. White (president of the branch), praised the Vicar, the Moulton ringers and everyone concerned in the efforts they had made in raising the money required for the rehanging of the bells, as it had only been just over 12 months since it was decided to have the work done. At the same time he handed over to him the collection, £1 2s. 5d., from the service to put to the bell fund.

The Vicar thanked the ringers for the gift and hoped before long that two more bells would be added to complete the octave, as a frame for eight bells had been put in.

Mr. Weaver, churchwarden, in proposing a vote of thanks to the visitors, said that at present it was impossible to go in for the other bells, but in the course of 12 months or so it might be.—Mr. J. Fidler, for Messrs. Taylor and Co., replied, and complimented the ladies on the splendid tea provided.

Further ringing took place on the bells up to 8.30 p.m. The work of the bellhangers met with the highest commendation.

MR. & MRS. GEORGE WILLIAMS' GOLDEN WEDDING.**COMMEMORATIVE BELLS FOR NORTH STONEHAM.**

The Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and Mrs. Williams celebrated their golden wedding last Thursday, when they received numerous messages of congratulation and good wishes from ringing friends.

On Saturday the ringers of North Stoneham, where Mr. Williams has built up an admirable band after getting the bells augmented to eight, and to which church he and Mrs. Williams are presenting two trebles to make a peal of ten in commemoration of their half-century of wedded life, presented them with golden wedding gifts, a walking stick to Mr. Williams and an umbrella to Mrs. Williams.

Of course, a peal was rung at North Stoneham in honour of the event, and it was conducted by Mr. George Williams, who has been one of the greatest conductors in the Exercise during the last 50 years. By a coincidence this last was his 1,300th peal. Mrs. Williams was the first lady to ring a handbell peal. She rang three altogether, the first being in 1892. The others were rung in 1897; all of them were Grandsire Triples and Mrs. Williams rang 1-2. The peals were called by Mr. Williams, and they were thus the first married couple to ring a peal together.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams desire to express their warmest thanks to the many friends who sent them presents and letters and telegrams of good wishes.

PRESENTATION.

On Saturday last the North Stoneham ringers held their annual outing to Sherfield English, calling at East Tytherley en route, where they rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. Meanwhile the Rector of North Stoneham arrived in his car with the Rev. T. Salmon (curate). On behalf of the North Stoneham ringers the Rector presented Mr. Williams with a walking stick and Mrs. Williams with an umbrella on the occasion of their golden wedding. The Rector, in making the presentation, mentioned the fact that Mr. Williams was mainly responsible for the treble and tenor bells being added at North Stoneham in 1909, and now Mr. and Mrs. Williams were generously giving two new bells to increase the peal to ten to celebrate their golden wedding.

Mr. Williams thanked the Rector, curate and the North Stoneham ringers for the gifts. He said he tried to do his best, although he found now he could not do as he used to do. His motto was to ring for both services and attend at least one of them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, is at present under treatment in the Cottage Hospital, Claremont Road, Wallasey, Cheshire, and will be unable to attend to correspondence until further notice.

The president of the National Police Guild of Ringers (Mr. William Bottrill) has been promoted from Inspector to Sub-Divisional Inspector in the Metropolitan Police Force, and has been placed in charge of the Hammersmith Police District. His address is now No. 2, Married Quarters, Police Station, 1, Queen Street, Hammersmith, W.6. Hinging friends both in and out of the force will congratulate him upon his promotion.

By ringing the treble (approximately 1½ cwt.) to the first peal on the bells at Fools Cray, Kent, it is believed that Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen., has rung the lightest as well as the heaviest (Bow tenor, 53 cwt.) bells that have been rung to peals by the Kent County Association.

Mr. Groombridge and his son, Tom, jun., have now rung together peals of Stedman on all numbers from Doubles to Cinques, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise on all numbers from Minor to Maximus. Tom, jun., has also rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. What, by the way, is the greatest number of methods that have been rung on all numbers by any one ringer?

The paragraph which appeared in this column last week with regard to the peal of Doubles at Wychbold was a little ambiguous. The claim to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Doubles related to a quarterly peal by the Worcestershire Association. A younger band rang a peal of Grandire Doubles at Workton, Kettering, Northants, on August 7th, 1930. The average age of that company was only 18 years.

In connection with the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers, which is being held on Saturday, October 24th, at Buckfastleigh, the bells of Buckfast Abbey will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. In addition to the Limited Stop bus service, which runs between Exeter and Plymouth, a half-hourly bus service runs from Newton Abbot to Buckfastleigh, and visitors should alight at Dart Bridge for the Parish Church and the Abbey.

Ernest William Pye, the young son of the best known of all ringers, Mr. William Pye, rang his first quarter-peal on Sunday. And it was Stedman Triples, too. Father called it and Uncle Bob was also one of the band.

The tower of the Church of the Holy Nativity, Bristol, which is to provide the city with yet another ring of eight bells, is nearing completion, the final pinnacle, which crowns it, being well on the way. It is expected that the bellhangers will soon be at work. A young band of ringers, trained by Mr. W. A. Cave, who have been practising at St. Thomas' Church, will be ready to ring the bells by the time they are opened.

We understand that the restoration of the bells at Romsey Abbey, Hants, is to be taken in hand shortly.

If Mr. F. Simmonds, of Gloucester, will send his address to Mr. J. Poplett, Aylesbury Road, Tring, the cap which he left in the belfry will be sent to him.

The handbell peal at Chislehurst recorded last week was conducted by Thomas Groombridge, jun., and not Thomas Groombridge, sen., as printed.

THE PAINSWICK PEAL & SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Painswick 'peal' has given the Exercise a great deal of amusement from the time when Mr. Albert Wright, the conductor-composer, made his now famous claim that part of a false peal constitutes a record. The erection of a tablet recording the false peal was no less amusing, and, to my own knowledge, has caused a great deal of laughter in many parts of the country.

But surely the greatest joke of all is the resolution passed by a meeting of the Suffolk Guild members recommending their annual meeting to expel all members who continue to approve of the words '17,687 changes.' How can such a resolution be made effective? Can the Suffolk Guild control the views of its members? Quite a number of ringers never state their views on any subject, and even if the Suffolk Guild has any right to expel any member who voices his approval (which right I deny), it has no control at all over those who approve but say nothing. Thus the resolution is quite futile, and can only bring ridicule on those who passed it.

If the Suffolk Guild desires to voice its disapproval of the erection of a tablet to a false peal, which does not record the whole truth, its best way is to pass a resolution stating so. If any further action is felt to be necessary, the matter might be referred to the Central Council, with a recommendation to that body to expel any member or representative who has actually shown his approval of the tablet being erected. I venture to suggest that such a resolution would be taken seriously and would receive a great deal of support.

Resolutions which cannot under any circumstances be made effective can only cause amusement.—Yours faithfully,

31, Vincent Road, E.4.

C. T. COLES.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

Saturday, December 5th, will see a great pilgrimage of ringers to Cambridge, when the bells of St. Bene't's Church, restored in commemoration of the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman, will be reopened at a thanksgiving service.

Full details will be given in due course.

Donations promised to the Tricentenary Fund but not yet forwarded should be sent without delay either to

The Editor,

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or to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BICENTENARY COINCIDES WITH STEDMAN'S TRICENTENARY.

It is a coincidence that this year, in which the Exercise is celebrating the tricentenary of Fabian Stedman, is the bicentenary of the first peal of Triples on his principle. On the 25th October, 1731, that is 200 years ago next Sunday, a peal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. At that time there was keen rivalry between Norwich ringers, and the company that practised at St. Michael at Coslany in the same city rang a peal of Stedman Triples on the following December 6th. By their claims the St. Michael's company discredited the Mancroft performance, but, whichever of the two had the actual right to be termed the first, the bicentenary falls in this year.

The tablet in the belfry of St. Peter's Mancroft is worded as follows:

'On the 25th October, 1731, here was rung that Mysterious Peal called Stedman Triples: the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of tripples, as being every bell a like course, was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchior, who first completed the Peal of Perfect Stedman Triples, with only two Doubles, and no alteration, the extent being 5,040 changes, was completely rung by us in 3 hours 40 mins., on which Occasion Wilm. Scott, in his remarks upon the ringing this peal, did Elegantly sing, viz.:-

As for the sweet and Pleasant Treble she

By Melchior well was rung that Bell, and called the bobs so free;

Blowfield the 2nd; Palmer 3rd did ring;

Ather rung 4th, and was not Loath, but made her for to Sing.

Gardener the 5th did sway; Forster the 6th did play;

The 7th round Cris Booty bound and made her to obey;

The tenor fine and neat, brave Porter so compleat

Did ring her out & turned about that Cymbal loud and great.'

The peal at Coslany was recorded thus:

'In this steeples, on the sixth of December, 1731, Was rung that most Incomparable as well as Intricate Peal of Stedman Triples, which had been long ye Study of many well skilled in the Art of Ringing, but without success, till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application brought it to perfection with two Doubles. This peal contains 5,040 Triple Changes, 2 Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all Judges of the Art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed. The Bobs were called by Edward Crane before mentioned, and was rung and completed in 3 hours 18 minutes by us whose names are under-written: Richard Barulham, 1; Edward Crane, 2; Jno. Harvey, 3; Robt. Knockall, 4; Wm. Pettingill, 5; Thomas Crane, 6; Rice Greene, 7; R. Crane, tenor. W. Woolbright, B. Elden, Churchwardens.'

These two peals led to a bitter controversy between the rival bands, into which the local Press and public seem to have entered. Insults and accusations were bandied about, and during the ringing of the Coslany peal attempts were made outside the church to upset the ringing, and, although the peal was brought round, the affair ended in a free fight, and some people 'were sent home to their shame with bloody noses.'

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At last we have a half-hearted admission by one of the members of the Methods Committee that the so-called six score of Double Grandsire Doubles in the new collection of Doubles and Minor Methods is something different from what it was represented to be.

In theory the bell in the hunt can be sent down before the treble, but in practice it is NEVER done; why then bring this in to try and obscure the issue?

It was shown in these columns on 14th September, 1928, that there are only two TRUE PLAIN COURSES of the method, and, seeing that the Bobs and Singles do not affect the constructional places, there was no excuse whatever for the Methods Committee trying to foist on the Exercise something that is not what it is represented to be.

A similar but a worse fiasco appeared in the 1907 book, and the figures given, to correct the error, on April 20th, 1923, contained 6 LEADS ONLY that could rightly be called Double Grandsire Doubles.—Yours faithfully,

OWEN KAY.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT THE 'CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.'

A very successful meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Tideswell on Saturday last, about 20 ringers being present from Bakewell, Bolsover, Darley Dale, Dore, Edinburg, Eyam, New Mills, Rotherham, Tideswell and Uttoxeter. The beautiful ring of eight bells, recently restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going in the standard methods till 8.30 p.m., with varying success, some good touches being interspersed with some of a very jazz-like nature. The latter, however, provided some useful experience for a number of learners. The visitors on arrival were welcomed by the genial Vicar, the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards, and those interested were conducted round and shown the beauties of the glorious old church, well known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak.' Founded on the site of an old Norman Church, the building was commenced and completely finished in the 14th century, and it stands to-day much as it was at completion—a noble monument to the glory of God, and to the pious and patient labours of its mediæval builders. An interesting fact is that building was completely stopped for a period of 20 years or so when the 'black death' fell upon the country, and the Vicar stated that experts can tell the very stones which were in position before and those which were laid after 'the death.' Another object of interest is the 'Gabriel' bell, one of the original six, by a 14th century founder, now resting from its labours and in a place of honour at the east of the church.

A bountiful tea was provided for the ringers in the schools, through the kindly efforts of a number of local ladies, who could hardly be prevailed upon to accept a modest 6d. from each in payment. During tea the usual racy anecdotes were exchanged between the Rev. W. P. Wright and the Vicar, and were supplemented by one or two from others present, to the general amusement.

A short informal business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Darley Dale on November 21st, and at the same time to try and carry out a little missionary work by making up parties to visit the two neighbouring five-bell towers of Elton and Winstar, both of them within easy reach by bus.

Amid great applause the Rev. R. Fletcher Edwards was made an honorary member of the association, Mr. F. Marshall, of Edinburg Cathedral, a life member, and Messrs. T. B. and F. Bagshaw (Tideswell) and Mr. S. Beighton (Dore) ordinary members.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the ladies and local company on the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, and the Vicar, in response, stated how pleased they all were to welcome the Peak District. He expressed his pleasure at becoming an hon. member, and said he hoped to attend some of the meetings and to bring some of the local ringers with him, a statement which produced further applause.—The secretary (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey), in supporting the various votes of thanks, referred to the most generous welcome which they always received at Tideswell, to the pleasure it gave them to welcome more local ringers into the association, to the spade work which the district was doing in the Peak in trying to arouse interest in change ringing, and to his hope that the new members would make the most of their membership and attend as many meetings as possible and obtain the greatest possible return from their subscriptions. The secretary added a word of welcome to an old friend, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, at one time one of the foremost ringers in the county, but now unhappily precluded from ringing by doctor's orders. He had come over from New Mills to listen to the bells and enjoy the meeting.

Following tea, further ringing till 8.30 brought a very happy meeting to a close.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY ABBEY BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

A meeting of the Southampton District was held at Sherfield English on Saturday, October 17th, when the musical peal of eight by Taylor were kept going to methods from Grandsire to London Surprise Major. Tea and business meeting took place in the Parish Hall, the Rector of Dibden in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Williams (Ringing Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary), and members from Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Dibden, Titchfield, North Stoneham, Twyford, Lynnington, Romsey, Farnborough, Southampton, Milford-on-Sea and Winchester.

Mr. Williams was congratulated by those present on celebrating his golden wedding on the previous Thursday.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Harry Barton in his recent bereavement.

It was mentioned that Romsey Abbey bells and clock are to be restored. The Abbey has a ring of eight with tenor of 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

It was decided to hold a combined practice at St. Michael's, Southampton, in November, and the annual meeting at Southampton on January 16th, 1932.

H. J. Huleup, of Dibden, was elected an honorary member of the Guild.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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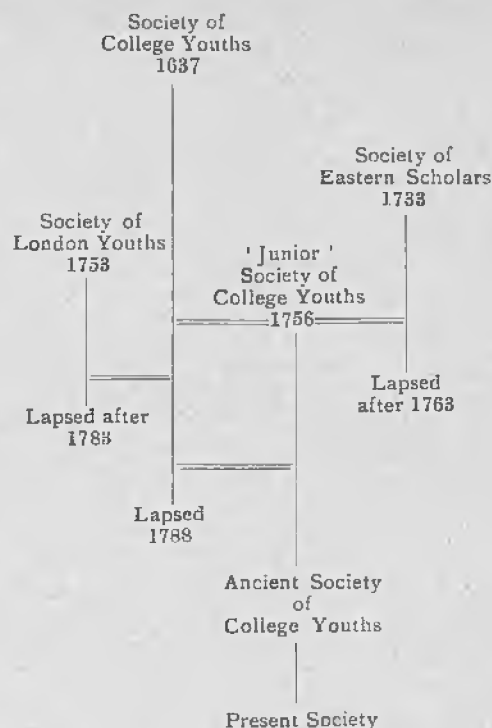
Is the Ancient Society of College Youths the same as the Society of College Youths which was founded in 1637? The reader may answer the question for himself. The account of what took place is now published for the first time, and the facts as I have given them cannot be contradicted.

My original intention was to reproduce Osborn's account in full and without comment. Osborn was a painstaking and accurate collector of facts. He was by training and profession peculiarly qualified to find the truth, and his statements may be relied on. But he had a bitter quarrel with the society, and he left it either in anger and disgust or because he was expelled under rule nine or its equivalent. He made no secret of his contempt for the College Youths of his own day, and these things might have warped his judgment. I decided, therefore, to go myself to the original records and write the story afresh.

Two things are clear. If we start at 1637 and trace the main course of the College Youths downwards, it leads us directly to 1788 and extinction. If we trace the main course of the present society backwards it leads us directly to 1756 and the formation of George Meakin's company. For thirty-two years these two run parallel; there were two distinct societies as independent of each other as both were of the Cumberlands' Society. At two points and two only there was a connection between them—one in 1756, the other in 1788. Each was a migration of members from the old society to the new. The first was of approximately half the company, the second of more than half. There was no official union at either time. Continuity depends entirely on those two migrations, and it will be seen at once that there was no link at all in any formal or legal sense. The present society has as little (or as much) right to say they are the successors of the Eastern Scholars as of the College Youths.

On the other hand, the new company always called themselves College Youths, which was, in itself, a claim to be the successors of the original society. Their great rivals were the Cumberlands, and after 1788 that company could have claimed with justice that they were the senior and leading London society. But they did not. Shipway came to London in 1785, and he must have known all about the events of 1788. In his book (1816) he wrote of the College Youths, "This appears to be the most ancient society of ringers. They are said to have been established in the sixteenth century." It is not very enthusiastic, and Shipway and his contemporaries knew little and cared little about the history of ringing. But it is good evidence that ringers at the end of the eighteenth century were content to allow the College Youths' claim of continuity. And what satisfied them may satisfy us.

The new company carried on the traditions and dignity of the old, which, after all, was the most important thing. The society has not always been so fortunate. Forty years or so later it went through another crisis. That time there was no question of continuity, but in the changes that took place it definitely lost those qualities and characteristics which had made its members for so many years the social and intellectual aristocracy of the Exercise.



THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

PUBLICATION OF A NEW EDITION.

The third edition of the 'Directory of Church Bell Ringers' (published by Bristol United Ringing Guilds at 1s.) is on sale to-day. It is twice the size of the previous issue and more than twice as useful. There are thirteen hundred names and addresses under the alphabetical list, and these names are also rearranged under the associations and towers, so that the directory has now developed into a volume which fully justifies its title. It will be of great value to ringers desiring to communicate with or visit other areas, and its usefulness to ringers is greatly enhanced by a section containing many pages of Sunday service touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters compiled by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Apart from its convenience to individual ringers, therefore, a copy of the Directory ought to be kept in every tower ready for reference in emergency when a service touch is needed. And some of these touches, by the way, will get conductors away from the rut in these methods. The Empire section, written by Mr. W. H. Fussell and dealing with ringers and ringing overseas, is full of interest, and these excursions beyond the main purpose of the directory make it all the more acceptable.

Those who subscribed to the Directory, and thus got the advantage of getting their names and addresses included, should receive their free copy in the next day or two. The Directory is on sale to others at 1s., and may be obtained from the hon. secretary of Bristol United Ringing Guilds (Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

F. A. MILNE MEMORIAL.

The following sums are gratefully acknowledged by the Memorial Sub-Committee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: Tottenham ringers, 10s.; Harrow Weald ringers, 10s. 6d.; Barnet ringers, £1 1s.; Southgate ringers, £1 1s.; Harrow ringers, 10s.; Hendon ringers, 10s. 6d.; Northaw ringers, 10s.; Stanmore ringers, 7s. 6d.; collection, South and West District annual meeting, £2; Oxford University Society, £1 1s.; a friend, 10s.; Messrs. W. J. Bowden, 2s. 6d.; E. Barnett, 2s. 6d.; J. C. Jackson, 2s. 6d.; J. Bennett, 2s. 6d.; W. Lawrence, 1s.; I. Emery, 6d.; W. H. Hollier, 10s.; W. Pickworth, 10s. 6d.; C. T. Coles, 5s.; J. A. Trollope, 5s.; G. R. Pye, 5s.; R. K. Knight, 2s. 6d.; C. Potheary, 5s.; F. Digby, 1s.; C. Charge (New Zealand), 5s.; C. V. Ebbersson, 2s. 6d.; J. George, 2s. 6d.; W. Nash, 2s. 6d.; T. Collins, 2s. 6d.; H. S. Arbin, 2s. A sufficient sum having been collected to defray the cost of the memorial tablet and all incidental expenses, this fund is now closed, with sincere thanks to all subscribers.

C. T. COLES,
Hon. Secretary to the Sub-Committee.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**TWO NEW BANDS JOIN.**

The quarterly meeting was held at Shirenewton (Mon) on Saturday last. Favoured with beautiful weather, a good number put in an appearance from both dioceses, many probably being drawn by the fact that it was the first time the association had held a meeting at this tower. The bells, a light, musical ring of six, by Evans, of Chepstow, with the exception of the treble, put in by Mears as a peace bell after the war, were raised about 3 o'clock and various methods rung. It was a surprise to find that the local band were practising half-pull ringing, and in February last had rung a peal of Doubles, which is recorded on a peal board hung in the tower. Mr. Marsh, the people's warden, and one of the ringers heartily welcomed the visitors on their arrival. Service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. N. Williams) officiating. Following tea in the Church Room the business meeting took place. The Vicar, who presided, heartily welcomed the association on their first visit to Shirenewton, at the same time championing his own band of ringers, who, he said, were a keen and enthusiastic band of ringers and church workers.

The report on restorations was given, followed by instructor's report. New members were elected, including the whole of the Bassaleg ringers, who are now doing half-pull ringing, and also the whole of Shirenewton ringers, thanks to the interest and enthusiasm of Mr. Churchwarden Marsh.

The selection of the place to hold the next quarterly meeting was left over until the annual meeting, which is to be held at Newport on December 26th.

After the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed and a return made to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in.

As Shirenewton is situated in an isolated part of the county and in a purely agricultural district, it was most gratifying to find such a number attending, and, with the results achieved, the gathering can best be described as a most encouraging and successful meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Pirbright, where H. M. Stanley, the explorer and discoverer of Dr. Livingstone in Africa, lies buried, his grave being marked by a huge rough-hewn block of stone. There is a light peal of six in the tower, and ringing took place on them during the afternoon, but, owing to illness near the church, the ringers voluntarily abandoned the evening ringing. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Slade-Kelsey), who in his address emphasised the need for a return of the country to prayer and corporate worship in these days of unrest and upheaval.

Tea in the Institute was attended by about 20 members from Aldershot, Ash, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas), Haslemere, West Clandon, Woking and Worplesdon. There was no formal business to transact, but the Vicar, who was thanked for the use of the bells and for the service, was asked to convey the sympathy of the members to the sufferer and relatives at 'Churchmeads'.

Admiral T. P. Walker called attention to the suggestion in 'The Ringing World' for the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary by special ringing at every church, and hoped the proposal would be generally adopted in the Guildford Guild.

Afterwards by car and motor-cycle most of those present were transported to Worplesdon Church, where permission had been kindly granted at short notice for ringing in the evening. The new Vicar and his son visited the belfry to welcome the ringers, and the latter intends to take up ringing. Various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung at the two churches, the abilities of all being admirably cared for by the District Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville).

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnesley and District Association was held at Sandal on Saturday, October 10th, members being present from Armley, Barnesley, Crofton, Darfield, Dewsbury, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Pontefract, Royston, Shelley, Wath and the local company. The bells were kept going during the afternoon in various methods. Tea was served to about 40 members and friends in the Parochial Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Parry) presiding. He gave all a hearty welcome and said he was always pleased to grant the use of the bells for those meetings. He also made reference to Mr. H. Robinson, who has been a ringer at Sandal 59 years, and hoped he would be able to 'carry on.'

South Kirkby was selected for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed, and further ringing followed both on tower bells and handbells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Wednesday, October 7th, 720 Bob Minor: R. W. Sear (first 720) 1, H. Sear 2, H. V. Sear 3, F. Vickers 4, S. Smith 5, W. Sear (conductor) 6.

KINGSLEY.—At St. Werburgh's Church on Tuesday, October 13th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Edwards (first 720) 1, W. Edwards 2, E. Twigg (first 720 'inside') 3, E. Wood 4, H. Cornwell 5, A. W. Hall (conductor) 6.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEMORABLE MEETING AT TRING.**

The meeting of the Western Division at Tring on Saturday, October 10th, was held on a glorious day, when about 35 ringers attended from Apsley, Amersham, Burton-on-Stather, Blechley, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Aston Clinton, Kings Langley, Ellesborough, Gloucester, Watford, Winslow, St. Albans and the local company. Ringing in various methods took place in the afternoon, and an interesting ceremony took place in the tower when the Vicar (the Rev. T. T. C. Wood) dedicated a peal board recording the peal rung at his induction in December, 1930. In the course of the brief service the Vicar's wife (Mrs. Woods) unveiled the board. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples by the same band standing as in the peal. In the belfry were gathered a number of church officials and workers, among them the churchwardens, Messrs. T. B. Fells and E. Henchin.

After the ceremony all present sat down to a splendid tea in the Vestry Hall, arranged by some of the local ringers' wives, who were complimented and thanked for their efforts.

At the meeting held after tea the Vicar, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the association, and said he should always remember the hearty welcome accorded to him on his induction. He warmly praised the ringers of the peal.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. F. West, of West Wycombe, and Miss Elsie Leach, of Berkhamsted.

The secretary (Mr. J. Puplett) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all the ladies who had assisted in providing such a splendid tea, and Mr. Good proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc. Other short speeches followed and further ringing then took place. It was one of the most memorable meetings held in the division.

VETERAN STOURBRIDGE RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. G. H. PAGETT.**

The death occurred on Sunday, September 27th, of Mr. George Henry Pagett, of Stourbridge. He had been unwell for some time and his condition gradually grew worse since he sustained a fall some weeks ago. He was a staunch churchman and had been a member of St. Thomas' Church choir for over 50 years, and a bellringer for nearly 55 years. He was a member of St. Thomas' band and helped at neighbouring towers. He was a familiar figure at the Worcestershire Association meetings as their representative some years ago.

He was ever ready to push forward the art of ringing both by advice and practical instruction, and was a general favourite with his fellow-ringers. In all he undertook his genial manner earned him a host of friends, by whom he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Pagett was for over 27 years porter at the Midland Bank, Stourbridge, from which post he retired in November, 1922, when he was presented with a handsome chair from the staff of the bank as a parting gift. He was 73 years of age and is survived by his wife.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, October 1st, the first part of the service being held at St. Thomas', the Vicar (Canon Newland, R.D.), the Rev. E. G. Horner and the Rev. W. Smith officiating. The choir were in attendance and the hymns were 'There is a Blessed Home' and 'Jesus lives'; the 23rd Psalm was also chanted. The organist, Mr. Bertie Allechurch, played appropriate music, including 'O rest in the Lord.' There was a large assembly, including members of the Ancient Order of Foresters (of which Mr. Pagett had been a member for 53 years), the Church Council, the churchwarden (Mr. W. A. Horne), Mr. C. H. Cartwright (manager of Old Bank), and the following bellringers: Messrs. W. Farley, W. Short, J. Bass, J. Carter, H. Hartshorn, H. V. Cooper, H. Kirkham, Sidney Thompson, H. T. Amphlett, A. L. Dunn, J. W. Smith and C. W. Cooper. The interment took place at the Borough Cemetery, and following the committal the Foresters' funeral service was read and a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. H. T. Amphlett, H. V. Cooper, J. Bass and W. Farley.

Floral tributes were many and included those from 'His sorrowing wife'; the Vicar and Miss Newland; St. Thomas' ringers; organist and choristers, St. Thomas'; Mr. A. J. Skelding, secretary, Northern Branch, Worcestershire Association; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper. A half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Thomas' Church immediately after the burial.

YEOVIL BELLS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I was particularly interested to read in 'The Ringing World' this week of the wonderful improvement in the peal of ten at Yeovil. I am sure all that Mr. Dyke says is true, as I have personally heard these bells from time to time in the foundry.

I quite believe that, with the careful way these bells have been tuned, they are now the finest ten in Somerset, but, in my opinion, it is a pity that the ninth is not a better match for the glorious tenor.

Can any reader of 'The Ringing World' let me know if they know of a heavier bell ever being cast at the Chew-Stoke Foundry by the Billies? I believe Yeovil tenor is the heaviest bell that was ever turned out from this noted old West County foundry.

The report which you quote says, 'Wells Cathedral tenor of over 52 cwt.'—she is considerably over 52, as she goes 57½.

J. H. B. H.

BEQUEST TO RINGERS.**TWYFORD FEAST DAY.**

The 7th October in each year has been known for very many years at Twyford, Hants, as 'Ringers' Feast Day,' when, according to the will of the late Mr. William Davis, a resident of Twyford, the ringers of Twyford Church bells are to receive £1, providing they ring twice on that day, morning and evening. A copy of the will hangs on the north wall of the church, near the tower, the late Rev. Charles Buston having been instrumental in obtaining a copy of the will, for which the ringers of Twyford have always been grateful. Tradition has it that Mr. Davis was returning home when he lost his way in the dark, probably across either Twyford or Shawford Down—no one seems to know which—when the church bells of Twyford rang out, and Mr. Davis was able to tell in which direction he was going, and suddenly discovered he was actually on the brink of one of the deep chalk pits. A few steps further and he would have fallen over. He owed his life to the sound of the church bells, and therefore provided in his will that this sum be paid annually to the ringers of Twyford.

This sum is augmented by the ringers themselves, and they invite a number of friends interested in bellringing to a supper or feast on each October 7th. The event was held as usual this year, when about 24 sat down to an excellent repast catered for by Mr. W. Hills, of the Cafe, Twyford. The Vicar, the Rev. Harold S. Morris, took the chair, and Mr. L. S. Lampard, conductor of the local band, the vice-chair. There were also present two of the old Twyford band of ringers, Mr. John Ashford and Mr. George Smith, both members of the Diocesan Guild, and who have attended those suppers for a number of years. Dr. G. A. E. Roberts, also an old supporter of the bellringers, and who has attended for very many years, Dr. G. Marsden Roberts, Dr. Hugh Mallinson, Major Duncan Lewis, Mr. Henry Hewlett (people's warden), Col. F. J. Parker (Vicar's warden), Mr. E. Watling, Mr. Arthur Smith, Mr. W. G. White, Mr. P. W. Lynch and the ringers. Mr. Walter Young, captain of the band, was unfortunately unable to be present.

After the supper the Vicar proposed the toast of 'The King,' and Major Lewis the toast of 'The Bellringers,' which was responded to by Mr. Lampard. The Vicar read the will, the copy of which had been brought from the church for the occasion. The following is an extract:—

'In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, in the will of William Davies, late of Twyford in the County of Southampton, deceased; dated twenty-second April, 1754, is as follows:—

'I also give to the Ringers of the Parish of Twyford the sum of twenty shillings to be paid them every year for ever, on the 7th day of October (New Style), provided they ring on the morning and evening of that day, but not otherwise. And I do hereby charge my freehold estate in Twyford with the payment thereof, and if the said sum of twenty shillings be not duly paid them every year as aforesaid, I do hereby give the Vicar of Twyford, for the time being, full power to enter on the whole or any part thereof for the use of the Ringers aforesaid.'

Mr. Lampard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for taking the chair, and the Vicar, in reply, said that that evening was his 22nd year of attending those suppers.

The rest of the evening was spent in games, etc.

ABERAVON RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING.

In April last 15 Aberavon ringers and friends experienced a great disappointment when they arrived at a certain cafe to find that no supper awaited them—although it had been arranged for—and all had to return home empty. Needless to say, this establishment didn't get a second chance. However, all's well that ends well, and at the Charlton Cafe on Tuesday evening of last week, the ten ringers, with the Rev. W. H. Jones, Vicar, the Rev. Ivor Davies and the Rev. E. H. Jones, curates, and Mr. W. M. Evans, Vicar's warden (Mr. F. D. Jones, people's warden, was unable to attend owing to illness), sat down to a splendid supper, and an enjoyable 'free and easy' evening was spent.

The Vicar, in a short address, spoke of the good work the ringers were doing, and said how delighted he was to be there amongst them that evening, and hoped they would go on for years to come doing the work which they had undertaken.

A brief account of the bells, ringers and peals rung was given. The years of service of the ten ringers are as follows: Messrs. W. Williams (46), J. Weatherby (28), A. J. Pitman (22), W. J. Norton (21), E. Stitch (17), F. K. Stone (15), C. Hughes (11), C. Jones (7), C. Mathers (7) and G. Chappell (5); total 179 years. The bells were hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1893, the first peal rung on them in 1904, and the first local peal was rung by eight of the above on March 20th, 1931, Mr. W. Williams taking part in both. The first peals on the bells of Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were all conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman. There have been 29 peals rung on the bells, but none without a local man in it.

Nearly all present said a few words, and all agreed that the gathering had been a great success, and spoke of making it an annual event, next time inviting wives and sweethearts. It was a disappointment to all that Mr. F. D. Jones was kept away through illness, everyone wishing him a speedy return to health.

E. S.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT BADDOW.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, October 18th, 1,056 Bob Major: G. Green 1, A. Bartholomew 2, P. Green (composer and conductor) 3, Miss W. Linn 4, P. Felton 5, F. A. Watts 6, H. Pennack 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, for evening service, on Sunday, October 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major in 44 mins.: W. Sturgess 1, W. J. Dove 2, A. Robinson 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Hoare 5, W. Atterbury 6, W. H. Austin 7, W. R. Parker (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 18th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Johnson 1, H. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, F. Turner 4, T. H. Townsend 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

EDMONTON.—On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Wheeler 1, J. Saxby 2, G. W. Fletcher 3, W. J. Bowden 4, G. B. Collins 5, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) 6, J. Parker 7, P. Pearce 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 5th and tenor.

KIDDERMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints on October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Davies 1, G. Davies 2, C. H. Woodberry 3, T. J. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, K. Salter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, A. Wright 8. A birthday compliment to Albert Wright and T. J. Salter.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): R. Taylor 1, H. Taylor 2, H. Jackson 3, H. Pickles (first quarter-peal) 4, F. Walker 5, J. Clayton 6, E. Garside 7, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 8. All are regular service ringers at Mossley except the conductor, who comes from Ashton-under-Lyne.

SOUTEGATE.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters in 51 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, W. Pickworth 2, A. Crane (of Blechley) 3, D. Overington 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8, N. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor, and on the occasion of the christening of Jeffery Michael Pink, son and heir of one of the local band, the ringer of the third being uncle and of the tenor grandfather of the infant.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, at Christ Church for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: P. L. Dohlin (longest length in the method) 1, J. S. Morton 2, A. J. Hill 3, E. C. Patten 4, L. J. Cullum 5, F. A. Coley 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, September 27th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Grundy 1, N. Berry 2, John Denner 3, F. Grundy 4, John Potter (conductor) 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, C. Gudgeon 7, A. Burton 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving festival.

RINGER'S MOTOR-CYCLING FATALITY.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Yardley Hastings, suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Fred Wooding, who met with a fatal motor-cycling accident on Sunday night, October 4th, and died in hospital the next morning without regaining consciousness. He was only 18 years of age, but had been ringing for six years, and had taken part in six peals.

The funeral took place on the following Thursday afternoon, and the coffin was borne to the grave by six members of the local band. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Smith), assisted by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

After the ceremony Mr. Wilford, with the local band, rang several touches of Minor with the bells fully muffled, and on the Sunday following the bells were rung half-muffled.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on October 29th; St. Magnus' on 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.: St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street; St. Michael's, Cornhill. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock; preacher, Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Frequent electric trains to Guildford, and all ringers are heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The October quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, to be conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). Tea at 5 o'clock in Coventry Road School. The business meeting will follow. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, October 24th. Service 4 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Heartly welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart R.C. Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Burnham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wrexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A monthly practice meeting at Ufford at 6.30 on October 24th.—C. E. Fisher, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden, and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, October 24th, commencing at 5.45 p.m. On the afternoon of the 24th, the rings of eight at Headingley St. Michael's and Far Headingley, Christ Church, Upper Armley, together with the new ring of eight at Burley, will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Through unforeseen circumstances the bells of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, will not be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Lea Hurst, Stanningley Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Langham (6). A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham Church on Saturday, October 24th. Service at 4.15 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. at Dedham Gun Hotel, price 1s. each. Stratford (6) and Higham (6) will be available. Suffolk ringers living near district will be welcomed.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Chiseldon. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Norton (by Gaulby) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Eight bells. Red bus leaves Hind Hotel (L.M.S. Station) at 3.10 for Great Glen. Meet there 3.30. Proceed to King's Norton by car as arranged. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m. Names for tea must be guaranteed, and should be sent to me as soon as possible. Please make it your duty to attend and make it a good meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, October 24th, at Buckfastleigh (Ashburton not available). Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, St. Luke's. Tea 5. Buckfast Abbey bells available 3 to 4 p.m.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, October 24th. Buses leave Millstone Lane (Platform No. 4) at 2.20 p.m. and every hour after. Will those requiring tea please advise Mrs. Harrison, Barton-in-Fabis, Notts, early.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, October 24th. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the school.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, with a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., to mark the completion of the fund for the restoration of the old six bells and the provision of two additional trebles. Preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild. Tea 4.30. Bells available 2 p.m. to 3.15 and after tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea will greatly assist by sending their names as soon as possible to the Rev. C. C. D. Oake, Ambrosden Vicarage, Bicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blackmoor and Liss on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available in both churches from 3 p.m. Service in Blackmoor Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room, Blackmoor, at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—W. Read, Heather Park, Blackmoor, Liss.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Swanmore (6) also available before and after meeting. All ringers welcomed.—A. T. Greenwood, Dis. Sec., 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place. Kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, 27th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea at 4.30. Tea will only be provided for those who apply not later than Wednesday, October 28th. Gentlemen heartily invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3.15. Will those requiring tea please send card to Mr. F. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, by the 28th inst.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Those intending to be present kindly advise by 27th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Elmley Castle (near Pershore) on Saturday, October 31st. Service with an address by the Rev. Harcourt Fowler at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me by the previous Tuesday, October 27th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—A meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (9d.) and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 28th. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stonham Aspal, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at Ten Bells 4.45, 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea by the 28th inst. A good opportunity for ten-bell practice.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting. Please notify me on or before Thursday, October 29th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Market Drayton on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting at 4.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (1s. each). Please send number for tea before the 26th to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. Good bus service. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this new ring of six.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good number of ringers and friends are requested to attend, as the popular local tower secretary has 'something up his sleeve.' Kindly notify by the 27th for tea.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 31st, 1931. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the City Church of All Saints, Oxford, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, 28th.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

NORTH HERTS CALLING!—A meeting will be held at Kingswolden on Saturday, Oct. 31st. The bells (6), recently rehung on ball bearings, will be available from 3 p.m. As the tea question is rather a difficult one in these villages, a postcard if you wish to stay to tea would be much appreciated.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at Thorne. Bells (8) ready early. Own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough, near, Rotherham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall (not at Holbeck as suggested) on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Members are requested to attend this meeting; important business.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those wanting tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, 28th.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at Hallow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, November 4th. Buses run from Worcester every half-hour.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on November 7th. Tower open at 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Business includes nomination of officers for next year. Mr. F. Woodiss is arranging the tea. Members please send their numbers to him at 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, before November 5th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than November 3rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, November 7th. Six bells. Tea to those who notify Mr. E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, by the 4th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A special meeting of the above will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, November 7th, the occasion being the reopening of the peal of ten at St. Oswald's Church. These bells have been restored and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. A special service will be held in church at 3.30 p.m., and bells will be available immediately afterwards. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street. Notice to Mr. Rosson, 6, Water Street, by November 4th. All ringers are welcome at this meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good muster will be encouraging.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, November 11th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

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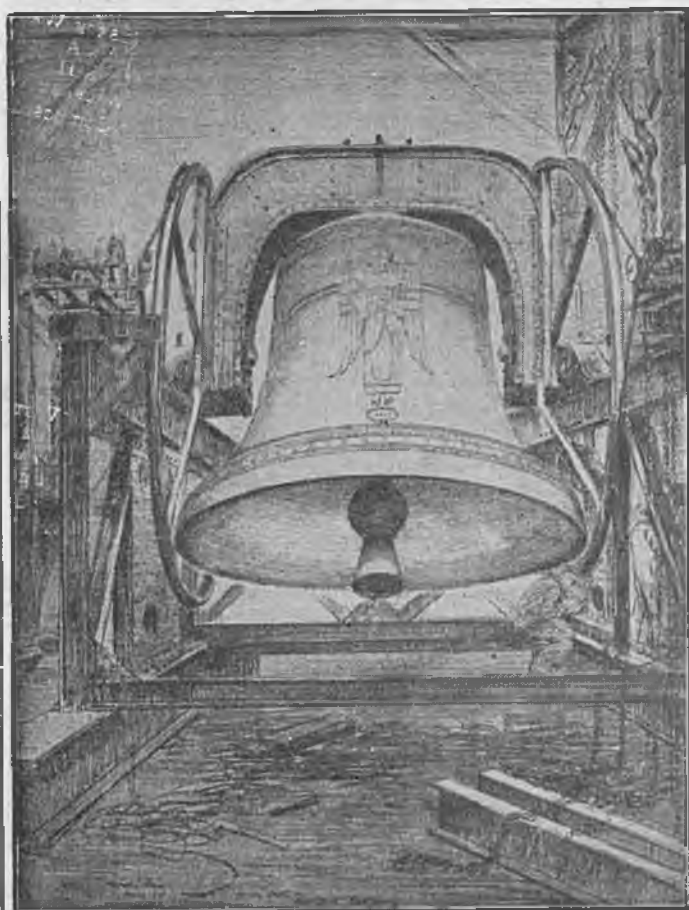
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THE PAINSWICK TABLET.

The last has probably not yet been heard of the Painswick performances—the false peal and the erecting of a tablet to commemorate it. Had the failure been left where it was, when the falseness of the peal was pointed out, the unfortunate fiasco would by this time have been well on the way, if not to entire oblivion, at any rate to the realm of those things which only historians would desire to disturb. The recent action of the Painswick Youths, in erecting a monument to their failure, call it 'glorious,' 'ghastly,' 'ignominious' or whatever adjective you please—and ringers have been pleased to call it many things—has, however, rekindled the flame of resentment which sprang up when an attempt was made to justify this 17,687 as a record length on twelve bells, despite the repetition of changes which occurred. The tablet might easily have been worded so that those who read it in future years would have known the exact facts, without any loss of admiration for the endurance of the men who, as far as the performance went, tried and failed through no fault of their own. As we pointed out when the inscription was first made public, the record, as it stands, will be open to misconception in generations to come, when those with first-hand knowledge have gone.

It is this which is likely to keep alive the feeling which is abroad in the Exercise, and which will eventually, we think, culminate in a public protest through the Central Council. That some ringers feel deeply about the placing of this tablet in the church is obvious from the resolution of the Suffolk Guild branches to their annual meeting. The form of the proposal, however, is most unusual. The removal from the Guild of any member who continues to approve of the words '17,867 changes' being on the tablet might prove difficult to carry out and still more difficult to justify. Without a referendum, one cannot see how it can be ascertained who approves and who does not. Moreover, would it be right to remove a man from the Suffolk Guild for his opinions on an act of the Painswick Youths? We could understand the Suffolk Guild, or any other association which desires to maintain the highest standard in ringing, registering a protest against a tablet thus worded being placed in a church tower, but beyond that it is difficult to see that they can wisely go. It is doubtful, however, whether anything that can now be done will undo what we consider was a misguided action on the part of the Painswick Youths. Most of those who provided the tablet were probably ignorant of the recognised canons of ringing, and we can only imagine that the ringers themselves were unaware of the wording that had been adopted until it was too late to alter it. We do not hear, however, that any one of them has raised his voice

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in protest. To erect a tablet at all was, in our view, a mistake; to let it remain without some addition which will make it clear that this was a false peal will give ground for the suspicion, already widely felt, that there is an intention that future generations shall look upon this as a record peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt, 12 lb. in D.

* WILLIAM J. WHITING ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE 6
JOHN BEAMS 2	† ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 3	† WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	† ALAN R. PINK 9
† GEORGE A. COOK 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt, in E.

ALEXANDER EVANS ... Treble	ALBERT L. GALE 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 3	HENRY PRING 8
THOMAS F. KING 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

A birthday compliment to H. Pring.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE ... Treble	GEORGE WHITE 6
SIDNEY ELWICK 2	ALFRED E. OXLEY 7
ALBERT V. COATES 3	HARRY SHORT 8
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 4	JOHN W. WATERS 9
JOHN WALLER 5	RICHARD HANBELL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. E. OXLEY.

First peal as conductor on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. Hunter, a member of the Whitby company, and Miss E. Young, who were married at the above church on Tuesday, October 20th.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* CHARLES TINDALE ... Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 6
* SIDNEY ELWICK 2	* ALFRED E. OXLEY 7
* JOHN WALLER 3	* HARRY SHORT 8
* GEORGE WHITE 4	THOMAS LANCASTER 9
† JACK REED 5	WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method and first of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First in the method and first of Royal as conductor. First peal of Bob Royal by all the band, first on the bells and first for the association.

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On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 8
RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
CHARLES S. BURDEN 5	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by H. LANGDON.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Henry Abel Smith.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 6
*SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	†FRED HAWKES 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	*WILLIAM RANFORD 8
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	†CYRIL TANSSELL 9
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5	*CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal of Little Bob. First peal of Little Bob Royal on the bells and for the association. Rung for the festival of the 808th anniversary of the dedication of the Abbey.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 15, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*THOMAS BARKER Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 5
HERMON NELSON 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
*ADAM BLOGG 3	†EDWARD LAWSON 7
†JOHN CHARNOCK 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. LAWSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. First local peal of Oxford, all being Sunday service ringers. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDITH K. FLETCHER Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES ARMSTRONG Treble	FREDERICK HARWOOD ... 5
*HAROLD CLARKE 2	†FRANK CODPE 6
†JOHN SINGLETON 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. James Eccles, a life-long churchworker at the above church, who died at the age of 75 years.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. ERNEST PROCTER Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
WILLIAM BARTON 3	*SIDNEY KEIGHLEY 7
*WILLIAM SCRIMSHAW ... 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Broadley.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	JOHN A. BRAGG 6
JOHN NEAL 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	*WILLIAM H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* Proposed a member of the Guild before starting for the peal. First peal on the augmented ring.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN LLOYD Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
THOMAS HEMMING 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	†LECTOR G. BIRD 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

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WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, EALING, GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*LESLIE H. WILSON Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
JOHN A. D. WEBB 3	WILFRED G. WILSON 7
PERCY E. CLARK 4	EDWARD HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

EDWARD T. HOOPER Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... 5
*EDWARD L. HUDSON 2	†ALFRED BATEMAN 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung for the annual dedication festival of this church, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. A. G. F. Baines, M.A., also for 'Elliman Day' (1849), the memory of a former generous benefactor to the town and Parish Church of Slough.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES SAYER 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CECIL BARRETT 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*STANLEY COPLING 4	EDWIN GOATE Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF DEXTER'S.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
*ERNEST J. BULL 3	PERCY MERTON 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	JOSEPH FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by A. J. WYATT.

* First peal and first attempt on eight bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JAMES ALBISON Treble	*HARRY CORSER 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	*ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 6
*ERNEST MOORES 3	*ABRAHAM BROMLEY 7
SYDNEY GOULDEN 4	WALTER E. HOWARTH Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by W. E. HOWARTH.

* First peal and first attempt.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Messrs. Clift and Popnell were proposed members of the association prior to the commencement of the peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK BELSEY Treble	ALAN BROMLEY 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 2	JOHN O. WELLER 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	CECIL NICE 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 2	ROBERT SWIFT 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL Treble	*WILLIE PROCTOR 5
ALBERT PICKLES 2	*TOM SMITH 6
*JOHN WINDLE 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
*CECIL DRAKE 4	*JOZ GREENWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Bairstow and Miss N. Markham; also as a compliment to the Vicar of Northowram on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Wakefield Cathedral.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS 5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 6
FRANK E. DARBY 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob Royal, Mr. J. Ladley kindly standing out.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the society and by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cullum, jun., and also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Steere.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5
*DONALD G. CLIFT 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	CECIL NICE 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Bold Street,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
JAMES F. SMITH 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
JOHN BROWN 3	EDWARD GAUNCE 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First Surprise peal on the bells, which have hung for a century in the first iron frame ever made.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, October 5th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, A. Wiffen 2, H. G. Reason 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, F. Ely 5, H. Symonds 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR Treble	*HERBERT TAYLOR 6
GEORGE H. PAULSON 2	JOHN H. PAULSON 5
*WILLIAM BLAGSHAW 3	BERNARD ALLSOP 7
EDWIN BLACKWELL 4	*ROBERT ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at Darley Dale except J. H. Paulson, who is from Matlock, and who rejoined the M.C.A. before the peal.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST YORK Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
*HARRY BUCKLER 2	†WALTER THOMAS 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	ALFRED KING 7
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 4	JOHN THOMPSON Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung for Trafalgar Day (21st).

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD, PINLICO, S.W..

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
PERCY E. CLARK 4	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

This peal was arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, Somerset.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE BRADBURY Treble	ARTHUR WILLIAMS 5
W. HAROLD JONES 2	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 6
FRED BIRRS 3	JOHN PERRY 7
*A. FREDERICK W. HARRIS 4	CHARLES J. BASTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung for the dedication festival and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. F. Mitchell.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER W. WARWICK Treble	WILLIAM HIBBERT 5
*ERNEST WARWICK 2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 6
ROBERT W. WARWICK 3	KINGSLEY N. BURT 7
EDWARD T. SNELLER 4	*HARRY BROWN Tenor

Conducted by C. J. HIBBERT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, September 29th, in St. Martin's Cathedral belfry (on handbells), 1,260 Stedman Triples: William Willson 1-2, Harold J. Poole (conductor) 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Josiah Morris 7-8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
*ROY A. WOODARD 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
*REGINALD C. KERSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first peal ever rung by eight brothers.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	JOHN THOMAS MILLER 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

The composition has the full combination of 4-5-6, in 5-6, and is the first produced with only two singles containing this number of changes.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. HOLLIS' FIVE-PART No 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK WILLS Treble	FREDERICK WREDFORD 5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN 2	†WILLIAM A. WILLS 6
*ERNIE HILL 3	WILLIAM H. HORNE 7
JOHN HOSGOOD 4	JOHN S. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ages of the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 5th are 16, 16 and 17 respectively. It was also the first peal for the new Exeter District Branch.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
THOMAS ADAMS 2	JOHN COOK 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
MAURICE SMITHER 4	ARTHUR J. BARETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Abel Smith.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb. in C sharp.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A wedding peal for Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Henry Abel Smith, who were married at Balcombe, Sussex, the same day. First peal of Surprise on these bells, the heaviest ring of eight in the county. The band tender their thanks to the Rector and Mr. William Bunker, churchwarden, for placing the tower at their disposal for the afternoon.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church on October 8th, 720 of Spliced Oxford Bob and Single Court Minor in 25 mins.: F. Lipscombe 1, J. H. Bluff 2, J. H. Nichols 3, G. Slaughter 4, W. Waldron 5, James Bluff (conductor) 6. First spliced 720 by all.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WELTON.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*CHARLES B. CHESTER ... Treble	†P.S. FRED BISHOP ... 4
*WILLIAM N. ALCOCK ... 2	ARTHUR BALDWIN ... 5
*HERBERT LOWMAN ... 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. Rung for the harvest festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. T. Lowman, of St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*F. E. SANDFORD ... Treble	†T. E. DAVIES ... 4
†S. A. BAKER ... 2	†J. R. RAWLINGS ... 5
I. J. RAWLINGS ... 3	W. E. DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by I. J. RAWLINGS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire in 14 different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD HOPRINS ... Treble	PERCY AMOS ... 3
JOHN R. NICHOLS ... 2	JOHN H. BLUFF ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells. Previous to ringing the peal the treble ringer had never rung more than 360 changes at one stretch.

TEMPSFORD, HEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP ... 4
NORMAN INSKIP ... 2	REGINALD WEST ... 5
HARRY TYSON ... 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KEEBLE ... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 4
GEORGE PRYKE ... 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

HOYLANDSWAINE.
BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

E. BROOKES ... Treble	W. STEELE ... 4
W. DYSON ... 2	H. BROADHEAD ... 5
R. CROSSLAND ... 3	L. A. FIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BROOKES.

First peal and first attempt by all except the conductor

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

H. JIM RALPH ... Treble	FRANK PRICE ... 4
*GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
WILFRID P. LAMBERT ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were rehung and treble added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1926. Rung to commemorate the reopening of Eyke Church after restoration.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC G. BENNETT ... Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL ... 4
RAYMOND GRANT ... 2	DAVID WHITING ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

WOOD GREEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob rung alternately and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR F. WARREN ... Treble	JOHN T. J. ROBERTS ... 4
REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 2	H. NOEL CLARK ... 5
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. BARKER.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Capt. Henry Abel Smith, and also as a birthday compliment to W. J. Norton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE VINE HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

DR. LEONARD H. TAYLOR ... 1-2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5-6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 7-8

Composed by F. DANCE.

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
IN ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
GEO. STEDMAN ... 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... 7-8
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 9-10	

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First 'in hand' and first of Cater. Rung in honour of the marriage of Ruth, only daughter of Mr. H. T. Wilson, of Farnsfield, Nottingham, to J. Frederick Milner, of Southwell Cathedral Society. It was also the conductor's birthday.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE LAST SURVIVOR.

At St. George's Church, Dunster, Somerset, for morning service on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. T. Tudball 1, J. J. Hole 2, A. R. Tudball 3, H. W. Lloyd 4, T. Elliott 5, W. Dibble 6, W. W. Thorne (Guildford, Surrey, conductor) 7, W. Owen 8. W. W. Thorne is the only surviving member of the band who rang the first peal on these bells 48 years ago. The rest of the company are all Sunday service ringers at Dunster.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**FIRST MEETING AT BUCKFASTLEIGH.**

A successful meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Buckfastleigh on Saturday last. The weather was beautiful, and a good muster of ringers was present from Exeter, Whimple, Sidmouth, Kenn, Littlehempston, Paignton, Cockington, Brixham, Clyst St. George, Plymouth, etc., as well as ringers from the locality. The bells of the Parish Church were raised soon after 2 o'clock, and a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles rung. A move was then made to Buckfast, Abbey, where the Lord Abbot of Buckfast had kindly given permission for the use of the bells. Here rounds were rung on the back ten in order that all who wished to do so should have a pull. Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were then rung, and the bells were lowered and the visitors came to St. Luke's Church, where a hearty service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Horace Mychrest). Some of the choirboys assisted, Mr. E. W. Penny (organist) was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman).

The Vicar gave an excellent address from the text, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands' (Psalm 19, verse 4). He mentioned the Stedman Tercentenary, which was being kept this year, and commemorated by the restoration of the bells of St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge, where Fabian Stedman used to ring.

A collection was afterwards taken for the Branch Instruction Fund. After the service the visitors adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where over 40 sat down to tea. The usual business meeting, which followed, was presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton.

The secretary explained why the meeting was being held at Buckfastleigh instead of Ashburton, which was originally chosen.

For the annual meeting, to take place on Saturday, January 23rd, St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, Torquay, was selected.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, organist and choir for the welcome extended, and this was replied to by the Vicar, who remarked that it was the first time he had attended a Guild meeting. He said that it was the first orthodox meeting of ringers to be held at Buckfastleigh, and he hoped it would not be the last.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of the Abbey bells, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett for making the arrangements.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the visitors, mentioning among them Mr. S. R. Roper, of Croydon.—Messrs. Roper, E. Shepherd (Exeter) and W. J. Rowland (churchwarden) suitably replied. This ended the business, and the party returned to the Parish Church.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**EASTERN MEMBERS SUPPORT RESOLUTION ON PAINSWICK 'PEAL.'**

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Wilby on October 10th. This is a beautiful ring of eight bells, which go well, but owing to the noise in the ringing chamber, they are not very comfortable to ring, nor is it easy for 'scratch' hands to accomplish any touches on them. Perhaps for this reason the attendance, though representative, was not large.

It was decided to hold a meeting on November 28th at Woodbridge. There was considerable discussion on the secretary's motion, which he brought forward here, in the east of the county; as he had previously done at the meeting at Cavendish, in the west. This stated that this meeting recommends the annual meeting to take steps to remove from the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words '17,687 changes,' being on the tablet lately fixed in Painswick Church.

Mr. Drake said that, in addition to the reasons he had already given, they should remember that the repetition of changes not only vitiated all that followed, but also affected the rows that had already been once rung, and which, thereby, became false when rung for a second time. These rows were then, not changes, but duplicates. It was the same in other performances, such as music or athletics, a defect at the end spoiled the whole. The object of guilds such as theirs was to keep up the standard in these matters. He himself would lose all interest in ringing if they were going to have two ideas of what were changes. He went further, and, as a churchman, he held that there ought not to be untrue statements put up in a house of God. He had taken part in services in Painswick Church in the past, and had hoped to do so again if he lived. But he did not wish to go into that church now as long as there was that untrue statement on its walls. He would avoid it, and he would avoid Gloucestershire.

All present supported the resolution with the exception of Mr. J. Langstroth, who said that the feat was a very fine one, that the ringers were entitled to a board, and that the Suffolk Guild ought not to interfere.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the Rev. H. S. Marriot, for so generously giving the tea and for the use of the bells.

Notice was given of a guild practice meeting, to be held monthly at Ufford, the first being on October 24th. This was duly held last Saturday, and was very successful. A number of those learning new methods attended from Woodbridge and other towers, and made much more progress than they would have done at home.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Miss Kathleen Annie Hughes, eldest child and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, celebrates her 'coming of age' to-day. To-morrow a peal in honour of the event is to be attempted at Stepney, and in this the young lady's father and grandfather will take part.

Several well-known composers have endeavoured to get a peal of Double Norwich Major with all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 in a length less than 5,378 with only two singles. Among them were Mr. Arthur Knights, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. George Lewis and the late Mr. Arthur Craven, but it baffled them all.

The 'plum' has fallen to one of our younger composers. As the result of a talk between Mr. Knights and Mr. C. W. Roberts at Sheffield during the northern tour, the latter has got a peal with these properties in 5,152, and it was called last Saturday by Mr. B. A. Knights at Penwortham.

The service ringers at Leesfield Parish Church, Lanes, have rung their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major together at their first attempt, and the performance included five 'first peals.' The peal was rung at Marsden, Yorkshire, and they wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Marsden ringers for having everything in readiness for them.

One hundred and twenty years ago to-day the first double-handed handbell peal was rung. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield. Exactly a hundred years ago next Sunday a peal of 6,160 Double Norwich Major (the longest in the method up to that time) was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.

Next Thursday is the 110th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative, rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Bob Major at Hethersett on October 15th was George H. Moore.

The peal of Minor at Burton-in-Lonsdale on October 17th was rung for the Lancashire Association, and not the Yorkshire Association.

It is interesting to recall that it is just 20 years since the famous band of Bailey brothers rang their peal of Bob Major at Leiston. The anniversary was commemorated by a peal at Leiston on Saturday, but only three of the brothers took part, James M., Ernest S. and Charles F.

The other brothers in the original band were Allan F. (now doing much handbell peal ringing at Stockport), Frederick W., Leonard P., Norman R. and Edgar H.

It has been found necessary to cancel the Hertford County Association meeting, which was to have been held at King's Walden to-morrow.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

As we go to press we learn with much regret of the death, which took place on Tuesday last, of Mr. James E. Groves, of 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Mr. Groves, who was 63 years of age, had been in ill-health for some time, and his death removes one of the best-known figures in Midland ringing circles.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to Mrs. Groves, the widow, in her bereavement.

THE REV. F. L. EDWARDS. OPERATION AFTER AN ACCIDENT.

We are glad to report that the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who has been under treatment at Wallasey Cottage Hospital, Cheshire, is progressing most favourably.

Mr. Edwards visited the Vicar of St. Nicholas, Wallasey, on Oct. 10th, to preach, as he usually does, at the meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild. Unfortunately, he had a fall at the swimming baths and damaged an arm. Nevertheless, despite physical disability, with his arm in a red silk sling and obviously no little pain, he preached the sermon, which was founded on Stedman's principle, and afterwards attended the tea and meeting, where he was given a very warm reception.

As the result of the accident, however, he contracted some virulent germ, and blood poisoning set in. He was removed to hospital, where it was found necessary to open his arm, and it was then ascertained that he had also chipped off a piece of bone at the elbow point.

His many friends will be glad to learn of his improvement.

A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Saffron Walden Society records contain the names of several well-known and noted ringers.

One of its present members, who is also well-known to the Exercise, has recently accomplished rather a unique performance by composing and conducting peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus within about two months.

It would be interesting to know if any member of the Exercise has previously accomplished such a performance.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED E. PITSTOW.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

PROGRESS OF THE RESTORATION WORK.

Excellent progress has been made with the work of restoration in connection with the bells and tower of St. Bene't's, Cambridge. Since the bells were removed, the builder, Mr. Sinfield, has constructed the reinforced concrete corbel course right round the interior of the tower, and, thanks to the special brand of quick-drying cement which has been used and which was the generous gift of the Tunnel Cement Co., Ltd., it was possible to begin the re-erection of the bell frame last Monday.

The old cage, originally built before Stedman's days, was in wonderful preservation, and only one or two members have had to be replaced. It is to be carried on new main oak beams of large section, and the work on these foundations has been completed.

The bells will return to Cambridge next week. They have been provided by Messrs. Taylor and Co. with entirely new fittings, and a limited amount of tuning has been done to bring the strike notes into proper relation.

Preparations are being made for the reopening of the bells and the celebration of the tricentenary on Saturday, December 5th, and next week we hope to give preliminary details of the programme.

Those who have not yet forwarded their promised contributions to the fund should do so without delay. They can be sent to—

The Editor,

'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey,

or to the hon. treasurer of the fund, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

FIVE BELLS AND FIVE METHODS.

THE 'GUILD SPIRIT' IN MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT.

The Rev. L. Bartlett, chairman of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild, having left the district at the beginning of the year, and the hon. secretary (Mr. Cyril Hussey) having removed from Aldbourne, with eight bells, to Grafton, with none, the Marlborough Branch has been working for the past year under difficulties. But although the attendance at meetings has not been all that can be desired, the real 'Guild spirit' is only dormant, not dead. It awoke and blossomed at Chisledon on Saturday last. The hon. secretary was present and members from Aldbourne and Ogbourne, also Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch) and Mr. Winter (from St. John's, Devizes), together with the local ringers. What the company lacked in numbers they made up for in energy and determination. Grandsire Doubles, the usual fare provided at five-bell towers, was soon disposed of, and Bob Doubles followed. Then Stedman was proposed. After the first attempt someone humorously suggested it reminded him of the efforts to 'fire' the bells for the King's birthday. Someone else said, 'Never mind, we will try a touch for every member of the Royal family until one is brought round.' The Prince of Wales did it! God bless the Prince of Wales. By this time everyone was keen to try something never attempted before. Tea, however, became a necessity before further efforts. 'There being no 'Trocadero' or 'Lyons' or even 'A.B.C.' in Chisledon, the local band very kindly distributed the visitors among their respective homes and dispensed hospitality. Heartfelt thanks by the visitors for this kindness.

After tea the Vicar came to the belfry and gave the visitors a welcome. Bob Doubles were rung, and then the adventurous spirits, after a brief theory lecture by a local expert, went for a 120 of Canterbury Doubles, which was successfully brought round. Another member of the company then explained St. Dunstan's Doubles, and, after a trip or two, this also was brought to a successful conclusion. How many more five-bell methods would have been rung it is impossible to say if the time to cease ringing had not arrived. One thing is certain—every member that attended that meeting was given the opportunity to learn something new, and, what is more important still, 'took it.' And that is how successful meetings are made. If one may judge from the farewells, all enjoyed themselves and hope to meet again.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

The October quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, the following towers being represented: Allesley, Bulkington, Lillington, Nuneaton, Stoke and Warwick, together with members of the local band. There was ringing on the light peal of eight at George Eliot's 'Shepperton' Church from about 3 to 4.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the president of the Guild (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A., Vicar of Chilvers Coton). The Guild's form of service was used, and the hymns, 'We love the place, O God' and 'Saviour again to Thy dear Name we raise,' were sung. The address was homely yet encouraging, and was much appreciated by those who heard it. Mr. H. Argyle, one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, read the lesson, and Mr. N. Dodds officiated at the organ. Tea in the school followed, and 30 members and friends sat down.

Before the business meeting began, the Vicar rose to say that he had a very pleasant duty to perform. He asked the members present to cast their minds back to the beginning of August, when their secretary (Mrs. Beamish) was Miss D. E. Lewis. He spoke of the esteem in which she was held by all the members of the Guild, of the work she had done as hon. secretary, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Beamish long life and happiness. He asked her to accept with the best wishes of the Guild an oak hat rack, on which was a silver plate inscribed: 'Presented to Miss E. Lewis by the Warwickshire Guild of Bellringers on the occasion of her marriage, August 3rd, 1931'; also a copy of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris.

Mrs. Beamish thanked the members for their handsome gifts, and said that it had always been a pleasure to work for the Guild.—Mr. A. H. Beamish also thanked the members for their generosity to his wife, saying that whatever she undertook she did thoroughly and in no slipshod fashion.

The business meeting followed this pleasant episode, the Vicar taking the chair. It was explained that the meeting was originally fixed for Warwick, but owing to the presentation to the hon. secretary, it was decided, in the meantime, to hold it at Chilvers Coton, Mrs. Beamish's home tower, as being most appropriate. Therefore, the January quarterly meeting would be held at Warwick, and the November monthly meeting at Bulkington. The December meeting was dispensed with owing to the proximity to Christmas.

Three new members were elected from Arley.

Mr. O. J. Hunt, the auditor, having left the district, Mr. H. Argyle (Nuneaton) was elected to fill the vacancy for the current year.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies.

Handbell ringing was then indulged in, Messrs. Perrens, Pervin, Hooton and Whitehead ringing a course of Double Norwich, while Mr. H. Argyle joined them for Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal. Other members returned to the tower, where ringing continued until about 8.30. The majority of the standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening up to London and Bristol Surprise, including also some Spliced London and Cambridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION IN GUILDFORD.

The North-Western District of the Surrey Association made a friendly invasion of the centre of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when a meeting was held at the ten-bell tower of St. Nicolas', Guildford. There were members and visitors from Beddington, Benhillton, Buckland, two Croydon towers, Twickenham, Aldershot, Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Dorking and Woking. Among the party were five young ringers, of both sexes, from St. Peter's, Croydon. They form part of an enthusiastic little company of beginners, whose ages range from 12 to 19 years, and are being taught by Mr. T. Mills. Although they began only a few months ago, some of them rang Grandsire Triples at the meeting. The ringing also included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and London Surprise Major.

The short service was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Tappenden (curate), who, although not a ringer, gave a striking address upon the words, 'My voice is to the sons of men.'

Tea at Ayers' Cafe was followed by a short business meeting, at which the belfry election of Mr. D. Vincent (Sunderland) was ratified, and Roy Simmonds and Harry Simmonds were elected ringing members of St. Peter's, Croydon.

It was necessary to alter the previously arranged date for the next meeting, which is to be held at Benhillton, and December 12th was fixed after a close vote.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. W. Tappenden for the service and address, to the organist, to Mr. C. Hazelden and the St. Nicolas' band for the arrangements made, and to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith for presiding at the meeting. The Chairman said he welcomed the Surrey Association to Guildford, in the very heart of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, because he felt that this friendly interchange of visits would cement the good feeling which already existed between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild.

AN OLD BRISTOL RING.

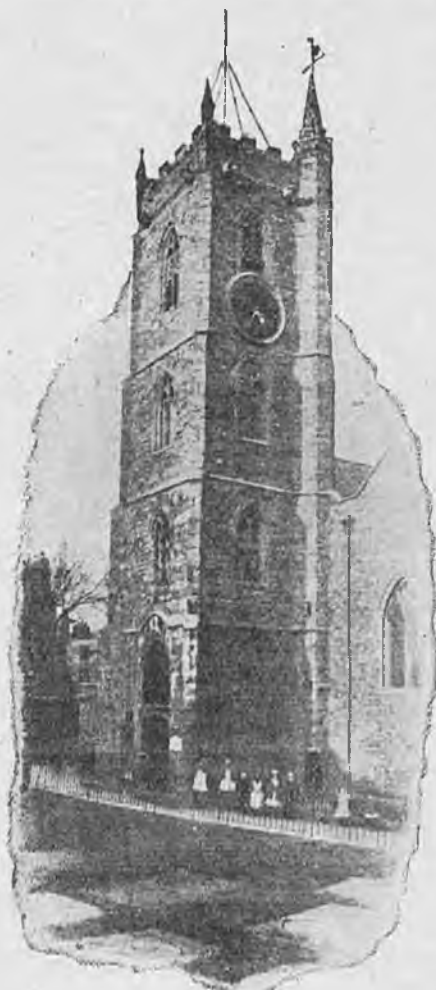
THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S.

In the church books of the parish of St. Michael, Bristol (City), is the following entry:—

May 30th, 1739.—At a Parish Meeting it was decided and agreed that the Churchwarden should provide and put up six new bells and frame in the Tower, making the old bell go as far towards it as it will with new frame, wheels and everything necessary. The Churchwarden to be reimbursed by a Church rate.

And thus it came about that William Evans, of Chepstow, who ten years earlier had recast 'Grandison,' Exeter Cathedral's tenor, was entrusted with the making a new ring of six for Bristol, and installed the bells that hang in St. Michael's tower to this day. They are inscribed as follows:—

Treble (3½ cwt.).—James Kellson, Parish Clerk. W. E.
2nd.—Francis Pitts, Thomas Wellington, Gents. W. E.



TOWER OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

3rd.—Wm. Whitton, Thomas Jones, Thomas Prutch. W. E.
4th.—Percival Thomas, Percival J. Dolman, W. Oliver. W. E.
5th.—John Hale, Churchwarden; Gilbert Cobb, Thomas Gibbs, Gents. W. E.

Tenor (13½ cwt.).—My sound to Church the living bring, and for the dead I always ring. Rev. Samuel Jochem, Rector. W. E. William Evans cast us all, 1739.

Early in the 18th century the east end of the church was destroyed by fire, but the west end was saved, and thus the tower and bells were not damaged.

The first peal of Minor in the city was rung in this tower on December 17th, 1898, and Mr. John Burford, now of St. Stephen's, is the only active member left of the peal ringing band.

Many prominent ringers have learnt their early ringing here, including the Thomas family, Stephen, William, George (in Canada) and John (now of Edmonton). In 1907 the Treble Bob methods, mostly the Delights, were extensively practised, and it is believed that this is the only instance in Bristol where Delight methods have been rung.

BURG.

17,687 CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—By using the word 'expel,' Mr. Coles has put quite a new meaning to the Suffolk Guild proposals. No one has ever suggested such a course of action. I certainly should not be in favour of any expulsion, either by a guild or by the Central Council. Our resolution, if passed, will be made quite effective without anything unpleasant.

Why was the Painswick peal false? For this reason and no other: 17,687 rows were rung, and they were not all changes. Over 15,000 changes were rung and some of the rest were duplicates. Apparently some people do not at present know the difference between changes and duplicates. (I am not, of course, referring to Mr. Coles here.) Well, they must learn the difference. If not, we will not have them in our Guild; nor, for the matter of that, will anyone call them change ringers. Does Mr. Coles suggest that there is anyone who cannot learn this difference? If not, there will be no one to 'expel.'

There are two other points. If we are agreed, we might perhaps induce the authorities to alter the word 'changes' to 'rows.' This would not be misleading, and would give due honour to those who did actually perform a wonderful feat, even if not a successful one. The present board is only a cause of amusement. This is the last thing we wish, when we think of those who rang. But if we are not agreed that the words '17,687 changes' are untrue, we can do nothing.

The other point is that the Suffolk Guild, unlike other guilds, has nothing in its rules to say that members must be change ringers. As far as I know, no round ringers have ever joined. But it is advisable that we should show our disapproval of these words being on a board; or we shall not be in a position to object if some members wished to put up a board recording, say, 5,000 changes, when we knew that only 4,000 changes and 500 duplicates had been rung.

HERBERT DRAKE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT STREATHAM.

The October meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at Streatham on October 17th, and brought together a goodly number of members and friends, who spent a pleasant afternoon and evening practising their noble art at the two Streatham towers. At 3 o'clock the early birds opened the proceedings at St. Leonard's, which has a good peal of eight, with tenor of about 14 cwt., which are very pleasing to the ear, and, thanks to Mr. J. Chapman (steeplekeeper), go like the proverbial tops. Conditions in the belfry have been greatly improved by the recent addition of an intermediate floor, which successfully eliminates noise. Touches in various methods were rung till 5.30, when an adjournment was made for tea and meeting.

These having been conducted in the Master's usual prompt and businesslike style, and votes of thanks having been accorded to the incumbents and steeplekeepers, the company 'shifted course,' and duly arrived at the Church of the Immanuel, where hang an eight by Warner (and quite good, too) of about 18 cwt., where several more friends assembled, including a well-known founder and his good lady, and ringing was carried on till 8.30. Everyone agreed the time had been well spent. Some of the places represented were Hounslow, Twickenham, Beckenham, Croydon, Thames Ditton and the North District.

5,120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY THOMAS R. WORSLEY.

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56423		—	2	
53624	2			1
56234			1	2
32654			2	2
43526		—	2	2
45236			1	2
32546			2	2
62345		—	1	
65243		—	1	1
42563			2	2
64523	1	—	2	
63425	2			1
64235			1	2
32465			2	2
65324		—	2	
23456	1		1	

In this composition the 2nd and tenor never dodge together in 7-8. Rung at St. James', Milnrow, Lancs, Saturday, January 24th, 1931, conducted by William Horan.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Tuesday, 15th September, for practice at St. Mary's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Tringles: F. Ferguson 1, T. H. Taffender (London, conductor) 2, H. Gosson 3, H. Hills (Duffield) 4, W. H. Barker 5, T. Lancaster (Middlesbrough) 6, H. Barton 7, P. Davidson 8.

OVER'S OCTAVE.**NEW BELLS DEDICATED AT CAMBRIDGESHIRE CHURCH.**

The dedication of new trebles to complete the octave at Over, Cambs, took place on Saturday, October 24th. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Price, D.D., Archdeacon of Ely, performed the ceremony, which aroused great interest. The Bishop was attended by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Weston), the Rev. A. C. Hair (Willingham and Rural Dean), the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Dersingham and former Vicar of Over), the Rev. F. Ingle (Rampton), the Rev. B. H. Tyrerwhitt-Drake (Wallington, King's Lynn, general secretary, Ely Diocesan Association), the Rev. E. G. A. Gardener (Pen Drayton), the Rev. A. F. Royston (Lolworth), the Rev. Canon Woodard (Sutton, Isle of Ely), the Rev. C. E. O. Finch and the Rev. F. G. Cooksey (Swavesey). The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' and the dedicatory prayers followed. While the Bishop, clergy and choir proceeded to the chancel, rounds were rung by C. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, G. Whybrow 3, M. Ginn 4, F. Warrington 5, F. C. Ginn 6, A. J. Ginn 7, R. Smith 8.

The Bishop's address was based on the words, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it unto the Lord,' and was appreciated by all.

The towers represented at the service were Trumpington, Sawston, Somersham, St. Neots, Chatteris, Cambridge, Newton, Dry Drayton, Fulbourn and Melbourn. The collection, for the bell fund, taken by five local ringers, Messrs. A. J. Ginn (captain), F. Warrington (vice-captain), F. Ginn (treasurer), C. Robinson and R. Thoday, during the singing of the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' amounted to £4 7s. 3d.

After the taking of group photographs, the opening touch was rung by C. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, M. Ginn 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, B. Wayman 5, F. C. Ginn 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Over 100 sat down to tea in the school close by, after which the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Weston) thanked all who had travelled so far, some from spots that he thought were 'off the map.'—The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Dersingham, Norfolk) replied, saying how pleased he was to be with them, for, if there was a village he loved, Over was that one. He thought the Vicar had overlooked the fact they were well on the map; they had the King next door (laughter).

The Rev. B. H. Tyrerwhitt-Drake associated himself with the previous speakers.

Mr. A. J. Ginn spoke on behalf of the ringers and heartily welcomed all to the tea. They were, he said, particularly glad to see the visiting ringers.

Mr. F. Warrington seconded Mr. Ginn's remarks, and appealed to all ringers to make an effort to stop to the services they rang for, erecept under special circumstances. Church bells, he added, were God's instruments of music, and ringers loved bells; therefore, they should love the service of those bells. He also spoke of the perfect splice of the new trebles put in by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, everyone agreeing it was a splendid piece of work.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who represented the firm, said he was pleased to have been entrusted with this work, as he and the Vicar were associated in London. He also stated how fortunate Over was to have 17 ringers. He hoped they would carry on the good work.

Mr. Ratcliffe, of Mears and Stainbank, was present, and he was congratulated on the hanging of the bells.

A word of praise for the ladies must not be forgotten. Ringers' wives and friends provided a tea such 'as mother used to do.'

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble—A.M.D.G., 1931. A thankoffering from F. G. Weston, M.A., Vicar. Ringing melody to the Lord.

2nd.—Laus Deo. In memory of Horace Bernard Woolley, M.A., Vicar of Long Stanton, 1905-1929. A ringer's friend. F. G. Weston, M.A., Vicar; H. Edwards, H. Asplin, Churchwardens. Given by Ingle Robinson, younger son of Ingle Robinson, clerk of this church, 1839-1883, and the united efforts of Over ringers.

For evening service on Sunday, October 25th, a quarter-peat of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), first on the bells as an octave: C. Robinson 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, M. Ginn 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, B. Wayman 5, F. C. Ginn 6, A. J. Ginn 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. All are members of the local company.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH.**

A successful joint meeting of the Ely and Norwich Associations was held at Terrington St. Clement's on Saturday, October 10th, when members were present from Watlington, Elm, Shouldham, King's Lynn, Dersingham, Gaywood, Surfleet, Fakenham, Fleet, North Walsham, Wisbech, Harlow, Downham and a muster of the local band. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Boxley), who gave the ringers an appropriate address.

Tea was afterwards provided in the Boys' School by Mrs. A. A. Boxley.

At a business meeting, which followed, the Vicar presided and was elected an honorary member of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitby.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea table.

METHODS SIMPLY EXPLAINED.**A POPULAR BOOK.**

A new edition of 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples Simply Explained' (the seventh thousand) has just been printed. It is an excellent little book and has proved of great help to beginners. There are some improvements in the arrangement of the new edition, figures illustrating various points being put alongside the explanations.

For the most part, the directions for ringing are quite simple and easily understandable. There is, however, one point in which we think the authors (I. H. Roe and M. Broome) might make an alteration in future editions. The sections are headed respectively 'Grandsire Doubles (6 bells)' and 'Grandsire Triples (8 bells).' It might save confusion on the part of those who begin their study of change ringing through this book if it were explained that if six or eight bells are used in this method, the tencer is always behind and takes no part in the method, also that six bells are not essential for the ringing of Doubles, which can quite well be rung on five.

If there is one other suggestion that we would make it is that the explanation of the work at a bob in Triples might be further simplified. As it stands at present it might prove too great a tax on the memory of some beginners. But these are small things. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the fact that the book has run through six editions is ample testimony to the useful purpose which it is serving. Coupled with this it is published at the modest price of 6d. post free. An advertisement in our notice columns gives information as to the address from which it can be obtained.

A DIAMOND WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, celebrated their golden wedding recently, when they were the recipients of many congratulations. Mr. Briggs is 81 years of age and his wife is two years older. They have brought up a family of eight children, four of whom are now alive. For over 65 years Mr. Briggs was a bellringer at Stoney Stanton Church, and at one time his seven sons used to ring with him. Among his proudest possessions is a Bible given him on the occasion of his golden wedding and a book, entitled 'The Fireside,' presented to him in recognition of his services as a bellringer at the village church.

Mr. Briggs is keenly interested in music, and in his younger days was a singer of great ability, and for many years was a chorister. The choruses from 'The Messiah' and other great works he still knows thoroughly. Although he had no schooling whatever, he reads and writes with ease, and to him the greatest of all books is the Bible.

On Saturday, October 17th, the following met for a peal of Cambridge Surprise, but unfortunately lost it after 2 hours, viz.: C. Henry Webb (Croft), Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary, M.C.A.), the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A. (Rector of Stanton), William Willson (vice-president, M.C.A.), John Oldham (Loughborough Bell Foundry), Thomas W. Chapman (Nuneaton), Percy Harrison and Fred H. Dexter (of Leicester Cathedral).

After ringing the church bells, the party repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs to congratulate them and to cheer them with handbell selections. Tunes were played by Messrs. Webb, Morris and Harrison, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. The veteran 'Grandsire' Briggs then rang 7-8 in Triples and 9-10 in Caters after the manner born of long practice, and piloted them through faultlessly, despite the fact that he has not rung for several years. His son, Charles, who is now in charge of Stanton belfry, also took part, and an enjoyable evening was spent, the whole party retiring well pleased and wishing 'God-speed' to the veteran Darby and Joan. May they yet live long to enjoy the quiet peace and tranquillity of the evening of life.

Mr. Briggs is one of the best-known ringers of the Hinckley district of the M.C.A., and has rung over 30 peals in all the standard methods.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very happy gathering was the verdict on the meeting of the Eastern Division held at the quiet old-world village of Hunsdon, which lies in a very pretty part of Hertfordshire, only 20 miles from the Metropolis. Yet one might fancy it a hundred miles off, for Hunsdon still retains its quietude, except that a few buses find their way here. These conveyances, however, helped the enjoyment of the meeting by bringing along a few ringers. A very bright service was held, the hymns, psalm and canticles being accompanied by the organist, and a short address given by the new Rector. Tea and business meeting followed, and during the afternoon and evening good practice was gained. Twenty-five attended, and all enjoyed themselves during the lovely autumn afternoon.

A CHANGE OVER.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I find that Canterbury Surprise and Alnwick Surprise are changed over in the new edition of the Central Council 'Collection.' Which is correct? I find Canterbury is a very old method, why, therefore, has the change been made? Is it an error or is there some reason for it?—Yours faithfully,

JAMES MORGAN.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, and was fairly well attended by members from Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Lincoln, Misterton, Nettleham, Scotter, Scunthorpe, Springthorpe, Ulceby and Willingham, in addition to the local company. Messrs. J. Flint and J. Moss (Bolsover), J. H. Brothwell (Treeton) and H. Haigh (Worksop) were welcome visitors. The ring of eight bells was well utilised during the afternoon and evening.

Service, consisting of the Guild office, was conducted by the Vicar, and a most appropriate address was given by the Rev. R. Bond, of Grayingham. Mr. Alan Stephenson presided at the organ and a number of the choirboys assisted in the singing.

Afterwards 39 members and friends sat down to a substantial tea at the Sun Hotel.

Mr. F. F. Linley (president) took the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Bond and members of the committee.

Canon Round-Turner having to leave early, a vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells, the service and for his presence. In response, he gave a very hearty welcome to the branch, also some useful advice in regard to instructing ringers, at the same time stating that he wished a more simplified book could be published on the subject.

It was agreed that the set of Central Council's publications which Mr. George Chester had obtained should be retained by the branch, thus enabling those members desirous of purchasing them the opportunity of doing so through him.

Ewerby was fixed as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the members expressing their wish that it should be held not later than the last Saturday in September.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the preacher for his useful and instructive address, and the Rev. R. Bond, in responding, stated that although in accordance with his doctor's instructions he was compelled to give up ringing, yet it still had a warm place in his heart.

Reference was made to the loss which the branch had sustained by the death of Mr. F. A. Holden, the members standing in silence as a tribute of respect.

Votes of thanks were passed to the organist and choirboys, the caterers for the splendid tea provided, and Mr. Linley for presiding at the meeting.

This concluded the business, after which further ringing took place until about 8.30 p.m. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Bristol, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, also rounds for the benefit of learners.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. LEICESTER DISTRICT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting of the Leicester District was held at King's Norton and Gaultby on Saturday. The bells were raised about 3.30 and kept going in various methods. Tea was partaken of in the Village Institute by 21 members, and thanks are due to Mrs. Patrick for her arrangements.

After tea suggestions were asked for the programme of the jubilee of the M.C.A. at Derby on Easter Monday next.

It was proposed that a lunch and dinner should be held, with the committee meeting before lunch and general meeting after; also, if competition ringing takes place, as suggested at the last general meeting, that the other towers in the town be open as well, otherwise the members were not in favour of competition ringing. Further, it was suggested that a short service be held in the Cathedral, followed by the dinner, and afterwards a concert, with singing and handbell ringing, etc. These proposals were, of course, only suggestions to next general meeting at Beeston in January.

The tower was again visited afterwards, but a political meeting in the Institute at 7 p.m. unfortunately put an end to ringing in this tower. Permission was, however, granted to ring at the next village of Gaultby, where good use was made of the bells until just after 8 p.m., despite the fact that the 'go' of them is 'rather rough.'

Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells of the two towers, and thanks are also due to Mr. Ernest A. Marsh for conveying the members to King's Norton and Gaultby. Without this help the meeting would have been an absolute failure, as the towers are situated in an out-of-the-way spot.

LONG COMRADESHIP IN THE BELFRY.

Thirty-five years ago on Thursday, October 15th, a team of six bellringers was formed in the parish of Marnhull, Dorset (the 'Marlot' of Hardy), and they have rung together ever since. Their average age is 63. On Thursday night they rang together in memory of their long comradeship of the belfry, and their captain, who, on the 25th anniversary, gave them each a little silver bell medal to wear, is now giving them each a walking stick to help their willing older steps towards the belfry door.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT BISHOP'S WALTHAM.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday last, when the fine weather attracted a large number of ringers from Bishop's Waltham, Gosport, Lynnington, North Stoneham, Overton, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Southampton, Swanmore, Ryde, Titchfield, Twyford, Wickham and members of the local band.

The two peals of six at Swanmore and Bishop's Waltham were available during the afternoon and evening, and were used to full advantage. At the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. N. H. Stubbs), Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

An excellent tea was served in the Elms Hut, which was followed by the usual business meeting, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary) and others. The Rector was elected an honorary member and A. Garrett (Petersfield) a ringing member.

A vote of congratulation to the Master and Mrs. Williams on celebrating their golden wedding was passed with acclamation.

A sadder note was struck when the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to Mr. H. Barton on the loss of his wife recently.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Fareham on January 23rd, or, failing this, at Alverstoke.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector and also the Vicar of Swanmore for the use of their respective towers, and also to the organist for his services. In reply, the Rector said how delighted he was to be there on that occasion, and hoped the members would partake of his hospitality during the coming year.

A further visit was made to the towers at the conclusion of the meeting, the methods practised being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

THE ISLAND BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Island Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Ryde, on Saturday, October 17th. Ringers attended from Brading, Chale, Godshill, Gosport (Holy Trinity), Newport, Carisbrooke, Portsmouth Cathedral and Ryde. The visitors included Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and Mr. J. Thomas, of Edmonston. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon G. A. Johnstone, M.A.), who based his address to the members on 'Fellowship.' Mr. O. E. Weare presided at the organ.

Tea was afterwards served at the Welby Institute, and at the business meeting following it was resolved to hold a combined practice meeting at Brading on Saturday, November 28th, and the annual meeting at Newport on Saturday, January 30th.

Messrs. W. Salisbury and Legg, of Brading, were elected ringing members of the Guild.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

A PENDLETON CENTENARY.

St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester on October 7th, 1831. At that time it had only one bell. In 1844 seven more were added by Mears, and these did duty until 1906, when the present ring were put in by Taylor and Co. There have been upwards of 100 peals rung on them since, and in honour of the centenary another was attempted, but was lost just past the half-way. A quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire on the 9th and a quarter-peal of Stedman after the attempt for the peal on the 10th, those taking part in the ringing being: E. Moores, S. Greenhalgh, W. J. Howard, W. Edwards, R. Johnson, W. H. Shaker, H. Hollingworth, H. Greenhalgh, W. E. Clark, J. Potter and A. E. Wrecks. All these are Sunday service ringers with the exception of Mr. J. Potter, Walkden, who kindly came to conduct the peal, and Mr. A. E. Wrecks, Paisley, who learnt his ringing at Pendleton in the seventies, and who came down from Scotland specially to be associated with the centenary ringing, which was carried forward to four services on the Sunday. Mr. H. Greenhalgh conducted all the quarter-peals.

WEDDING BELLS AT BUSHEY HEATH.

On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Peter's Church, Bushey Heath, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: W. J. Simons 1, G. A. Hughes 2, E. Ashby 3, J. E. Rootes 4, T. Norris 5, P. Edwards (conductor) 6, A. Deamer 7, H. C. Cockram 8, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Charles Cook to Miss Hilda Olive Langley, which took place that day. Mr. Cook is a member of the band at St. Peter's, and the ringers wish the bride and bridegroom many years of health and happiness together.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On October 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: J. A. Green (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, A. N. Wood 2, T. Roberts 3, H. Ridgeway 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Paddy 8.

DARLINGTON.—For evensong, on Sunday, October 25th, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: *J. Farey 1, A. Coates 2, *S. Woodhouse 3, A. W. Coates 4, J. Trappitt (Croydon) 5, W. Bradley 6, W. Dowson 7, H. Taylor (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal on the bells since renovation by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *A. H. Lambert 1, C. Dale 2, E. A. Morris 3, G. H. Williams 4, J. Bayliss (conductor) 5, W. C. Rhodes 6, J. Fifield 7, *E. H. Hill 8. * First quarter-peal.

UXBRIDGE.—On October 18th, at the Church of St. Andrew, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. Lucas 1, W. Henley 2, E. Hancock 3, R. Warnett 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, P. E. Jones 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—For evening service, October 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. A. Newman 1, G. Bell 2, W. Eldridge 3, T. Saunders 4, L. A. Newman 5, A. P. Cannon (first touch of Kent as conductor) 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on October 11th for harvest festival and to commemorate the peal by all Ilsley men rung on October 11th, 1930, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: W. Warwick 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, E. Sneller 4, K. Burt (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, C. Hibbert 6, W. Hibbert, sen., 7, J. Field 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening, October 4th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal (1,280) London Surprise Major: W. H. Fussell 1, Mrs. C. G. Mayne 2, W. Henley 3, G. Gilbert 4, L. Stilwell 5, C. C. Mayne 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, H. Wingham 8. First quarter of London by L. Stilwell and on the bells.

GODALMING, SURREY.—After service, on Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Pamment 1, Mrs. C. Hazelden 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, V. H. Smith 4, G. Tomsett 5, C. E. Smith (conductor) 6, C. Hazelden 7, A. J. Bartlett 8. Rung for the harvest festival. First quarter-peal on the bells since they were rehung.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—For harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday, September 27th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Waever 1, H. M. White 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for evensong at the harvest festival: F. Chambers 1, N. Brown (Poolstock, Wigan, first quarter-peal) 2, W. Miller 3, N. Kenyon 4, T. Chambers 5, F. Bradley 6, A. Tomlinson 7, J. Sanderson 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, and was well attended, ringers being present from Beckenham, Bromley, Crayford, Chislehurst, Dartford, Erith, Eltham, Greenwich, Hayes, Lewisham, Seal and Woolwich. Ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches in all the standard methods. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an interesting address. The presence of the organist and choir was greatly appreciated.

After the service the members adjourned to the Church Hall, there to partake of high tea, generously provided by the churchwarden. The Vicar occupying the head of the table. Immediately tea was over the company was entertained with a touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells by Messrs. H. Audsley, R. Brett-Smith, G. H. Cross, T. Groombridge, jun., and T. Groombridge, sen.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. A report of the past year's work was read by the secretary and adopted.

Two ringers were elected members of the association, and the elections of six members previous to peals were confirmed.

The following officers were re-elected: District secretary, Mr. A. Hill; representatives on General Committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, jun., and W. Smith; District Ringing Master, Mr. T. Groombridge.

Christ Church, Erith, was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 30th.

Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and his address and for presiding at the meeting; to the organist and choir for their services; to Mr. H. V. Game (churchwarden) for his generous hospitality; to the ladies for their help at tea; and to Mr. W. J. Jeffries (captain of St. John's ringers) for the arrangement of such an enjoyable meeting. This was seconded by W. Smith and carried with applause.—Mr. Game responded.

The Vicar pronounced the Blessing and declared the meeting closed. The members then found their way back to the tower, and further ringing brought a successful gathering to an end.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until November 4th, from Messrs. Burden, Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, Newton, Peck, Price, Prime, Roughton, Alb. Walker, Winney, Young. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street. Southwark Cathedral from 1.30 to 2.50. Brahms' 'Requiem' at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock; preacher, Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Temperance Cafe, provided by the association, followed by business meeting, at which the election of officers for ensuing year takes place.—Stanley J. T. Shelloek, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Business important.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea at 4.30. Gentlemen heartily invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3.15.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stonham Aspal, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at Ten Bells 4.45, 1s. each. Business meeting to follow. A good opportunity for ten-bell practice.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A meeting of the Farnham District, combined with the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (9d.) and business meeting in the Parish Hall. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Melbourn on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Market Drayton on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting at 4.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (1s. each).—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Montacute on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. Good bus service. All ringers welcome. Please come and try this new ring of six.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

NORTH HERTS.—The meeting at King's Walden arranged for to-morrow, October 31st, is cancelled.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the City Church of All Saints, Oxford, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers' service at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 7, Fairacres Road, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth to-morrow, Saturday, October 31st. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

EXBOURNE, DEVON.—The ring of six bells, restored and augmented by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 31st, at 3 p.m.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—The restored ring of five bells by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be reopened at the evening service (6.30 p.m.) on Sunday next, November 1st.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, 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 Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at Hallow. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, November 4th. Buses run from Worcester every half-hour.—F. S. Hawkes, Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on November 7th. Tower open at 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Business includes nomination of officers for next year. Mr. F. Woodiss is arranging the tea. Members please send their numbers to him at 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, before November 5th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than November 3rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, November 7th. Six bells. Tea to those who notify Mr. E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, by the 4th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

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OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.**

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A special meeting of the above will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, November 7th, the occasion being the reopening of the peal of ten at St. Oswald's Church. These bells have been restored and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. A special service will be held in church at 3.30 p.m., and bells will be available immediately afterwards. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street. Notice to Mr. Rosson, 6, Water Street, by November 4th. All ringers are welcome at this meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossen's on Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please try and attend. A hearty welcome to visitors. I should be glad if members with subscriptions outstanding would let me have them.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Bedford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A joint meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches of the above Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, November 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Dujon's Cafe. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries by Wednesday, November 4th?—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebroke Rectory, Peterborough; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, November 7th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Those coming to tea please let me know by November 4th.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham, Saturday, November 7th, at 3.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Breaston (6 bells) on Saturday, November 7th, from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and ring your Minor methods.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23 Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good muster will be encouraging.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, November 11th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards (all ringers welcome). Intending visitors please notify me by Thursday, November 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. It is most essential that all ringers intending to be present and requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday morning, the 11th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, November 21st. Bells are available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Parish Room at five o'clock. Bus service from Horsham, Steyning, Pulborough and Worthing. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 18th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

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HARROW WEALD BELL FUND.

RESULT OF A COMPETITION.

The result of the stop-watch competition run by the members of the belfry at Harrow Weald in aid of the funds for the two new bells to increase the present peal of six to eight was announced at a whist drive held on Saturday, October 17th, in the Church Institute. The bank seal was broken and the declaration made by Miss Brown, of Harrow Weald Lodge. The watch stopped at 54 minutes 42 seconds, and the owner of the ticket was Mr. Gawn, of 12, Belmont Road, Harrow Weald.

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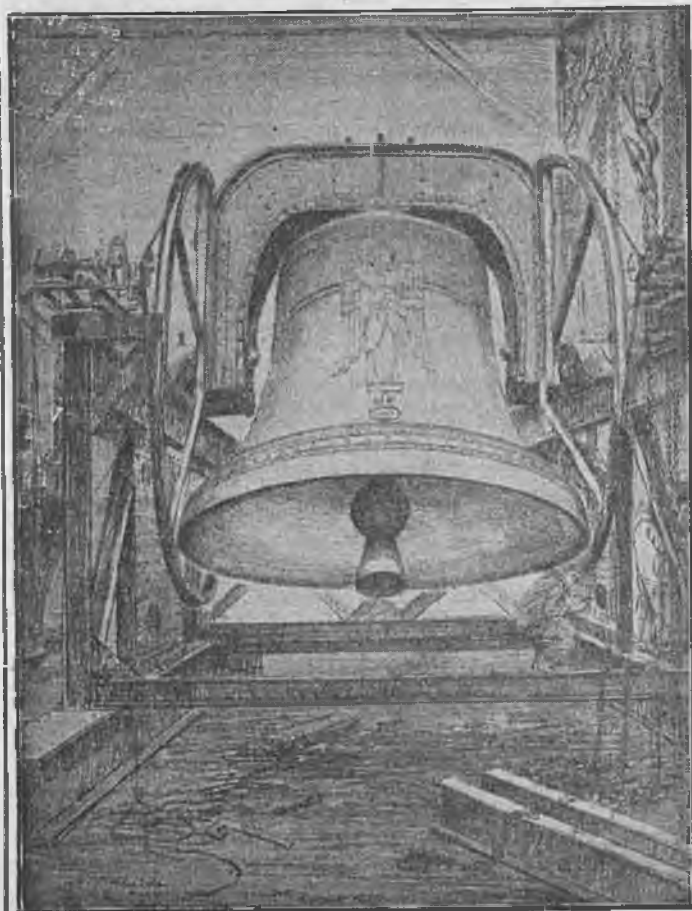
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SAFEGUARDING COMPOSITIONS.

Questions relating to compositions are continually cropping up, and a statement made in our columns last week, on the authority of a well-known member of the Exercise, with regard to Double Norwich Major, has brought several correspondents into the field. Unfortunately the information which was sent us for our last issue did not contain quite all the essential facts, and to some extent, therefore, the point of the writers this week has been lost, but, nevertheless, the information which they are able to give will be interesting and helpful both to those who practise Double Norwich and those who are interested in its peals. There are many who have been of opinion that composition in this method has been 'worked out,' but there are still some things in it which invite the attention of investigators, and Mr. Roberts has shown that they are not all beyond the realm of possibility. He has, presumably, obtained a composition singular in its special class, and for that reason his right to authorship, as in the case of all original productions, deserves to be safeguarded. With the possibility of some new composer coming along in the future and alighting on the same thing—as has sometimes occurred in regard to other compositions in the past—how can this best be done?

With the balance of expert opinion strongly against the formation of a tabulated register of compositions, on the main ground that it would be too difficult, if not impracticable, to put it to efficient use, that possible means of settling claims is out of reach for the present, at all events, and fresh examination of old material strengthens the view that, as a check upon originality, it would in all probability fail in material respects. In another of his interesting articles, Mr. J. A. Trollope to-day shows that some of our most cherished ideas upon authorship must be modified. He explains how even Annable's 'classic' peal of Bob Triples, which has stood as the essence of originality for more than 200 years, can be definitely traced for its basis to an earlier author. Unquestionably our ideas concerning authorship have got to change, but, even so, there is no reason why the credit of any advance that is made in the evolution of the art, and in that we include progress in the production of peals, should not be given to those who have successfully applied their talents to the task. With the production of that which is really good or which may mark an advance on what has been previously obtained, a great deal that is indifferent is bound to see the light. We do not ask that this should endure, but, failing a complete register of compositions such as has been suggested, would it not be possible to establish some

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record in which the earliest known compositions of certain qualities or on specific plans could be collected and indexed? This would be nothing like so gigantic an undertaking as one complete register, and, while its use might be more limited, its application to the needs of the future would be simpler, and its objects serve a more important purpose. Moreover, apart from its utility, such a record would also be of historical interest, and if different men, each with special acquaintance with individual methods, or groups of methods, could be induced to undertake the work, irrespective of whether they are members of the Central Council or not, something might be produced in the course of a few years which would become a valuable acquisition to the collated knowledge of the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT... ..	Treble	LESLIE J. CLARK	7
EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ...	2	WILLIAM LINCOLN	8
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JOHN WOOD	9
GEORGE R. PYE... ..	4	WILLIAM S. DOFFIELD ...	10
ERNEST J. BUTLER	5	WILLIAM PYE	11
RICHARD C. CLARK	6	WILLIAM L. DOFFIELD ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT	Treble	RICHARD CLARK	5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS	2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	6
WILLIAM A. CAVE	3	ALFRED E. REEVES	7
MISS MARCIA WHITE	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Miss White's first attempt for Double Norwich. Arranged to mark the 36th anniversary of Mr. Cave's first peal, rung for this association at Wraxall. It was also the 29th birthday of Mr. Clarke's eldest son. Miss White was visiting Bristol from Bournemouth.

RAWMARSH.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARCHIE MITCHELL	Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	FRANK PICKERING	6
FREDERICK C. WILSON ...	3	ALBERT NASH	7
ALBERT FIRTH	4	HARRY MORTEMORE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE

* First peal. This composition (No. 185) is now rung for the first time.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT PRYKE	Treble	ALFRED PRIOR	5
FRANK G. RINGE	2	ERNEST J. BUTLER	6
GEORGE R. PYE... ..	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
CHARLES PRYKE	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
*CESAR DAVIS 4	GEORGE CONNICK Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Bob Major and hails from Blagdon, Somerset.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, NO. 1.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 7
JOHN P. TARTON 4	*SYDNEY AINGER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING).

On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*SIDNEY J. HOLGATE Treble	CALEB FENN 5
THOMAS FAULKNER 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6
*EDWIN G. MOORZ 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
ROWLAND FENN 4	*EDWIN H. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal. This peal was attempted on Charter Day, October 5th, but came to grief owing to the failure of the electric light after ringing 2 hours 20 minutes.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*HERBERT FULCHER Treble	*CECIL BARRETT 5
*CHARLES F. SAYER 2	*CHARLES LOOME 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. FISTOW. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

*DAVID GOSLING Treble	†LIONEL CLOUGH 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3	†JOHN WORTH 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise away from the treble. ‡ First peal in a Surprise method. Rung to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, 13th October, 720 of Canterbury or Alnwick Surprise Spliced: W. Thomas 1, A. E. Richards 2, R. Sperring 3, H. W. Wilde 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6.

HILLINGDON, WEST MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5
WILLIAM H. JONIER 2	WILLIAM HONER 6
JAMES H. LUCAS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
PERCY E. JONES 4	EDGAR HANCOX Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

Mr. E. Hancox's 50th peal of Stedman. He has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal of Stedman.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PALMER Treble	PERCY JERVIS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
JOHN P. TARTON 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS 5
THOMAS HURD 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	WILLIAM P. DEANE 7
CHARLES S. RYLES 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
JAMES HEMMING 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Thomas, mother of Mr. E. P. Thomas, a much respected hon. member of this association.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*LOUIS WILLIAM TURNER Treble	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 2	HENRY GOODMAN 6
GILBERT GUEST 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
GERALD SWALLOW 4	*HARRY DODD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal and first attempt. Quarterly peal for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Dodd, sexton and towerkeeper at the above church.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 gr. 7 lb.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY... ..Treble	JOHN POTTER 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	JAMES H. RIDING... ..Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM P. TICKNER ... 5
WILLIAM BUTTON 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 6
ALFRED J. BATTIN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 4	THOMAS G. BROWN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Edwards and to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN M. BROADBENT ... ..Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
FREDERICK DIGBY 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. The ringer of the tenor has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*ROBERT MOLTON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 5
GEORGE DAWSON 2	CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 6
JOHN MOULE 3	*PHILLIP H. AVEY 7
*ERNEST E. HOLMAN 4	*ALFRED PRIOR ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. K. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. PRIOR.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BAUP, ROSSENDALE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE BROWN ... ..Treble	ALFRED V. WILLIAMS... .. 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT 2	FRED KENDALL 6
WILLIAM E. RAWSON 3	JOHN HILL 7
WILLIAM H. KENDAL 4	JACK BRACEWELL ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. S. T. Slater, a member of the local band, and as a welcome to the recently appointed Vicar (the Rev. H. Heaps). Rung on the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. J. Hill, as a compliment to him and Mr. J. Bracewell on completing 21 years' membership of the above association and as ringers at the above church; also to the treble ringer, who has been a member of the association for 25 years and is connected with Christ Church, Buncup. The rest belong to the local company.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

HARRY BAKER ... ..Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	*LUTHER J. HONESS 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	GEORGE KENWOOD ... ..Tenor

Composed by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Oxford. The 'circle' has now been completed by Mr. C. H. Sone and the conductor. The latter has also conducted a peal from each bell in this tower. The composition is rung for the first time.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ROBERT W. JENNISON ...Treble	*VERNEY BAIRSTOW 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
*ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

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

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 gr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... ..Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE 5
ARNOLD HILL 2	PERCY GLEDSTONE 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	ROGER W. DANIELS 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	HARRY MORGAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 23). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

Longest peal on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS L. N. CAWTHORNE Treble	*FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 5
*JOHN GILBERT 2	*JOHN C. TAYLOR 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	*LEONARD E. LAST 7
MISS KATHLEEN BURCHNALL 4	FRED WATKINSON ... ..Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD JACKSON ... ..Treble	FRED WALKER 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	JOHN CLAYTON 6
FRANK WELHAM 3	ERNEST GARSIDE 7
HARRY PICKLES 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ...Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

First peal for the ringer of the 4th. All are regular service ringers at the above church except the conductor, who comes from Ashton-under-Lyne. Rung as a farewell to the curate (the Rev. D. V. Jones), who is taking up fresh duties at St. Paul's, Withington, Manchester.

HOPE FLINTSHIRE.—On Tuesday, October 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for harvest festival service: W. Hesketh 1, George Moss 2, W. H. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. H. Fuller 4, S. J. Lewis 5, L. Jones 6.

GREAT TEW, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

MAURICE SMITH Treble	FREDERICK SHEARPE 5
F. PEARSON 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
WILLIAM TANDY 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
FREDERICK NEALE 4	LEONARD CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire on the bells since they were rehung.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYZE 3	GEORGE WHITING 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

First peal in the method as conductor. This is the 300th peal by the ringer of the 3rd, and the 150th peal by the ringer of the 4th.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB TWELVE-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
CHARLES ALLSOP 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The above was arranged as a thanksgiving peal for Mr. James George's complete recovery from his recent serious illness. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT F. DALE Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
RICHARD G. BELL 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
†STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

Umpire: HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † 50th peal. The author's short course seven-part peal No. 6 now rung for first time. The umpire checked every call and course-end.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

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

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in C.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*THOMAS E. SONE 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	HARRY BAKER 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	*ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 150th peal (65 together). First peal of Major in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for C. H. Sone. Rung to commemorate the first peal for the above association, rung at Frittenden 50 years ago on October 31st.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6160 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL THURSTON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the ringing of the same peal at this church on November 1st, 1831. Longest length by the treble, 2nd, 7th and tenor ringers. Presumably the longest length without singles rung in Norfolk since 1831.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHIRENEWTON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE SHIRENEWTON GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

I. F. BRYANT Treble	J. H. GWILLIAM 4
R. G. JAMES 2	A. L. JAMES 5
T. W. MARSH 3	C. W. PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. GWILLIAM.

First peal on the bells. First peal for all. All are local Sunday service ringers.

PECKLETON.

On Saturday, October 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM NEWTON Treble	†NORMAN SLATHAM 4
FRANCIS R. DEACON 2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 5
THOMAS M. JORDAN 3	*JOHN W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by HECTOR A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.

PENN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	FRED BIGGS 4
LEONARD STILLWILL 2	RICHARD BOCKLAND 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	JESSE W. HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HARRISON.

BIRMINGHAM.—On October 6th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,248 Treble Bob Maximus: E. Coles 1, H. H. Fearn 2, G. F. Large 3, G. E. Fearn 4, G. F. Swann 5, W. C. Dowding 6, Rev. E. L. Edwards 7, F. E. Haynes 8, E. Mansell 9, W. Grove 10, J. Neal 11, A. Walker (conductor) 12. Arranged for the Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kingston Magna, Dorset.

OFFLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

DONALD C. MEARS Treble	BARNARD TATMORE 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	JOHN WELCH 5
WILLIAM TACK 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven differently called extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*C. RONALD SMITH Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
WALTER RICH 2	*LESLIE BAILEY 5
*BERT CARNALL 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal.

WALKEREN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob with different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE Treble	GEORGE CHERRY 4
*HERBERT W. WITTING ... 2	*THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... 5
WALTER BROWN 3	FRANK TURNER Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal in five methods.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

HAROLD W. CLUTTON Treble	JOHN TIMMS 4
FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN ... 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	THOMAS P. BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

WALTER SMITH Treble	GEORGE PIPER 4
FRANK HARRINGTON 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5
*GEORGE METSON 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

* First peal and a local ringer.

HORTON, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*FRANK BRADBURY Treble	JAMES STANWAY 4
ALFRED H. COTTRELL 2	WILLIAM HAYLENDEN ... 5
JOHN BEECH 3	JOHN COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

* First peal, also a birthday compliment. All the ringers belong to the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Biddulph, Staffs.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE EVANS Treble	*JACK ANDREWS 3
GEORGE PARKER 2	LESLIE ILLING 4

† THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. W. G. Croft. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Croft.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's, ten 240's of Morris' arrangement and five 240's of Pitman's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES T. RANDLE Treble	EDMUND MORRIS 3
DENNIS J. SHARPLES 2	JAMES F. HYETT 4

REGINALD MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung in honour of the harvest thanksgiving services.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 2	WILFRID HOOTON 5
*HORACE V. ROWLEY 3	† EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by W. HOOTON.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor on an 'inside' bell. This, the first peal of Surprise on the bells, was arranged for the tenor ringer, who has now rung an inside bell to Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT ASHLEY DALE, 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3-4	GERALD MOORHOUSE 7-8

* THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 9-10

Composed by C. H. CROSE. Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE

* 50th peal. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal 'in hand' by all the band, also by the association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Gerald Moorhouse. Rung on the 55th anniversary of the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which was rung 'in hand' at York, by the association.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 10 in A.

WILLIAM WILLSON 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung on the birthday of Jill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole. F. E. Wilson witnessed the first portion of the peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	*ERNEST BENNETT 7-8
PETER LAYLIN 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL DIVISION'S SUCCESSFUL SIX-BELL MEETING.**

Favoured by magnificent weather, a most successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Barcombe on Saturday, October 24th. The tower was open from 2.30 for ringing, which was kept up in various methods till 4.30, when a service was held, at which an eloquent address was delivered by the Rector of Barcombe (the Rev. H. W. Farrar), to whom the thanks of all present are due, as also for the excellent tea at the Rectory. Thanks are also extended to the ladies, who looked after the needs of all present. A collection was taken at the service on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and amounted to the useful sum of 13s.

The business meeting followed the tea, the Rector of Barcombe in the chair, supported by the Master, Mr. J. T. Rickman. New members elected were R. F. Greenaway, A. J. Greenaway, D. R. Winter, R. W. Woolven, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton; F. Hazelden, of Buxted; and F. C. Smaile, of Lindfield. The election was confirmed of the following non-resident members: E. C. S. Turner, West Ealing; H. J. Balcombe, Harwell, Berks; G. Popnell, Monmouth; D. G. Clift, Monmouth.

The remaining items on the agenda being disposed of, Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for the service and address, and also for his most kind hospitality.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Rector having replied, the meeting closed.

Ringing was resumed until 8 p.m., the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor. The following towers were represented: Alfriston, Barcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Buxted, Crawley, East Grinstead, Seaford, Shoreham, Lewes (Southover), Turner's Hill and Uckfield.

42 SIX-SCORES OF STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On reading 'The Ringing World' of October 23rd, I see that a peal of Stedman Doubles was rung for the Kent County Association with 42 different six-scores. As there are only 15 six-scores in the new 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods,' will Mr. Groombridge be good enough to give us the calling of his 42 six-scores, so that others may have a chance to do what they have accomplished?—
Yours faithfully,
Wolverton.

J. E. WHITLOCK.

COMPLETION OF A RESTORATION FUND.**THANKSGIVING AT AMBROSDEN.**

The restoration of the six old bells and the addition of two memorial bells has given Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, an excellent ring of eight, of which the parishioners are very proud. They have raised nearly £750 to pay for the work, and on Saturday week a service of thanksgiving was held for the completion of the fund. There was a large gathering of ringers and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. D. Oake). The lesson was read by the Rural Dean (the Rev. C. D. Read), and the preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

After the lesson there was a procession to the belfry, where ringers stood by their respective bell ropes with the clergy in the centre while the Vicar offered special thanksgiving prayers. A course of Stedman Triples was then rung by F. Sharp (Launton) 1, W. Sear (Bletchley) 2, W. F. Judge (Oxford) 3, H. Sear (Bletchley) 4, W. Simmonds (Oxford) 5, E. Hines (Bicester) 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 7, H. Miles (Shipton-under-Wychwood) 8.

The Master based his address on Psalm xxxiv., 3, and first referred to the fact that the sum of £745 had been raised in three years and a few months, half in gifts and half in efforts, and Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who carried out the work, granted favourable terms. Then he spoke of the two memorial bells—the treble in memory of those from the parish who fell in the Great War; the second in memory of William White Kennett, Vicar of Ambrosden, who died as Bishop of Peterborough in 1728. The latter had the bells recast and augmented to six in 1697 and restored the Ambrosden Church Lands Trust to the use originally intended by its unknown pious benefactor. In acts of thanksgiving and praise man reached his highest possible spiritual heights here in worship—a foretaste of hereafter. Always around also was the thanksgiving of nature silent in beauty or in song, and we should all be better and happier if we thanked God more. Lips said 'God be merciful' that never said 'God be praised.' The preacher concluded his sermon by saying that they took away an inspiration to be more trustful and hopeful, and to help others to be likewise. They took away a spirit of greater thankfulness for that and all towers in which it was a joy to ring.

The visiting ringers then had tea at the Vicarage, after which speeches were made by the Rev. C. C. D. Oake, the Master, the Rural Dean, the Rev. W. O'Reilly and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. The bells were then open to visiting ringers and many touches were rung.

Thanks are due to Mr. Fred Sharpe, of Launton, for his helpful collaboration with the Vicar in the arrangement of the service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A holiday at Blackpool seems to have worked wonders for Mr. James George, who is now so completely recovered from his long illness that on Wednesday week he rang the 7th to a peal of Stedman Triples at Whitwick.

Norwich ringers suitably commemorated the centenary of the peal of 6.160 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung on October 31st, 1831, at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, by ringing the same composition at the same church.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at West Ealing, reported in our last issue, was credited in error to the Middlesex County Association. It should have been published under the title of the Christ Church, Ealing, Guild only. It is but fair to say that the mistake was no fault of the sender of the report.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at All Saints', Hertford, on October 17th, was rung in 3 hours 25 minutes.

A series of coincidences marked Mr. T. E. Sone's 150th peal at Harrietsham on Saturday. It was rung at the same tower, in the same method and time and with the same band that took part in Mr. Sone's 100th peal. It was also Mr. A. Relfe's 150th peal, these two ringers having rung 65 peals together.

Mr. Sone's peals have been rung in 49 towers and seven counties, and with 183 ringers. He tenders his gratitude and appreciation to his ringing friends for their valuable assistance in keeping the flag flying.

A BIRTHDAY QUARTER-PEAL.

The best laid schemes 'gang aft a-gley.' The peal arranged at Stepney on Saturday in honour of the coming of age of Miss Kathleen A. Hughes (only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry) could have been looked upon as a 'snip' in the ordinary course of events, but it came to grief through a cause that could not have been anticipated—the breaking of the ninth clapper. This clapper is one of the originals, which has stood the test of generations of ringing, and it was more than annoying that it should select this auspicious occasion to part company. It broke in the third course of the peal, but, not to be outdone, eight of the band rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the treble, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and tenor, the ringers being W. D. Smith, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor), T. Groombridge, sen., J. H. B. Hesse, A. T. Harris, P. E. Clark, A. A. Hughes and J. S. Hawkins. Mr. W. D. Smith is the grandfather of the young lady whose birthday was being celebrated.

But if the ringers at Stepney were unlucky, the band that attempted a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Southwark the same day were even more unfortunate, for they broke down in the last course.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A well-attended meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Wingham on Saturday. It was the autumn quarterly meeting, and, as is usual, the association paid half-fares to members attending. Upwards of 40 ringers were present from Canterbury (Cathedral and St. Alphego), Littlebourne, Dover, Deal, Wickhambreau, Sturry, Herne, St. Nicholas', St. Peter's, St. Laurence, Walmer, Ashford, Egerton and the local tower.

The Rev. D. A. Taylor, Vicar of Wingham, officiated at the service and gave a very interesting address. Mr. Fred Lovell presided at the organ.

Tea was served at the Dog Inn, at which the Vicar presided, and subsequently took the chair at the business meeting. The election of a non-resident life member was confirmed.

The district secretary intimated that the Rev. C. A. Manley (Vicar of Littlebourne) was anxious that a meeting of the association should be held at Littlebourne, where the bells have recently been rebung by Messrs Mears and Stainbank. Upon this intimation, Herne, which had been previously proposed, was withdrawn, and Littlebourne was accepted unanimously. The meeting will probably be held on November 28th.

The district secretary (Mr. Percy W. Smith), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. D. A. Taylor, said that the association greatly appreciated his keen interest in ringing, and were glad to notice that he was becoming such a familiar figure among them. Coupled with the motion was a vote of thanks to Mr. Lovell for the musical arrangements.—The vote was accorded with acclamation, and the Vicar responded.

Ringing was continued after tea in the usual methods.

BROKEN ROPE ENDS PEAL.

On Saturday, October 31st, five members of the Darley Dale ringers paid a visit to Elton, an out of the way village among the hills of Derbyshire to attempt to ring a peal on the light ring of five bells there. But after 35 minutes ringing the 4th rope broke, and by the time it was replaced it was too late for another attempt. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was, therefore, rung in 40 minutes by: J. Taylor 1, W. Blagshaw 2, E. Blackwell 3, H. Taylor 4, G. H. Phipps (conductor) 5. It was rung for the Harvest Festival.

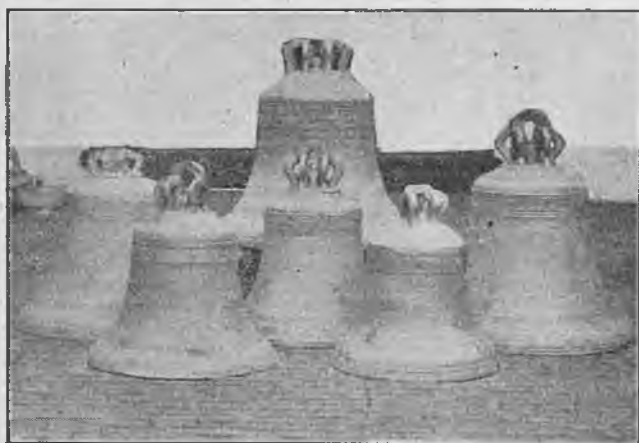
THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

PLANS FOR THE CELEBRATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

The arrangements for the celebration of the Stedman tercentenary at Cambridge on Saturday, December 5th, are now well in hand.

The service of dedication of the work that has been carried out will take place at 3 p.m. at St. Benedict's Church, where Stedman was one of the ringers, and where he also served in the office of parish clerk. The ceremony will be performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price (Archdeacon of Ely), and the sermon preached by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. After the service, as many visitors as possible will be given the opportunity of ringing on the historic bells.

For those who arrive in Cambridge early in the day, there will be conducted parties round the principal places of interest in the University, and the bells of Great St.



ST. BENE'T'S BELLS IN THE FOUNDRY.

They have been fitted with new clappers on independent crown staples, the 3rd and 4th have been tuned, and all have been cleaned by sandblasting.

The inscriptions on two of them are specially quaint. Round the tenor is the following:—

'John Draper made me in 1618 as plainly doth appeare this bell was brooke and cast againe with fine churchwardens were Edwarde Dixon for the one who stode close by his tacklin and he that was his partner then was Alexander Jacklin.'

On the 3rd is cast:—

'Of all the bells in Benet I am the best,
And yet for my casting the parish paided best.'

Mary's (12), St. Andrew-the-Great (8), the Roman Catholic Church (8), Trumpington (6) and Old Chesterton (6) will, it is hoped, be available both before and after the dedication service.

Towers along the main routes into Cambridge will, it is expected, also be open to ringers, both on the outward and homeward journeys, and particulars of these will be given later.

By the kindness of the governing authority of Corpus Christi College, adjoining St. Benedict's, the dining hall will be used for serving lunch and tea. Lunch will be at 12.30 and 1.30, if there are sufficient to require two sittings, and the price will be 2s. 6d. Tea will be served as required from four o'clock onward. The charge for a meat tea will be 2s., and for a plain tea 1s. 3d.

Throughout the day a large room at the Lion Hotel will be set aside for the use of visiting ringers and their

friends, where they will be able to meet for social intercourse and where, during the usual hours, refreshments will be available.

A large gathering is expected, and tickets will be issued for the service and for the ringing at St. Bene't's, as well as for both the lunch and tea. The organisers will be greatly assisted in making the arrangements if they are supplied with certain information as to the requirements of intending visitors, and forms for this purpose, upon which alone tickets will be issued will be sent on application by postcard to—

The Stedman Centenary Secretary,
'The Ringing World' Office,
Woking, Surrey.

In the case of a party travelling together, only one form need be applied for. The seating accommodation in St. Benedict's Church is limited, and seats will therefore be allotted in strict rotation as the application forms are received.

Subscriptions to the fund which have not yet been paid should be sent at once to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A pleasant and successful meeting of the South and West District was held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 31st. The methods practised before service ranged from Grandsire Caters up to and including Cambridge Surprise Royal. The service was conducted by the Rev. Henry Kitcat (Vicar), after which the company adjourned to the new Parish Hall for tea, which was ably served by the Ringing Master and Mrs. Goodfellow.

The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Trollope (vice-president), Mr. C. H. Neville (churchwarden) and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the North and East District). Others present were Mr. H. Chandler (Assistant Ringing Master), Mr. E. A. Morris, Mr. J. F. Corke, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gutteridge, Messrs. W. Hewitt, J. Herbert, E. Turner, J. J. Pratt, W. H. Coles, T. Collins, W. Williams, the Misses D. R. and K. E. Fletcher and K. Bradford, etc.

The vice-president presided at the business meeting, at which four ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold a meeting at Christ Church, Ealing, on the last Saturday in November, of which due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, to the host and hostess and all who attended to the needs of the company, and also to Mr. J. Pratt, of the local band, after which the tower was again visited and further ringing indulged in until nearly 9 p.m., when a happy party of 48 dispersed.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, but the attendance was somewhat disappointing. Good use was, however, made of the ring of ten bells, touches of Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Caters being rung, the proceedings concluding with a really good course of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Tea was provided at the Ten Bells Inn, the Rev. Canon Wonnacott (Rector of Stonham Aspal) being present. He extended a hearty welcome to the Guild and hoped that something might be done in the near future to induce his own band to take up change ringing.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Guild would be held at Woodbridge on November 28th, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for his welcome concluded the business.

NON-CONDUCTED SURPRISE MINOR.

At Lamberhurst, Kent, on October 24th, 720 each of Norwich and Norfolk Surprise, non-conducted, was rung in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor by J. Waghorn 1, A. H. Smith 2, A. Relfe 3, A. Marshall 4, B. Luck 5, J. Bassett 6.

Afterwards a 720 Spliced Walsingham and Cromer Alliance and Crayford Little Court and Little Bob: A. Relfe (conductor) 1, A. H. Smith 2, B. Luck 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Waghorn 5, J. Bassett 6. This is believed to be the first time these four methods have been rung in one 720.

On October 25th, for matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Marshall 1, T. Fuller 2, W. Marshall 3, C. Bishop 4, J. Bassett 5, B. Luck (conductor) 6.

THE STORY OF A COMPOSITION.

HOW ANNABLE GOT HIS FAMOUS PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

That it would be possible to make a reasonably complete register of compositions I do not doubt. Whether it would be worth while taking so much trouble merely to convince (if possible) a few young men that they are not so clever as they suppose, I am inclined to question. That it would solve the problem of originality I do not believe. For when you have made your collection, and arranged it, and classified it, and proved it, you would have to settle to whom all that mass of figures belonged; and who were the real composers of the many peals. A fearsome task.

The test was once priority of publication; but who would accept that now? In old days composers used to quarrel over peals 'like two dogs at a bone.' They snarled and snapped at one another like one o'clock. But though it was abundantly evident that their opinions differed, in the upshot it was by no means clear whose the bone really was.

And, leaving that aside, you would have to settle what constitutes an original peal. The more one knows about the matter—the more one realises how one peal follows from and is dependent on another—the more originality recedes into the background; and I am inclined to think that there never was a peal quite so original as the young composer imagines his first composition to be.

As an illustration of all this I may perhaps be allowed to relate the story of one of the classic compositions of old time. Annable's Six Part of Bob Triples is a standard composition, one of those of which, like Holt's Ten Part, it may be said that in its class it cannot be bettered. It is the oldest five thousand in the method that has come down to us; and though not the first rung, it was quite likely the first rung with ordinary bobs and singles. It has been rung scores of times and was the model for most of the subsequent peals in the method. Here, at any rate, we may suppose is an original peal.

The first composition that ever was invented was the Sixes on three bells. We have Stedman's authority for giving this as an historical fact. Some time, very early in the seventeenth century, a man discovered that if he wrote out the Six on 234 backwards and put a 1 in front of every row, he had got the lead-ends (back and hand) of what he called Doubles and Singles on four bells, and we call Bob Minimus. So was composed the first 'Cross Peal.'

Some years later, just after 1640, when Stedman's mother was rocking him in a cradle, and the Long Parliament was in its early sessions, another man wrote out the Four and Twenty backwards in 2345 and putting 1 in front of every row produced the lead-ends (hand and back) of the first 'Cross Peal' on five bells. Very soon afterwards it was called Old Doubles, and has survived in the Exercise to this day. Only the bob was made

12435 12435

— instead of —

12453 14235

as we make it now. And for many years the method was rung with that bob. Who the composer was we do not know; but probably he was one of the lawyers who at that time formed the backbone of the Society of College Youths.

The same man, or a friend of his, carried the composition one step further. He wrote out the Six Score of Old Doubles, again backwards, on 23456, and, putting 1 in front of every row, produced the first 720 in a 'Cross Peal' on six bells. We can hardly call it the first 720 of Bob Minor, because, although you ring courses of that method, there are no bobs and singles, but different Extreams at the course ends.

About 1650, Robert Roan composed Grandsire Doubles. This was an original composition; by which I mean that Roan did not take a four-bell method and adapt it, as his predecessor had done, but set himself the task of pricking the Six Score on five bells with all double changes. He did not quite succeed—the task was impossible—but he produced 'the best and most ingenious peal that ever was composed to be rang on five bells.' Next he tried to extend it to six bells. He did not go to work as a modern man would have done, but he took a hint from the older composers and improved it. He wrote out Grandsire Doubles on 23456, but instead of writing it out backwards he wrote it out reversed.

123456	132465
132546	134256
135264	143526
153624	134562
156342	143652
165432	134625
158423	143265
165243	142356
162534	124536
126354	125463
125645	

Thus he produced the lead-ends (hand and back) of what he called Grandsire Bob, and we call the 'standard' 720 of Bob Minor. Only his 720 was to call a bob every time the second is in 5-6, except when the fourth is with her; instead of, as usual nowadays, every time the tenor is in 5-6 except when the fifth is with her.

This is the reason why the ancients sometimes called Plain Bob, Grandsire Bob; and not, as Mr. Law James rather naturally supposed, because they recognised that Grandsire is only Plain Bob with a bell-in-the-hunt.

Stedman studied and understood all these things; he realised that here was a general mathematical law; and when, in 1677, he published his 'Campanalogia' after he had given Bob Major, he tells us that if we want a 40.320, all we have to do is to ring full courses, and at the course-ends, when 1, 2 are at home, let the other six bells ring the 720 of any six-bell method in which half the changes are triple changes. Quite simple, is it not? Here, in a sentence, are thousands and thousands of extents of Major. It does not matter what six-bell method you use, whether it is good or bad, regular or irregular, legitimate or illegitimate, provided half the changes are triple changes. Plain Bob will work, and Double Court, and Oxford, and Cambridge. But not Kent, or Canterbury Pleasure, or London. If you care to experiment for a few minutes with a few figures you will see why.

But already, soon after 1650, before Stedman's time (or rather before he knew anything about composition, and while he was still an apprentice to John Field, the Cambridge printer), another man had carried the old composition one step further. He took the 720 Triples and Doubles on Six Bells, wrote it out on 234567 backwards, and had the lead-ends (back and hand) of the first extent on seven bells. He called it Restoration Triples. You can hardly call it Bob Triples, for there are no ordinary bobs and singles; but you ring full courses of that method throughout, with three different Extreams at regular intervals at the course ends. Who he was we do not know. Probably not a Londoner, for neither Stedman nor the authors of the I.D. and C.M. 'Campanalogia' seem to have known of him or his peal. But Annable had it on an old manuscript and copied it into his book, more as a curiosity than anything else, for by then it was quite obsolete.

Annable had Stedman's book, and he knew all about these things. When he wanted a five thousand of Bob Triples to call for the College Youths, he took the hint from these old compositions. He looked for a 720 of some Minor method that he could treat as Robert Roan had treated Grandsire Doubles, and he found it in what he called London Single and we know as Single Court. I rather fancy he composed it himself specially, but really it was already an old method and had been rung 70 years earlier at Nottingham. He simply reversed it, wrote it out on 234567, using the seventh as the treble, put 1 in front of every row and there were the lead-ends, hand and back, of his peal.

1234567	1243675
1234567	1426357
1325476	1423765
1235746	1247356
1327564	1274536
1372654	1725463
1736245	1752643
1763425	1576234
1674352	1567324
1647532	1653742
1465723	1563472
1645273	1654327
1462537	1645237

etc.

You may settle now, if you can, how much of the peal belongs to Annable, how much to Stedman, how much to Roan, and how much to the other unknown composers.

THE PAINSWICK PEAL AND THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter from the Rev. Herbert Drake is difficult to follow, and I am at a loss to know why he should say that the word 'expel' gives quite a different meaning to the words 'to remove from.' I venture to say that nobody reading the report of the Suffolk Guild meeting in your issue of October 16th would have suspected any other meaning than that any member approving of the words '17.687 changes' would be removed from the Guild, or, as I put it, expelled. If that was not the meaning of the resolution, then the whole of the discussion, as reported, was misleading.

Now I understand it to mean that any member who 'continues to approve, etc.,' will be removed from the Guild by being taught the difference between rows and changes. If the unfortunate member who is ignorant of the difference is unable to learn, he will be removed from the Guild in reality, but if he learns the difference and therefore no longer approves of the offending words, he will then have been 'removed.'

Really, the explanation is very ingenious, and quite as amusing as the resolution.—Yours faithfully,
C. T. COLES.
21, Vincent Road, E.4.

THE SNOWDON DINNER.

FAMOUS YORKSHIRE RINGERS COMMEMORATED.

The tenth annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, October 24th. The president of the association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) presided, supported by the Lord Bishop of Pontefract, the Vicar of Leeds (the Rev. Canon T. H. Elliott), the Rev. Canon R. H. Malden, the Rev. F. H. Moore, the Rev. F. J. Lindley, the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the Lancashire Association), the Rev. J. F. Harvey, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis and a company of over one hundred. After dinner had been served, the loyal toast was honoured, and after a short interval Mr. J. E. Kitchen (churchwarden of Headingley), in proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' paid a tribute to ringers for their devotion and attention to their duties, and, while regretting the divisions that were occurring outside the Church, which were bound to have a serious effect on the nation, pointed out that the serious divisions inside the Church were much more regrettable. He expressed the hope that the near future would see the conflicting bodies more reconciled, as otherwise a separation from the State was inevitable, and in his opinion it would be a calamity for both Church and State should such a happening occur.

In the course of an interesting reply, the Vicar of Leeds expressed his great regret that the bells of Leeds Parish Church were unringable, and stated that the sum of £625 had been subscribed toward a total of £1,500 required to put the bells in order. He hoped that in the early part of next year sufficient funds would have accrued to justify the placing of the contract for the requisite work to be done (applause). It would be found, if inquiry were made into the motive of much of the ringing that was done, that pleasure and recreation on the part of ringers played a great part, but ringers should subordinate that side to the calling of people to worship, which was, in many cases, a personal act of sacrifice and worship. It was the evident intention of the toast, added the speaker, to honour the Church and State in their relation to one another. The bells were a reminder of the eternal as against the material issues of life, and it was the duty of the Church to bring the thought of the things eternal to all the world, and he trusted that ringers would always keep this conception of their ringing before them.

EXERCISE BUILT ON TRADITION.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed the toast of 'The Memory of Jasper Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.' 'When your president asked me at Liverpool to come to your dinner to-night,' he said, 'I accepted with great pleasure. For one reason I think it good that the officers of the Central Council should get into the closest possible touch with the associations. Then I wished to again enjoy some good Yorkshire striking, having had one taste of it more than 20 years ago. There was a third, a personal reason. Your president and I have both had connections with a certain county. It is the only county in which I have rung on all the peals of bells. There is only one peal in the county' (laughter).

'We have met to-night,' he continued, 'to do honour to the memory of some of those who have helped to hand down our wonderful traditions. The Exercise is built on tradition. Some of the traditions have reason behind them, some have none. For instance, there is good reason why we should ring our bells, to get full tone-value and carrying power. There is good reason behind our tradition of ringing changes to avoid monotony. There is a musical reason for the tradition of the open lead. Without it there can be no musical 'cadences,' and the main charm of ringing is lost. That applies also to six bells. Is there, from the outside listeners' point of view, any reason behind the tradition of truth in composition? Would anyone in the street distinguish between the two halves of a peal of Bob Royal if 2-3 are turned over at a half-way single? Don't think, however, for a moment that I want to belittle that great tradition of truth. I regret very much recent happenings in the West Country. Nor do I like the idea of a 5,040 of Minor with two singles only, even if there is musical reason behind it. To call a collection of a '719,' twelve '360's' and a '1' a peal of Minor seems to open the door to laxity in our tradition of truth (applause).

'It would be presumptuous on my part,' proceeded Mr. Lewis, 'to try and tell you anything about those who have upheld the tradition in Yorkshire. I can only speak of those with whom I came in contact. Jasper Snowdon died when I was a very small boy; yet I seem to know something of him from his splendid books. When starting to ring 30 years ago I was told to get 'Rope-sight' as a standard text-book. I should not like to say how many copies have been through my hands since. Ringers are good borrowers. A wealthy innkeeper once showed his son his well-stocked library with greening shelves. "My boy, never lend a book—all these are borrowed." Let those towers where libraries are being formed—and the number is increasing—be sure to have a rule that no book must be removed unless signed for. Such towers could not do better than start with the "Snowdon" series. When I came down from the tower of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, after my first peal of Stedman Cinques I saw

sitting in the churchyard a figure surmounted by a silk hat, and did not feel happy until I had heard Mr. C. H. Hattersley's verdict on the peal. I regret that I only had few opportunities of meeting that true English gentleman. Mr. Holland I met at Council meetings. He did not often say much, but when he did it was to the point, and he was always ready to stick up for the six-bell ringers. What a pity that the modern developments of six-bell splicing were not reached in his time! How he would have enjoyed the further opportunities of adding to his great achievements on six bells. Mr. William Snowdon, of course, I met at Council meetings, and we perhaps know him best for his valuable work in completing and editing his brother's books (applause).

CHANGE RINGING A GREAT CHARACTER BUILDER.

'While speaking of the giants of the past I cannot forbear to mention one who, as far as we are able to trace, was born just 300 years ago. Fabian Stedman not only gave us his own beautiful method, and extended Grandsire Doubles to Triples and Bob Minor to Major, but wrote a book which was far in advance of its time and remained the best book on ringing for very many years. The bells on which he used to ring, as you know, are being restored, and the wonderful Saxon tower of St. Bene't's, Cambridge, is being strengthened as a memorial to him. It is now practically certain that the reopening will be on December 5th, six weeks from to-night. I hope those of you who can will try and attend.

'We are living in troubled times, which have been referred to by previous speakers. The country would not be in such a state if there were a larger proportion of the type from which ringers are drawn. A man cannot be a change ringer unless he does his own thinking. Too many people nowadays put out their thinking as they do their washing. We hear much of economy. True economy consists of wise spending, spending which increases production and gives a return. I hope that there will be no curtailment of the funds required for restoration and maintenance of bells. It would be a great pity if for such a reason the number of ringers should be reduced, bearing in mind that change ringing is, both from the higher standpoint and intellectually, a great character builder. What we want is an ever-increasing number of ringers to carry on the traditions which have been handed down to us by the great ringers of the past' (applause).

The toast was drunk in silence.

After the toast had been drunk, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Harrison, P. J. Johnson, G. F. Swann, S. Briggs, G. Lewis and S. F. Palmer.

In proposing 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association,' the Lord Bishop of Pontefract told of his many associations with the president and ringers generally, and said it was not enough to talk of and to discuss religion, but they must practice religion if they were to achieve the object of the Founder of the Church.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' who represented the Midland Counties Association, the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Surrey Association, the Essex Association, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

During the evening musical items were interspersed by the Headingley Quartet, and a most delightful recital on handbells was given by Mr. C. F. Johnston. A most delightful and pleasant evening was spent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY BRANCH.

An enjoyable meeting was held at Melbourn on Saturday, when members were present from Barley, Cambridge, Chrishall, Elmdon, Ickleton, Meldreth, Melbourn, Sawston, Stetchworth and Trumpington. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. McNeice), who, in his address, said how absolutely essential it was to have a leader in every beiry. Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.L.C.M., kindly presided at the organ.

There was no formal business, but Messrs. R. Clements, E. Flitton, L. Flitton, W. Flitton, H. Hutley, G. Lilley and L. Lilley, of Ickleton, were re-elected members. Mr. J. Negus, of Elmdon, was elected a non-resident life member.

After passing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the tower was again visited, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge, Beverley, London, York and Durham Surprise being rung.

A CORNISH 'QUARTER.'

On Saturday, October 31st, the eve of All Saints' Day, eight members of the Truro Diocesan Guild met at the Church of St. Felicitas, Phillack, Cornwall, to enable one of the local band to attempt his first peal. Owing, however, to a case of sickness near the church, it was considered that three hours' ringing would be a little too much, so a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was substituted, and was rung in 52 minutes by: H. Williams (Truro) 1, W. Wood (Gulval) 2, J. Wood (Gulval) 3, A. S. Roberts, conductor (Truro) 4, Miss E. J. C. Angwin (Truro) 5, P. J. Hitchens (Gulval) 6, G. W. Taysom (Mawnan) 7, W. J. Bagge (Phillack) 8. This was W. J. Bagge's longest length.

DOUBLE NORWICH COMPOSITION.

MR. ROBERTS' ACHIEVEMENT.

A letter from Mr. George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, throws a rather different light upon the claim made in respect of the composition of the peal of Double Norwich Major rung at Penwortham. The qualities which were enumerated in the information sent to us had been obtained before, but were not all that this peal contained. Mr. Roberts' composition was got under greater restrictions than those mentioned, as will be seen from the following letter. Mr. Lewis writes:—

The remarks in 'Belfry Gossip' in your last issue regarding the peal of Double Norwich obtained by Mr. C. W. Roberts will be rather misleading to many. It should read as follows: The full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5, 6, without 2 or 3 in 6ths in two equal parts, with two singles only and calls at only 1, 4, 6. I take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate our young friend on his production, as this rather upsets the theory held by many that there is nothing new to be got in compositions, and is another example of a plan not yet obtained.

I submit the following for some of our young composers to practice with. I have produced it to Bristol, but as yet I do not think that anyone has produced it to Treble Bob. The late Mr. Arthur Craven told me that he had tried for 20 years, but with no result. I have spent many interesting hours, but as yet with no success, so I am now turning it over to some of our younger enthusiasts with a feeling that I am sure it will provide them with a small measure of amusement.

5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE.

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	→	1	2
35264	2	→	1	1
32654			1	2
36524			1	2
23564			1	
34562	2	→	1	2
62453	1	→	2	2
34256	1	→		1
32546	1	→	2	2
35426	1	→	2	2
24536	1	→		2
32465				2
25463	2	→	1	2
62534				2
23456	2	→		

Contains the 5th and 6th extent in 5ths, and 4th and 6th extent in 6ths each at 5 course ends in the minimum number of courses and changes.

OTHER PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

Dear Sir,—The paragraph included in 'Belfry Gossip' in your last issue relating to the possibility of a peal of Double Norwich Major with all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 with two singles only in a length less than 5,376 is surprising. The question of peals with these combinations was raised by the late Henry Dains in the 'Bell News' some time in 1903. If reference is made to the Central Council's 'Collection of Peals,' Section 3, Group 2, it will be seen that Peal No. 197, page 346, is a 5,024 of Double Norwich Major by the writer, composed in November, 1905, with two singles only, which has the extent (36 whole courses) of the combinations mentioned. A 5,008 with the same qualities, but several singles, is also included. It remains for composers to get the combinations in the latter number with two singles.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Sunderland.

A 5,008.

Here is another peal with the 4, 5 and 6 the full combination in 5-6 with only two singles. It is by G. Wilfred Slack, of Burley, Leeds, and composed in August, 1930.

23456	1	4	6	24365	1	4	5	6
53624	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	3	36245	—	—	—	3
52436	—	—	—	54632	—	—	—	*
42356	—	—	2	64235	—	—	—	*
25346	—	—	3	32465	—	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—	3
24365	—	—	—	23465	—	—	—	1

Repeated.

By omitting the bells marked * in one part, the peal is 5,008; by substituting three bells at 6 for these three in one part and omitting them in the other, the length is 5,152; whilst calling the bells at 6 in both parts gives 5,232.

(Continued in next column.)

ALDERSHOT'S BIG BAND.

COMPANY MAINTAINED BY YOUTHFUL RECRUITS.

A very pleasant joint meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Aldershot on Saturday, and attracted about 35 ringers from Bagshot, Farnham, Farnborough, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Hawley, Seale, West Clandon and Woking, as well as the local band. It is always an inspiration to visit Aldershot. They have there one of the largest and youngest bands in the country. There are no fewer than 20 ringers of both sexes, and only four are over 21. For many years the 'father' of the company has been Mr. W. Denyer, who not only taught his own children to ring, but believes in catching all his pupils at an early age. Mr. Denyer's patience—and it needs a lot of patience to teach and manage a large team bursting with the buoyant spirit of youth—has been equalled by his success. Many of his pupils can ring the standard eight-bell methods as well as Surprise Minor methods, while his eldest son is the capable and ever-smiling hon. secretary of the Farnham District. Of the present band, five are still at school and three have only just left, while four of the boys and four of the men are in the choir. In fact, it is the choir which is the recruiting ground of the Aldershot band. The boys are 'captured' early, and then, when they are no longer able to sing, they have still an interest in the church through the belfry, and remain because they are still among their friends. That is how Mr. Denyer has built up his band, and it is a scheme which might be widely adopted with advantage.

The youngest members of the company are still practising rounds, and several of them have to mount boxes to reach the rope ends. They took their share in the ringing on Saturday; they helped to lead the singing at the service (which was the Ladies' Guild form), and afterwards with the rest of the choirboys were entertained to tea.

The address by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Le Fleming) was a practical one on fellowship, and everyone enjoyed the very delightful service.

The Vicar joined the ringers at tea, and was thanked on the motion of Major Gale (Hawley) for his part in making the meeting the success it was. The tea was catered for by two of the local lady ringers, Miss Fisher and Miss Nancy Denyer, and there was a bountiful spread at a minimum charge. It was rumoured afterwards that the net profit on 45 teas was exactly twopenny halfpenny, so that the resulting income tax will not go far to balance the national budget.

The short business meeting was presided over by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), and the proposed Guild excursion to Cambridge for the Stedman Tercentenary was discussed. The ladies, with Mrs. Melville, in the chair, conducted their business in face of the opposition of a handbell party, who made more noise than progress, and really ought to have been ordered out of the hall. The next meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild is to be held at Burslem in February.

Ringings with mixed bands afterwards took place in the tower, the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

(Continued from previous column.)

5,024 ON A SIMPLE PLAN.

Sir,—I read with interest—not to say surprise—your remarks with regard to Double Norwich compositions containing certain extent properties and produced with two singles only.

I might say I have had in my possession a number of compositions of Double Norwich Major, all two-part peals, with the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 and produced with two singles with a less number than 5,376, since September, 1927.

The enclosed 5,024 is an example (though not a good one!) of the type you mention, on so simple a plan that I shall be surprised if no one claims it as a variation of some other peal. At any rate, we have heard from those who spill much ink in the ringing Press (and also from private correspondents) that there is no such thing as a fresh composition, that all possible lengths and qualities have been produced, that everything is in existence, and hence nobody now has claim to originality. I am, therefore, interested in such compositions as mentioned this week in 'Belfry Gossip'.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

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25463	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	3
26354	—	—	—	3
45623	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	3
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Repeated.

All combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 produced with two singles only.

THE DEATH OF MR. J. E. GROVES.**A DISTINGUISHED RINGER.**

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the Exercise has lost a valued member by the death of Mr. James E. Groves, of Handsworth, Birmingham. Mr. Groves has been among the great ringers of the past, for while in the last few years his name has not been so prominently before the public as formerly, his earlier achievements placed him in the foremost rank among his contemporaries. A fine heavy bell-ringer, a good conductor and a ready helper where young ringers were concerned, he was an extremely valuable asset to the art in the western Midlands.

Born at Wroseter, near Shrewsbury, on March 13th, 1868, Mr. Groves took up ringing when he was 18 years of age, receiving his first lessons at the Old Abbey Church, Shrewsbury. His first peal, however, was not rung until four years later, this being Grandsire Triples at Upton St. Leonard's, Gloucestershire, conducted by Mr. John Austin, on November 8th, 1890. In September of the following year he moved to Wolverhampton, where, joining St. Peter's company, then struggling with Grandsire Triples, he was elected captain, a position which he held for some years and in which he greatly improved the capabilities of the band. About this time Mr. Groves was for six years instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and in 1904 was elected the first Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, an office which he held for five years.

On taking up residence in Birmingham, his energies were naturally concentrated on St. Martin's Guild, of which he was elected Deputy Ringing Master (an office which carries control of the ringing activities in the famous Bull Ring tower) in 1910, in succession to Mr. Albert Walker, who, at that time, removed to London. Mr. Groves held the position until 1921, when he resigned, and was succeeded by Mr. Walker, who, in the meantime, had returned to Birmingham.

Mr. Groves was one of the few men who have rung two tower bells to a peal, which he did at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, the only man who had previously accomplished a similar feat being the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Mr. Groves took part in the 11,111 Stedman Cinques rung at Birmingham, had conducted a 7,019 and 11,500 Grandsire Caters, as well as having rung in 8,009 of the same method. He called the first peals of Erin Cinques both on tower and handbells, and his many handbell peals included the one and only peal of Stedman Sextuples yet rung. He called the first handbell peal rung in Wales, and he is the last man who could claim to have rung Grandsire on all numbers from Triples to Maximus.

Mr. Groves was a composer as well as ringer and conductor, and had a number of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques as well as of Grandsire on the higher numbers, but he will be best remembered, perhaps, for his transposition of J. J. Parker's famous 12-part. Mr. Groves arranged the composition with the 7th as observation bell, and in this form it is, in these days, rung as often as it is in its original arrangement. Mr. Groves was a member of many ringing societies, including, in addition to St. Martin's Guild, the College Yeuths, whose dinners in London he frequently attended, the Worcestershire, Essex, Gloucester and Bristol, Bath and Wells, Midland Counties and Shropshire Associations, Peterborough, Salisbury, Winchester and Portsmouth, Oxford, Warwickshire and Hereford Guilds, and Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.

Mr. Groves was for many years employed by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, as bellhanger, and afterwards he went into business on his own account, carrying out many restorations in the counties around Birmingham.

The funeral took place on Friday last at the Handsworth New Cemetery. In addition to the widow and relatives, representatives were present to pay their last respects from the Handsworth and District Allotment Society, of which Mr. Groves was a prominent member for many years. The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was represented by Messrs. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master), A. Paddon Smith, George F. Swann, Tom Miller, John Neal and J. George. Mr. John Jagger was also present representing the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. A course on the handbells was rung over the grave at the conclusion of the service.

Mrs. Groves desires to thank the members of St. Martin's Guild and all ringers for their kind sympathy in her sad bereavement.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Morgan will turn to page 116 of Minor Methods he will see that the name 'Canterbury,' which was given to No. 3 Surprise Method in the first edition, was deliberately transferred to No. 2. If he will refer to the many discussions on the names of the methods in the Central Council and 'The Ringing World,' he will find the reason why. There was no Alnwick in the first edition. I may also say that full opportunity was given to everybody to express opinions on the names of these methods before they were printed.

May I also say that the 6,160 of Double Norwich rung at Goslany in 1831 was not the 'longest in the method up to that time,' nor was it claimed to be, although Jasper Snowden in his 'Double Norwich' seemed to think so.—Yours truly,
J. A. TROLLOPE.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WOKING.—At the Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Sunday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: L. W. Young 1, Admiral T. P. Walker D.S.O., 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards 3, A. P. Osborne 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, W. H. Edwards 6, T. Strudwick 7, G. Cole 8. The first quarter-peal of Triples by the local band.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.—On November 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Harry Mortimer (first 720) 1, J. Cooper 2, V. Darvill 3, W. Mortimore 4, R. Darvill (conductor) 5, G. Martin 6.

WATFORD.—On Sunday, October 25th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): E. Palmer 1, R. Picton 2, H. Long 3, R. Bell 4, S. Hoare 5, F. Crook 6, H. Cashmore (conductor) 7, W. Ayre 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Ansell 1, W. T. Prior 2, P. Springham 3, H. Wacey 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, R. Hayden 6, H. M. White 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 25th, at St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, for evensong, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal: J. F. Milner (Southwell) 1, W. H. Hewett 2, W. R. Madgwick 3, F. Digby 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. E. Davis 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8, R. F. Deal 9, R. Sanders 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, October 25th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Double Norwich Major: A. T. Greenwood 1, T. R. Taylor 2, H. Jennings 3, E. G. Williams (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, J. D. Harris 5, F. S. Bayley 6, F. W. Rogers (composer and conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, sen., 8.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, on October 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,260 changes): W. J. Schofield 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. Rashbrook 3, G. Wightman 4, H. Evers 5, R. W. Stannard 6, G. Dent 7, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of any Surprise method rung by an entirely local company on St. Peter's bells.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. T. Pye 1, E. P. Duffield 2, G. Rashbrook 3, G. Wightman 4, H. Evers 5, W. J. Schofield 6, W. Chalk (conductor) 7, R. W. Stannard 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,251 changes) in 53 minutes: W. A. Cooper 1, G. A. Baker (first quarter in the method) 2, H. T. Piper 3, H. Knight (conductor) 4, T. Roden 5, J. Williams 6, T. Smith 7, F. Brotherton 8, H. Boswell 9, R. Thompson 10. Rung for the dedication festival by Sunday service band.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service on the occasion of the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): K. Pardon 1, L. Turner (first with a bob bell) 2, C. W. Cooper 3, J. W. Smith 4, R. Parton 5, A. Reynolds 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, F. W. Gibbs 8.—On Sunday, October 11th, for harvest festival evensong, 504 Stedman Triples.

BARTHOOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, September 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: Miss G. Astbury (first quarter) 1, J. Brassington 2, J. Timins (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Matthews 4, G. H. Crawley 5, J. Parker 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, A. Astbury 8.

A DATE TOUCH.

At East Hagbourne, Berks, on Tuesday, October 6th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1931 changes, composed by J. J. Parker) in 1 hour 10 minutes: J. Hildeman 1, W. V. Webb 2, G. F. James 3, A. H. Webb 4, F. H. Abbott 5, J. Sawyer 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, E. Sawyer 8.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 294th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on November 7th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street. Southwark Cathedral from 1.30 to 2.50. Brahms' 'Requiem' at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock; preacher, Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on November 7th. Tower open at 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Business includes nomination of officers for next year.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, November 7th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Breaston (6 bells) on Saturday, November 7th, from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and ring your Minor methods.—E. C. Gobeys, Dis. Sec., 23 Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A special meeting of the above will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, November 7th, the occasion being the reopening of the peal of ten at St. Oswald's Church. These bells have been restored and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. A special service will be held in church at 3.30 p.m., and bells will be available immediately afterwards. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street. All ringers are welcome at this meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, November 7th. Six bells.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossen's on Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, November 7th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please try and attend. A hearty welcome to visitors. I should be glad if members with subscriptions outstanding would let me have them.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Bedford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A joint meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches of the above Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, November 7th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Dujon's Cafe.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebroke Rectory, Peterborough; W. H. Waldrin, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham, Saturday, November 7th, at 3.—N. Golden, 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Barlborough to-morrow, Saturday, November 7th. Bells (6). A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice for the Andover area, Saturday, November 7th, at 5.30, at Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good muster will be encouraging.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, November 11th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Burbage on Saturday, November 14th. Commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley, by Thursday, the 12th. A good muster is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 6d. to those who notify me by Thursday, November 12th. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Burton. Fares 6d. return.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards (all ringers welcome). Intending visitors please notify me by Thursday, November 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting. It is most essential that all ringers intending to be present and requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday morning, the 11th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bassingham (6), Saturday, November 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, November 14th. Will all who intend to be present please notify Mr. T. Hilditch, 11, Edward Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than November 12th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, November 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, by Tuesday, the 10th. All ringers welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District (Hitchin).—On Saturday, November 14th, a meeting will be held at Hitchin. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Main L.N.E.R. service and buses from all parts every half-hour. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Grange. Please make an effort to attend and make the meeting a success.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Last quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector. Please notify Mr. B. D. Buttress, Balsham Road, Fulborne, by November 17th. Election of officers for 1932, so a large attendance is desirable.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, November 21st. Bells are available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Parish Room at five o'clock. Bus service from Horsham, Steyning, Pulborough and Worthing. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 18th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at 5. Will members kindly advise me if they are coming?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. In order that adequate arrangements can be made, will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise me by Thursday, 19th inst., without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, November 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, November 18th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on November 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at The Cafe, next the church, at 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY DINNER. under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—The second annual dinner, concert and dance will be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, November 28th, at 6 p.m. sharp. The Cosmo Players dance band will be in attendance from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Last year's attendance totalled no less than 192. Fully licensed up till 12 p.m. Accommodation for bed and breakfast can be obtained on application to the secretary for 5s. 6d. per head. Applications for tickets should be made to the secretary, or Mr. E. Parker, Ingledene, Moorland Road, Weston-super-Mare, not later than November 20th. Now roll up, and spend the evening of your lives for 3s. 6d. inclusive! The bells of the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, and the old church at Uphill will be available from 2 p.m. Visit Weston with the air like wine.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

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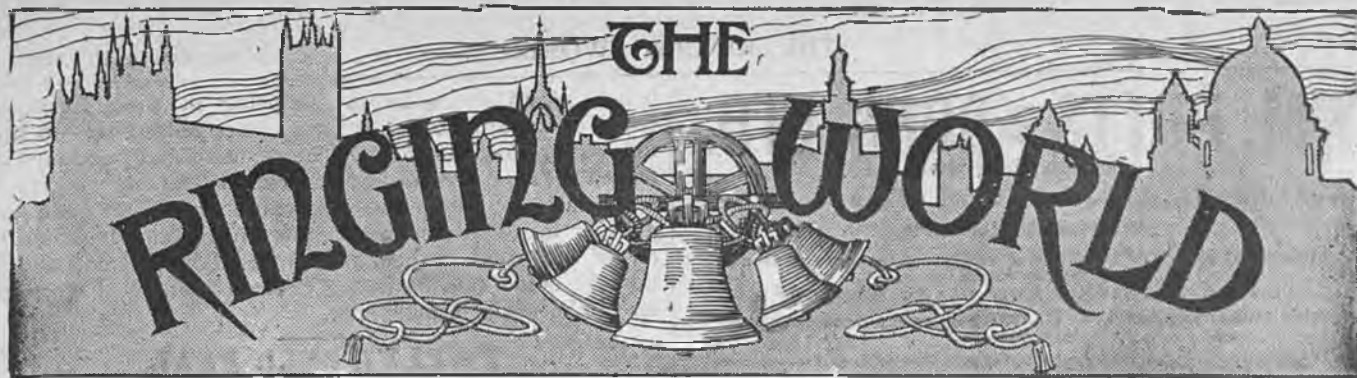
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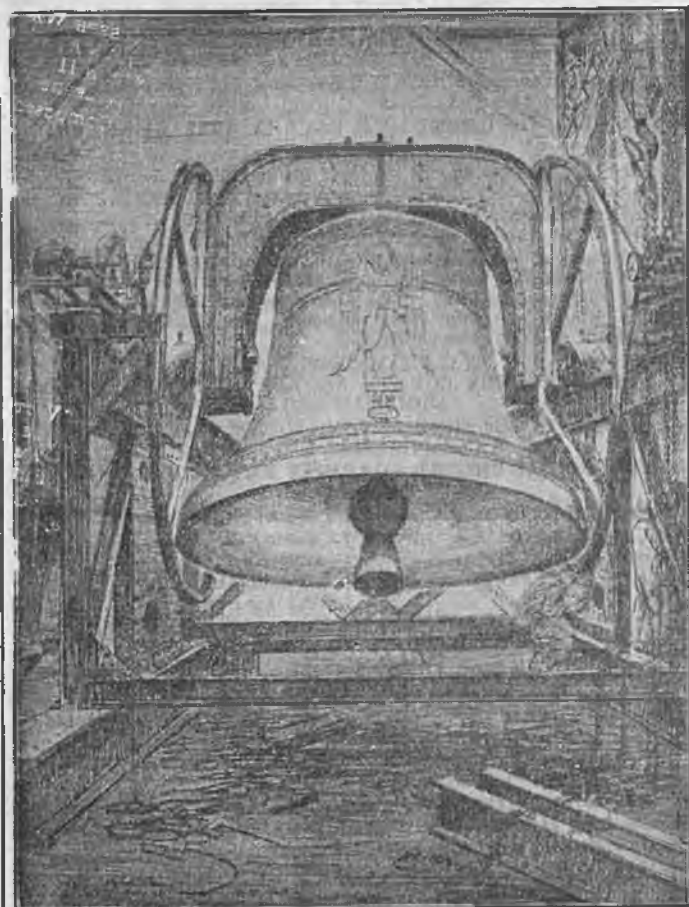
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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Ancient Society of College Youths without William T. Cockerill would be like 'Hamlet' without the Prince of Denmark. Ever since the year 1892 Mr. Cockerill has very largely guided the destinies of the society. He has been a wise counsellor to the faltering; he has restrained the impetuous; he has conducted its affairs with a dignity and courteousness that have made him beloved of everyone; he is, in the minds of all who know him, the Ancient Society of College Youths personified. Yet Mr. Cockerill is the most retiring of all its members; he has never sought the limelight, but those who have come in contact with the College Youths have never failed to realise that the mainspring of the society, the real force behind it for more than a generation, has been William T. Cockerill. Year after year Mr. Cockerill has played an important part in the planning and carrying out of the society's dinner, although he appeared little in the public eye. His speech in response to the toast of the evening has always been a model of point and brevity; his presence has been more felt than seen. It was therefore a shock, which came almost like a douche of cold water upon the company on Saturday, when it was learned that Mr. Cockerill was ill; that for the first time for forty years he would not be in his accustomed place at the anniversary gathering. If ever there was a unanimous wish for a man's early and complete recovery from sickness that wish was expressed in the hearts of everyone present in that representative assembly of ringers.

But for the absence of Mr. Cockerill, Saturday's gathering would have been one of the happiest on record. It was not so large as some which have preceded it, but a company of two hundred from the four corners of the kingdom was sufficiently representative to rank it in importance with any that have gone before, and in good fellowship it has never been excelled. The speeches, too, were interesting. As was only to be anticipated, the recent series of articles in 'The Ringing World' on the history of the society at a critical period of its existence furnished a topic on which some of the speakers felt bound to dwell. This subject, however, dealt with the past; it was left to the hon. secretary of the Central Council to speak pointedly of the future. He appealed boldly for a development of the social side of ringing in London; for the spread of the goodwill and harmony which pervaded the proceedings on that one day over the other 364 days of the year. He left it to the Ancient Society of College Youths, as the oldest of London's ringing organisations, to take the initiative, and many will agree with him that London and ringing would

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	FRED PRICE 8
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
JOHN NEAL 5	ALBERT WALKER 11
A. PADDON SMITH 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal has 21 courses in the 'Inverted Titmums' position and 17 courses in the 'Handstroke Home' position. Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to James E. Groves, who was Deputy Ringing Master for 10 years and latterly a vice-president of the St. Martin's Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN PERRY 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	THOMAS RODEN 7
HERBERT T. PIPER 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	HARRY BOSWELL 9
ROBERT PICKERING 5	THOMAS SMITH Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. James E. Groves (at one time captain of St. Peter's company and later Ringing Master of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society), Mr. 'Teddy' Lawley and Major-Gen. A. W. Thorneycroft, C.B.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 2	CHARLES T. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 9
JOHN G. NASH 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Mr. J. Bennett's 600th peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 6
†GEORGE H. HUMPHREYS ... 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
JOSEPH MORRIS 3	*EDWIN CATTALL 8
HARRY L. SMITH 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Ex. S.-Sergt. ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

* First of Grandsire Caters. † First of Caters 'inside.' G. S. Morris has now rung all 12 bells in this tower to peals. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Sunday to the respected memory of those who fell in the Great War, especially remembering Corpl. W. Quinton-Lander, whose name is inscribed on the tenor bell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 15 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT T. CUMMINGS Treble	RICHARD A. GOSTON 5
WM. H. BARBER 2	ADAM DEAS 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

Rung in honour of the consecration on this day of the Right Rev. Noel B. Hudson, M.A., M.C., as Bishop of Labua and Sarawak, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and as a mark of appreciation and the high esteem and regard in which he is held by Northern ringers.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ANDREW ROUND 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	HENRY GOODMAN 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
HARRY HILL 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING

First peal of Major as conductor.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	*SYDNEY PRIDDLE 5
WALTER H. POOLE 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	JACK ROY Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung to the glory of All Saints.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN O. WELLER Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
*PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3	*JOSEPH WREN 7
*ERNEST J. LADD 4	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* Elected members of the association previous to starting the peal. This was E. J. Ladd's 25th peal and the conductor's 125th peal as conductor in 50 different towers in Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM H. CROCKER 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HENRY W. BROWN 4	PERCY YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

Rung in honour of the induction, on the previous evening, of the Rev. G. G. Hickman to the living of Twerton. Also as a birthday compliment to H. W. Brown and to commemorate the completion of 50 years' service in this tower by G. Temple. The 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Ex-Sgt. WILLIAM C. DOWDING (Birmingham City Police) Treble	
Sub-Div. Insptr. WILLIAM BOTTRILL (Metropolitan Police) 2	
Det.-Sgt. HAROLD J. POOLE (Leicester City Police) 3	
Det.-Sgt. CHARLES TURNER (Leicester City Police) 4	
Clerk-Sgt. CECIL A. SMITH (Borough of High Wycombe Police) 5	
P.-Con. FREDERICK WILSON (Leicester City Police) 6	
P.-Con. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH (Metropolitan Police) 7	
Sgt. HAROLD J. JENNEY (Leicester City Police) Tenor	

Conducted by Detective-Sergeant HAROLD J. POOLE.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples for the National Police Guild and the first in the method for the ringer of the 6th. First peal in any method for Det.-Sergt. Charles Turner, who is to be congratulated on his success.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERRYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	NORMAN C. LEWIS 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	*JOHN W. ENGLAND 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
JOHN P. FARLTON 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Lewis.

BROWNEIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE Treble	FREDERICK RIGBY 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	HENRY HARDACRE 6
CHARLES HARDACRE 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
JOHN CHARNOCK 4	*ROBERT HARDACRE Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS (No. 11). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
* First peal and first attempt. W. Sharple's and B. A. Knights' 50th peal together.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	HARRY PETTIT 5
THOMAS ABBOTT 2	*ALBERT W. BODDINGTON 6
GEORGE M. ETT 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	*CHARLES RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal in the method. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	FREDERICK PALMER 5
HARRY CHAMBERS 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY 6
JAMES T. WARD 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of sympathy on the sad death of Miss Denis Shelton, a sister of one of the ringers at this church.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
WALTER CHARMAN Treble	GORDON WOOTTON 5		
HARRY MULLARD 2	MAURICE SMITHER 6		
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7		
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	JOHN MEYLEY Tenor		

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 21½ cwt.			
HENRY J. TOCKER Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 5		
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6		
KEITH HART 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7		
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor		

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.			
WILLIAM H. FOSSRILL Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5		
GEORGE MARTIN 2	*LEONARD STILWELL 6		
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7		
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor		

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal of London. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell at their home.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks'. Tenor 14 cwt.			
*GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5		
FRED R. BORRETT 2	*RUSSELL RICHES 6		
CHARLES BAKER 3	EDWIN R. GOATE 7		
*CECIL BARRETT 4	*HERBERT FULCHER Tenor		

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Stedman.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.			
WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5		
JOHN BEAMS 2	*W. CYRIL SMITH 6		
WILLIAM J. WHITING 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7		
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor		

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Woolwich, and on the eve of the patronal festival.

BEDWELLY, MON.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.			
THOMAS LOVE Treble	PERCY JONES 5		
WILLIAM PIKE 2	CYRIL DAVIES 6		
HAROLD CASSELL 3	ALBAN E. SCATTER 7		
GEORGE COOKE 4	GLYN WILLIAMS Tenor		

Conducted by A. E. SCATTER.

PENSHURST.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.			
DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR Treble	JAMES PARKER 5		
EDITH K. FLETCHER 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6		
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7		
HERBERT J. FORD 4	GEORGE EDWARDS Tenor		

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Rung in celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary. Also on the 35th anniversary of Mr. G. Edwards' wedding.

CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holst's Original. Tenor 16 cwt.			
*MRS. E. H. KING Treble	EDWARD H. KING 5		
JOHN THOMAS 2	†WALTER J. NEWNHAM 6		
GEORGE MAXIN 3	WALTER J. BOWDEN 7		
*ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	*ERNEST PICKETT Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. E. Law, who is shortly leaving for Australia.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.			
*MISS MARY BENTON Treble	WALTER BINGHAM 5		
MISS JESSIE DAVENPORT 2	JOHN W. SYKES 6		
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 3	FRED WATKINSON 7		
†NORMAN W. WESTLAKE 4	ARTHUR S. ROBINSON Tenor		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung on All Hallows' Eve and as a welcome by the ringers to the Rev. A. R. Saxelby-Kemp, Hon. C.F., recently inducted to the cure of souls at Dore by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield. Also as a compliment to Mr. H. E. Baggs on his laying down his duties as Vicar's warden after nine years' devoted service to the church. With the exception of the conductor, the peal was rung by the local company.

KINVER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.			
*PERCY HANDLEY Treble	JOSEPH F. SIMPSON 5		
*VICTOR HABLEE 2	JOHN BASS 6		
†THOMAS FIELD 3	FRED HANDLEY 7		
WILLIAM COOPER 4	*FRANK JONES Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN BASS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First attempt as conductor. All are members of the local band except 4th (St. Thomas', Stourbridge) and 6th (Wollaston). Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Randall Matthews, of Stourton Court, for many years associated with this church; also L. C. Wallace, a sidesman, who was interred on October 29th; and also as a tribute to the late Mr. James E. Groves, of Birmingham.

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TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK FIELDEN Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS

First peal in the method on the bells. H. Davenport's 100th peal for the association. The treble ringer has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	*ROBERT SWIFT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
NELSON ELLIOTT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*EDWIN C. BIRKETT Treble	†JOHN BROWN 5
†ERNEST JONES 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
†LESTER L. GRAY 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 4. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN J. TOBY Treble	JOHN DARCH 5
WILLIAM HEATH 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
REV. F. A. OSWELL 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung half-muffled for the 13th anniversary of the Armistice.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. J. AMBROSE Treble	S. EVANS 5
T. CADGE 2	A. SIMONDS 6
W. JARVIS 3	L. PRYKE 7
B. ADAMS 4	A. MAXIM Tenor

Composed by J. RERVES. Conducted by E. J. AMBROSE.

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

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
WILLIAM C. RHODES 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	*JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Miss Dilys Rowley, granddaughter of the ringer of the 5th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BENTHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

*JIM TEBAY Treble	JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE 4
ERNEST OVERSLY 2	DAVID G. BATHSON 5
RICHARD T. BATHSON 3	†EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* 25th peal. † 75th peal. First peal on the bells.

WHITTINGTON-IN-LONSDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RICHARD HOLMES Treble	†THOMAS HANNAN 4
†JOHN WOODS 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
JIM TEBAY 3	†RICHARD RAINFORD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. The band after the peal were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector and Mrs. Hodgkin.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*F. MOORE Treble	*J. E. BROWN 4
*S. RICHARDSON 2	†A. EILBRICK 5
*E. SCAMBLER 3	†W. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Moore, also as a farewell to E. Scambler, who is leaving Hensingham. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd commenced change ringing only six months ago.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY JOHNSON Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON 4
FRANK P. HARWOOD 2	*FRANK DEWEY 5
GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5th and tenor. Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**Being 720 each of Burton, White Rose, College Youths' Pleasure,
College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN MAJOR Treble	R. JOHN MATTOCK 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	DAN SMITH 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's
of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED RILEY Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 4
THOMAS E. MALLENDER 2	HUBERT BAILEY 5
BERNARD BAILEY 3	FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

HIGH LITTLETON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

PERCY C. HAYES Treble	MRS. GLADYS I. HAYES 4
FREDERICK J. FEAR 2	MISS EDITH M. WYATT 5
GILBERT M. HASSELL 3	BERT FLOWER Tenor

Conducted by G. M. HASSELL.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ABEL EWER Treble	†GEORGE PRATT 4
†HARRY BEDFORD 2	JOHN MALYAN 5
ROBERT BEDFORD 3	*REGINALD EWER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal. † First peal in the method. All are service ringers at this church, and the conductor taught the rest of the band to ring.

HOYLANDSWAINE.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

*VINCENT COPLEY Treble	WM. A. WOOLER 4
W. DYSON 2	H. BROADHEAD 5
R. CROSSLAND 3	E. BROOKES Tenor

Conducted by E. BROOKES.

First peal and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged for the ringer of the treble. The ringers of treble and 4th hail from Wortley.

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*W. CARD Treble	†A. STUBBINGS 4
*MISS L. PASSINGHAM 2	B. PANKHURST 5
C. INGRAM 3	*S. DENTON Tenor

Conducted by B. PANKHURST.

First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since a new treble was added. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Denton.

STETCHWORTH, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM G. MAYES Treble	LESLIE C. BRIGGS 3
ALFRED H. OSBOURN 2	T. FREDERICK LANCASTER 4
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT Tenor	

Conducted by S. J. TWITCHETT.

First peal by all and first attempt, and believed to be the first peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR Treble	JOHN MOULE 4
*ERNEST W. FURBANK 2	GEORGE DAWSON 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAWSON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CECIL WALTON Treble	CHARLES BLAKEY 4
*ROBERT HAWORTH 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 5
JACK BEATTIE 3	FRED READ Tenor

Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal. Rung fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Brown, who was at one time a ringer at Churchkirk and the above tower.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ROCKWELL GREEN.

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	PERCY MERSON 5
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First spliced peal by all, and first by the association. The 720's were rung without bobs.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAFIN 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6	ERNEST BENNETT 11-12

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

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells by all except the conductor. Also first on handbells in the county and for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Jackson.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

READING, BERKS.—On Wednesday, November 4th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Osborne 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, A. W. Osborne 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, J. Swain 6, A. Jeffery (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Hallow on Saturday.

Ringing commenced shortly after half-past two. Service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Stallard, was attended by about 45 members of the branch; also present were visitors from Bromsgrove, Cradley, Kidderminster and Mathon.

Afterwards an excellent tea, provided by the Vicar, was partaken of at the Village Hall.

At the meeting which followed the present officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Nine new members were also elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Ripple.

Mr. R. G. Knowles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generosity, and this was carried with applause. To this the Vicar suitably replied, and the ringers again visited the tower and the bells were kept going until shortly before 9 o'clock. The methods rung included Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

'ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENCE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask those to whom questions are addressed through your columns to remember that those questions may be of interest not alone to those by whom they are propounded? Often we may read of just those problems which have exercised our own minds, but on which for some reason or other we have hesitated to ask publicly the opinion of others; then we look forward with pleasure to having our difficulties explained, and are disappointed when no reply is given, possibly for some purely personal reason which is entirely beyond our knowledge or concern.

Such a question is that put forward several weeks ago by Mr. George Baker regarding Carter's Principle. By the introduction of 'Carter' and its relation to 'Stedman,' the matter is somewhat complicated, and is put in a guise in which it is unfamiliar to many; but as applied to 'Stedman' the question is of more intimate concern. The writer recently heard it discussed seriously in a belfry, following which a well-struck plain course of Reverse Stedman Triples was rung; but after the ringing some still contended that it had been rung wrongly.

In this year of special interest in Stedman and his method, would not the Methods Committee please tell us why they start 'Stedman' as Stedman started it, but Reverse Stedman in such a way as to make a radical alteration entirely beyond that which is incidental to reversing the method?—Yours faithfully,

'THE MAD HATTER.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT'S BIG MEETING.**

The annual meeting of Rochester District was held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, October 31st, by kind permission of the Dean. Even the capacious ringing chamber of the Cathedral was taxed by the number attending, upwards of 70 putting in an appearance from the following towers: Gravesend, Frindsbury, Chatham, Rainham, Milton-next-Gravesend, Queenborough, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Upchurch, Lynsted and Gillingham, together with several visitors from neighbouring organisations. After ringing from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., evensong was attended in the Cathedral, and later the company assembled for tea, which had been prepared at the Temperance Cafe only for the 50 people who had taken the trouble to acquaint the secretary. Obviously an additional 50 per cent. added to the number to be catered for rather upset the arrangements, but with the district secretary backing up the waiting staff, and incidentally getting no tea for his pains, the company were eventually placed in a happy frame of mind.

The secretary read a card he had received from the Dean saying how sorry he was in being unable to meet the ringers once again, but hoped they had a successful meeting. A representative from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston was also in attendance, and explained that Mr. C. Johnston had been forced to abandon his intended visit at the last moment.

The Vicar of Frindsbury, the Rev. H. F. Shepherd, had been asked by the Dean to preside in his stead, and was supported by the Rector of Chatham, the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rochester, and the general secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell.

The balance sheet and report were read and accepted, particular attention being drawn by the secretary to the small percentage of district members taking part in peals accredited to the district during the past year; on the other hand, the district was to be commended on the financial statement, especially in regard to their generous response which had been made to appeals for the benevolent fund.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in 'no change,' Mr. S. Shellock being retained as district secretary, and Messrs. W. E. Spice, sen., and F. Belsey remaining as district representatives on the Central Committee.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the Dean for permission to use the bells and to the Vicar of Frindsbury for presiding at the meeting.

The bells were again used during the evening, the standard of ringing being good, and at 9 p.m. they were rung down in peal, thus bringing to a close a very successful meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, received an unopposed nomination for the Mastership of the College Youths for the ensuing year. The election takes place next Tuesday. Mr. Hawkins was Master in 1927.

The oldest member of the College Youths present at the dinner on Saturday was Mr. Edward Wallage, who joined the society over 61 years ago. When the Master 'took wine' with those present who had been members for 50 years and upwards, Canon Coleridge, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. Challis E. Winney rose to greet the chairman.

Those who attended this 294th anniversary dinner and were present at the 250th anniversary gathering were Messrs. Winney, Walter Prime, Tom Faulkner and J. Christopher Mitchell. At one time Mr. Mitchell's name was constantly in the ringing 'news.' He practised regularly with the College Youths and was a very fine handbell ringer, scoring a number of peals with 'a pair.' The claims of his important position as secretary of the London General Omnibus Company have kept him out of active ringing for many years.

The Secretaries' Association mustered a good band at the College Youths' gathering on Saturday, and if they could not have knocked off the courses in the tower as well as they did at the festive board, they could at any rate have put up a 'decent show' had they been challenged—before the dinner.

Mr. George Pullinger, formerly hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, rang his 100th peal on Saturday. Ninety-nine of them have been rung with only one arm—a great triumph over handicap. Mr. Pullinger lost the other arm in the war. By a coincidence his peal on Saturday was rung in the same tower and on the same bell as his first peal in March, 1913—the only one he ever rang with two arms.

Mr. Ben Knights wishes to apologise for the 'shock' he gave to composers recently (by the omission of details), and hopes that they may soon recover.

Ringers who are interested in motor-cars should write for a copy of an instructive little booklet, 'First Aid for the Car,' which can be obtained post free from Sternal, Ltd., Publicity Department, Royal London House, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Hadlow on October 24th was George Kenward, not Kenwood as published. In the peal of Double Norwich at Clevedon, the report of which was published last week, Miss White rang the 2nd and Mrs. Wilkins the 4th.

The Rev. H. T. Parry, president of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and a member of the Central Council, has been made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

ROWS OR CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It seems to amuse Mr. Coles to misquote what I have written, so I will not spoil his fun by again pointing out his mistakes. What one wonders is why Mr. Coles, of all men, should try to draw us away from the point by introducing such words as 'expel' and 'remove.' The point is, whether rows when they are repeated are changes or not.

When people have rung a false 5,000, are they entitled to say that they have rung 5,000 changes, as long as they do not call it a peal? It is correct to say that they have rung 5,000 rows; but to say that they have rung 5,000 changes is a false statement. I do not want to have anything to do with such people, any more than I want to have anything to do with people who make other false statements. Nor do I suppose Mr. Coles, or any other change ringer, wants to have anything to do with them, whatever he may argue about 'expelling' or 'removing' them.

There is one matter which calls for correction. The heading of Mr. Coles' letter contains the words, 'The Suffolk Guild Resolution.' There is no such resolution. The Suffolk Guild, as a whole, has not even had an opportunity of considering the matter. All that has happened is that two comparatively small meetings, in two different parts of the diocese, have recommended the annual meeting next Easter to consider the matter. It would seem, therefore, the part of a wise man to wait and see whether any such proposals appear in the agenda, or in the acts of that annual meeting, before one condemns them as impracticable or improper.

What we have now to decide is whether a false peal contains 5,000 changes or not. Is there really any room for doubt in the matter? Is it necessary for Mr. Coles to champion those who are ignorant of that which a change ringer should learn first of all?

HERBERT DRAKE.

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. E. Whitlock, the peal of Stedman Doubles at Fests Cray consisted of the 15 six-scores he mentions varied by starting at different places in the sixes. It is possible to call each 120 in six variations and by this means giving a total of 90 different six-scores with 15 different callings. In the peal in question 14 six-scores were called starting with a slow six, 14 starting with a full quick six, and 14 with the ordinary Stedman go off.—Yours faithfully,
T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.
Crayford.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMMEMORATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

The celebration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman at Cambridge on Saturday, December 5th, will be one of the most noteworthy events in the annals of the Exercise. The service at St. Benedict's Church, where Stedman was a ringer, will take the form of a thanksgiving, as well as of dedication, and it is hoped that all who come to join in the proceedings will have the opportunity of ringing on the very bells which Stedman himself rang.

The programme which is being arranged will provide a day full of interest for those who visit Cambridge. A ring of 12, two rings of eight and two of six will be available, in addition to those at St. Bene't's, so that there will be no lack of ringing facilities, but, in addition, Cambridge, with its many glorious college buildings, offers attractions to the visitors which only the sister university city of Oxford can rival. Facilities are being provided to enable visiting ringers to make a tour of the most important and interesting places in the town.

The catering arrangements are kindly being undertaken by the authorities of Corpus Christi College, which adjoins St. Bene't's, but it is absolutely imperative that the numbers who require meals shall be known well in advance; indeed, in order that all the day's arrangements may run smoothly, it is essential that the committee shall know how many visitors to expect and what their wishes are. For this purpose an application form has been prepared, and will be sent on receipt of a postcard addressed to

The Stedman Centenary Secretary,
'The Ringing World' Office,
Woking, Surrey.

Send for this form at once, as it must be returned not later than Tuesday, November 24th. In the case of a party travelling together, only one form need be applied for.

The importance of making application in good time will be appreciated when it is pointed out that admission to the church up to ten minutes before the service will be by ticket only; that preference in the ringing at St. Bene't's will be given to ticket holders, and that only those who have purchased luncheon and tea tickets beforehand will be guaranteed meals at Corpus Christi College. We repeat, therefore, that the application form should be obtained AT ONCE.

Those who are not making the journey by road should inquire at their own railway station as to cheap tickets for the day to Cambridge.

Contributions promised to the Stedman Commemoration Fund, for the restoration of St. Bene't's bells, if not already sent, should be forwarded without delay to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—It is hoped to run a bus from Kettering district to Cambridge on Saturday, December 5th, for the Stedman Tercentenary, starting at 9 or 9.30 a.m. Seats must be applied for not later than Wednesday, November 19th, with a deposit of 5s. per seat. Lunch and tea tickets will be obtained by the organiser of the bus, and the total cost should not exceed 10s. 6d.—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

A DEVON PIONEER.

MEMORIAL TO THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.

In the spacious belfry of Exeter Cathedral on Saturday a memorial was unveiled to one to whom the Devon Guild will for ever remain indebted. For 60 years the Rev. Maitland Kelly laboured in the cause of change ringing in a county where progress was admittedly more difficult than in most places. But his perseverance never wavered; his patience never tired, and he lived to see the Devon Guild—the first of the modern associations run on county and diocesan lines—flourish and grow into a strong and healthy organisation.

The memorial is in the form of an oak tablet, which is inscribed: 'Erected by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in memory of Maitland Kelly, M.A., Priest, who was President of the Guild for 28 years and Honorary Secretary for six years. He entered into rest 15th June, 1929. His pioneer work for the Guild will ever remain to stimulate the progress of change ringing in the Diocese.'

The tablet is surmounted by the emblem of the Guild picked out in colour.

There was a large gathering of representatives of the Guild from all parts of the county, and others present included Mr. Arthur Kelly, the Rev. E. M. Kelly (Oakford), Mrs. Cardwell and the Misses Kelly (2), sons and daughters of the Rev. Maitland Kelly.

Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary of the Guild) mentioned that a committee was appointed by the Guild in 1930 to consider means of perpetuating the memory of Mr. Kelly. Six schemes came under review, and it was eventually decided to have a memorial tablet at Exeter Cathedral and to help improvements at Kelly Church which Mr. Kelly wished to have carried out.

The Rev. E. S. Powell (president of the Guild) gave an outline of the ministerial career of Mr. Kelly, and remarked that he proved himself to be a faithful, active and earnest priest. As a ringer he participated in 1865 in three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles at Kelly, these being the greatest number of changes that had ever been rung up to that time by men of Devon. In 1874 the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was inaugurated, and Mr. Kelly was elected a member of the committee. In 1899 he became hon. secretary, and in 1896, when the then president (Col. Troyte, father of Col. Troyte, M.P. for the Tiverton Division) passed to his rest, Mr. Kelly became president, and continued in that position until 1924, when the Guild attained its jubilee and he retired. His characteristics were modesty and unselfishness, enthusiasm and earnestness, sound judgment, and pluck and perseverance. He never failed in his confidence about the Guild's future, and was always cheerful and hopeful.

Mr. Powell then unveiled the tablet and asked Canon McLaren to accept custody on behalf of the Dean and Chapter.

Canon McLaren assured all that the Dean and Chapter would give the tablet their care and protection. Mr. Kelly was a man in whom the qualities mentioned by Mr. Powell really did shine, and he had a delightful courtesy characteristic of what was called the old school, and which was not often found nowadays.

The bells were afterwards rung in various methods. Thanks were tendered to the hon. secretary for the pains he had taken in connection with the memorial and to the president for his general services. Visits were paid by visiting bands to other towers in the city.

DEATH OF FORMER DEVON GUILD SECRETARY.

By a coincidence, on the afternoon that the Devon Guild unveiled a memorial to a former secretary and president, there was laid to rest at Silverton, Devon, the mortal remains of the Rev. George Edward Francis Molinieux, former Vicar of Colyton, who for 14 years—from 1899 to 1913—had also faithfully discharged the duties of hon. secretary of the Guild, and from 1913 to 1920 was hon. treasurer. Mr. Molinieux passed away on Wednesday of last week at the age of 76 years after a long illness. He was a member of the Devon Guild for nearly 50 years and did great work in encouraging and helping beginners in change ringing at a time when the fortunes of the Devon Guild were at a low ebb. He had rung only two or three peals, but his more enduring work was in the labour which he spent in helping to lay the foundation of scientific ringing in Devon. The deceased clergyman leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. One son and three daughters are abroad.

The funeral took place on Saturday at Silverton, and was attended by a large number who came to pay a last tribute of respect. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, who sent a wreath, were represented by the Rev. E. S. Powell, Rector of Cyst St. George (Guild president), the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Braunford Speke (a former officer-bearer in the Guild), Mr. T. Laver (Guild secretary), Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman, Exeter District), Messrs. W. Richardson and E. Shepherd (Exeter), the Rev. F. Carter, Vicar of Withleigh (Devon North-Eastern branch), and Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery (hon. secretary, East Devon branch). Members of Silverton branch of the Guild acted as bearers, as follows: Messrs. A. and P. Selley, R. Hutchings, M. Denford, H. Pook and R. Harris.

Immediately after the interment a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled by E. Shepherd 1, A. W. Searle 2, the Rev. E. S. Powell 3, Mrs. Powell 4, Mr. W. Richardson 5, the Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 6. Subsequently the muffles were removed and the bells were rung open by local and other ringers.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY.

LAST SATURDAY'S GATHERING IN LONDON.

One of the greatest social events of the ringing year is the anniversary dinner in London of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It attracts ringers from all over the country, who join with their brethren of the Metropolis in an event which always proves a pleasant and interesting reunion. Last Saturday was no exception to the rule, and some 200 members and visitors took part in the celebration of the 294th anniversary of the society, which was founded on November 5th, 1637. Many spent the afternoon in ringing at various City churches and then assembled at St. Michael's, College Hill, which the society looks upon as its 'mother' church. Here they joined in the special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bullock Webster), the preacher being the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), who took for his text, Psalm c., 1-2: 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.' In referring to the history of the College Youths, the preacher said that the society had always assumed the dignity of an old city company, although it was not one of the liveried bodies. He had always had a great admiration for the ringers of London, and he was indebted to them for their services on many occasions. He did not wish to be in any way disrespectful to them when he referred to ringing as a joyful noise. There were, however, some unsympathetic people who were ready to complain when church bells were rung, but he found that a friendly talk with those who objected generally gave satisfaction and peace to the troubled mind. The motto of the society, continued the speaker, was 'Let us live together in unity.' He had always been struck with the extraordinary spirit of friendship which prevailed in the ranks of ringers, and he hoped this spirit would continue to grow. As they pursued their work let them never be unmindful of the purpose of church bells. He asked God to bless the work of the Ancient Society of College Youths and prosper the service which they rendered in the towers.

THE DINNER.

Dinner was served at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, the company of close upon 200 being presided over by the Master (Mr. Percy E. Clark), who was supported by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. W. P. Besley, M.V.O. (Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry), the Rev. Dr. Biggs, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. E. T. Wright, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Dr. E. L. Taylor (Sevenoaks), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clynton (Rector of St. Magnus'), the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, Mr. J. Christopher Mitchell (secretary of the L.G.O.C.), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Guild), Mr. F. W. Sergisson (hon. secretary, St. Clement's Youths), etc. The vice-chairman was Mr. C. J. Choct, and the company included many well-known London ringers. Among the visitors were Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann (Bristol), Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), P. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent County Association), T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association), F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild), F. Leaker (representing Bristol United Guilds), W. Andrews (Winchester), T. King and F. Rich (Bath), W. A. Cave, C. Gordon, W. Knight and H. Burt (Bristol), S. Palmer and A. P. Knights (Sheffield), F. Smallwood (Wisbech), C. Moo (Ipswich), E. Adams (Warwick), A. T. Greenwood and T. Taylor (Portsmouth), H. Jennings (Isle of Wight), D. Cooper and R. Dove (Croydon), G. Hoad and C. Clavdon (Reigate), A. H. Pulling and W. R. Melville (Guildford), R. Hayes (Haslemere), H. Argent, F. H. Mitchell, C. Mitchell, G. Goodship (Gravesend), E. C. Goldsmith, J. Corbett (Bagshot), R. Post (Oxford), F. Romaine, L. Harris and S. Macey (Salisbury), E. Poppy (Exeter), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), E. Foster and A. D. Cullum (Reading), G. Dent (Harlow), A. G. Rivers (Cambridge), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), F. S. Wilson (Winchester), W. Osborn (Gallhampton), T. Satter (Yeovil), T. Fowler (Cookham), G. Miles (Brentwood), etc. The officers of the society who attended were Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and A. B. Peck (stewards), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), C. F. Wimey and Walter Prime (trustees), but, to the deep regret of everyone, the popular and genial hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) was prevented by illness from attending.

MR. COCKERILL'S ILLNESS.

After the loyal toast had been honoured the Master made a feeling reference to the hon. secretary's enforced absence. He had visited Mr. Cockerill that afternoon, he said, and found him very cheerful. It was the first occasion during his illness that he had been out of his bedroom, but he (the Master) was afraid it would be some time before they had the pleasure of his company again. He was sure it would be the wish of all of them that their acting secretary (Mr. Peck)

should send Mr. Cockerill an expression of their deep regret at his illness and their best wishes for his speedy recovery (applause).

The Master then proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and stressed the importance of the Church in the lives of all of us. The Church, he said, was responsible for all the highest ideals which made life worth living (hear, hear); without it life, indeed, would be chaos. The country that destroyed its Church fell morally and socially, as history had proved repeatedly. They had only to look at what was going on in Russia to realise what catastrophe could befall a country when its Church was destroyed. There need be no fear, he thought, of anything like the conditions in Russia applying to this country, but it must be confessed that their Church was confronted with many difficulties, and it was here, perhaps, that they, as ringers, could prove their worth. In what way could they show themselves worthy of the service they had undertaken? It was said there were between 30,000 and 40,000 ringers in this country. So large a number should be able to exert a great influence for good, provided they made quite sure that the part they undertook in the service of their Church was carried out as it really ought to be (applause).

The Rev. W. P. Besley replied to the toast, and spoke of the great service which had been rendered to his church (St. Lawrence Jewry) by Mr. Hughes, whose firm restored the bells, and who had since instructed the band of ringers, which had been formed from members of the choir and congregation. Their bells were now said to be one of the best rings of eight in the kingdom, and they had an enthusiastic band of ringers. He welcomed the information that there were between thirty and forty thousand ringers in England, and if the ringers and the Church worked together—and there was no reason why they should not—they should be one of the greatest influences for good in the country (applause).

THE CONTINUITY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Canon Coleridge was again entrusted with the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' a task which he has discharged now for many years. He began with an expression of deep regret at the absence of Mr. Cockerill, and said that, apart from anything that might be officially done, he would at the first possible moment write to Mr. Cockerill to convey to him the regret which every one of them present felt that he was unable to be present and their good wishes for his recovery. Continuing, Canon Coleridge said: Standing here to-night, I hardly know how to describe myself, whether as an ancient or a modern (laughter). Those of us who read 'The Ringing World' have been very much taken up recently, week by week, in reading an account of some of the earliest days of the College Youths. The question has been debated whether we in any sense represent the original society. If I am to obey the preacher of this afternoon I must say we are one and the same with the society which was established in 1637. If I am to be led by Mr. Armiger Trollope, I might come to a different conclusion. I look at things in my own way and I hold that continuity is expressed by the lives of the members (hear, hear). Suppose for one moment that every Bishop of the Church of England was beheaded except one (laughter)—I am not speaking invidiously in any way, I have several friends among them, and should be very sorry to see any of them beheaded—suppose every priest of the Church of England, save one, was hanged (laughter); suppose all the laity of the Church of England except one were taken out in ships and sunk in the sea; suppose every church was razed to the ground and every Bible and prayer book destroyed and no record left of them at all, would the old Church become extinct? Not a bit of it. There would still be the apostolic succession, a Bishop to ordain, a priest to administer the sacrament and a layman to receive it. Now, between the beginning of the new society and the expiry of the old one 32 years elapsed, and I like to think myself that if there were only two or three of the old, original body existing after the end of that 32 years, continuity was not lost (applause). That is in any way looking at it. I may be totally wrong, but I am sure everybody is very grateful for the tremendous research Mr. Trollope has undertaken in putting before us what he honestly believes to be true.

TWO TABLETS.

Speaking of truth, continued Canon Coleridge, I would like to call your attention to a little fact which I suppose hardly any of you here are aware of, that is of a ceremony taking place this afternoon in Devonshire. Nearly two years ago the former president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers died. The Rev. Maitland Kelly was one of the very old members of this society, a man beloved by everybody, whose heart and soul was in the dissemination of the knowledge of ringing. In his honour the ringers of Devon, for the most part, have put up to-day a tablet in Exeter Cathedral to commemorate their worthy president (applause). I feel certain that tablet will speak the truth (hear, hear). When I think of that tablet, I cannot help thinking of another one (laughter), which does not convey the truth (hear, hear). Far from it (applause). I am exceedingly sorry to feel that people have been asked to subscribe to what they believe to be a true record of a true peal. I cannot understand any man getting a Vicar to dedicate it. Probably he is absolutely ignorant of what a true peal

really is—I don't know—but there it remains. Whether more will be heard about it in another place I don't know; probably something will be said.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

Another thing which has become of great moment in the annals of ringing is the tricentenary of Stedman's birth (applause). I could say a great deal about that, but I will refrain from it in the presence of two distinguished Cambridge men, Mr. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, and my good friend, Mr. Jenkyn, the Council's librarian, who is treasurer of the commemoration fund. They both come from Cambridge and are far more competent to speak on the subject than I am, but it so happens that I shall have an opportunity of saying something about that great man a month hence at Cambridge at the dedication of that great memorial to him. That memorial shows us what can be done by the perseverance and assiduity of one individual (hear, hear). He seized the opportunity. The tricentenary was at hand; a great man whose name will live amongst ringers for ever ought to be commemorated; how better commemorate him than by restoring the tower and bells at St. Bene't's, Cambridge, where he rang, where he invented his principle? (applause). One individual, whose name I need not mention, a great friend of mine, started the ball rolling, and I believe I am right in saying that over £480 has already been subscribed (applause). I trust it will be made up to £500 to set up that great memorial to Fabian Stedman. No greater thing has been done, I think, in the whole history of ringing in honour of any man who has ever lived amongst us (applause).

In conclusion, Canon Coleridge said without Mr. Cockerill that gathering did not seem like the same family party at all. He had been the 'father' of London ringers, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for many a long year, and he trusted he would be among them for many years to come (applause). They were all getting older, but they were thankful to know that younger men were coming on, and it fell to his lot that night to couple with the toast, instead of the name of Mr. Cockerill, that of Mr. Albert A. Hughes (applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm with many an expressed wish for Mr. Cockerill's speedy recovery.

NOT A PEAL RINGING SOCIETY.

A course of Stedman Cinques having been rung by Messrs. H. Hodge, C. F. Winney, A. H. Pulling, F. W. Smallwood, J. Thomas and H. Langdon, Mr. A. A. Hughes replied to the toast. He said he could leave those present to imagine his feelings at having to fulfil the task which Mr. Cockerill had discharged for so many years. During the past 12 months the society had rung 17 peals. From the peal ringing point of view that was a very small number, but they did not worry about that. He did not look upon the number of peals as in any way important, because, after all, the society was not a peal ringing society. They were established to promote the art of change ringing, and in furthering that object they had held 75 meetings during the year in the city of London, and there had been an average attendance of 16 members per meeting (applause). He was sorry to report a rather long list of losses by death, including Canon W. W. C. Baker, who was an old and well-loved member of the society; Mr. Nicholls, of Stepney; Mr. Tom Gofton, of Newcastle; Mr. Tom Beadle, of Isleworth; Mr. Pole Routh, of Reading; and Mr. Percy Lafin and Mr. James E. Groves, of Birmingham.

As a mark of respect, the company stood in silence for a few moments.

Continuing, Mr. Hughes said he was glad to report that during the year they had made 36 new members (applause), and he felt that as long as they could keep up the standard of the practices held in the past 12 months, and for many years before, the society would still go on strongly. They had a great number of young members coming along and they must give them encouragement (hear, hear). The older ones could not carry on for ever, and they had to look to the young members to follow on those who had been leading the way. He was happy to say he had ten or twelve young ringers at St. Lawrence Jewry, whose enthusiasm was extraordinary (hear, hear). They held two practices a week, and it was a good sign that they were all anxious to become members of that society as soon as they were qualified (applause).

DICK WHITTINGTON.

Mr. E. A. Young submitted 'The Visitors,' whom he cordially welcomed to that 'birthday celebration.' Turning to the subject of the history of the College Youths, Mr. Young said that he was responsible, with three or four colleagues, for the history of the society which appeared in the handbook, but Mr. Trollope had challenged him about the connection with Dick Whittington. It was very nice to think they might have some connection with Dick Whittington, who was a great city magnate and four times Lord Mayor, who founded a college and many charities, and was buried in the church on College Hill, where they had assembled that afternoon. He thought they were to be forgiven for roping Whittington in and giving, among the dry facts, collected from all sorts of sources, a little that was only legend, for it had been proved that old legends and folk lore often had a basis of fact, much to the astonishment of the critics. He lived in hope that one day they might find that their dear old society really had got some link right back, not only with the college from which they took their name, but with Dick Whittington himself. He had been

through many of the documents in the British Museum and the Guildhall Library, and through those wondrous manuscripts by Osborne, who was once a member of their society and afterwards a Cumberland. Unfortunately, in Osborne's time there was a good deal of dissension, and this rather warped his judgment here and there. That, at least, was their opinion, and for that reason they did not put much of Osborne in their records. For himself, he was certain the society went right back by direct links to 1637. Sometimes in a family the elder brother died and the younger brother succeeded to the title, and he was not certain that after 1755 the line was the direct line—the evidence was rather obscure. It might be that their line was the true line, but whether collateral or direct, they came down without break to the present day (applause).

The toast was responded to by the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, who said the College Youths stood in a very honourable position both in this age and the past, and in its wonderful record of good fellowship and splendid service to the Church.

The vice-chairman proposed 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and expressed the pleasure which the College Youths had in seeing so many of them represented at that gathering. He gave them a hearty welcome, not only that night, but on all occasions; on their practice nights and whenever they met. They relied on the provincial societies to promote ringing in all parts of the country and to bring in as many recruits as possible to the art. They welcomed them with open arms in London, and wished them continued prosperity and success.

THE 'SOCIAL' SIDE IN LONDON.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher responded for the London Societies, and on their behalf expressed deep regret at the absence of Mr. Cockerill, and wished him a speedy and complete recovery. He said that was the first time he had attended a dinner of the College Youths, and it was the first time for 19 years that he had been in London on the dinner day. He was really unable to understand the good feeling and good fellowship that existed. He did not know it was possible. He did not do much ringing in London, but it seemed to him that the good feeling shown on that one day could quite easily be fostered and used and spread over the remaining 364 days to a greater extent than it was. The social side of ringing in London was sadly neglected, and he thought in this year of all years they might begin and try to build up the social side. Three hundred years had gone by since Stedman was born. They could look on that 300 years as the 'going-off course'; let them have the next 300 years as very good course ends. They had been told by visitors that in London they got good bells and good ringers, but they got no social side ('Shame'). It was a shame; let them see what they could do to remedy it. There was plenty of time in front of them, and by the time the Central Council met in London in 1933 he hoped that something would have been done. As secretary of the Central Council, he would appreciate it if they could have some sort of social organisation to fit in a welcome for their country guests. It was a very good work which the College Youths, as the oldest society, could start and invite the co-operation of the other London societies. It was only a hint which he threw out, for, of course, the other societies would not venture to dictate to such a society as theirs. Let them carry on with the good fellowship shown that night and extend it through the years. London and ringing would be much the better for it (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith replied for the Provincial Societies, remarking that the number of members of these organisations who came year by year to that gathering was a striking tribute to the interest which they retained in the College Youths, their admiration for its past and their good wishes for the society's future. He referred to some of the ancient societies which existed in the provinces even before the foundation of the College Youths, and suggested that ringing even to-day might benefit by the application of some of the rules which governed these old companies. One which he quoted was among the ordinances of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, which was granted a royal charter in 1620. This provided that any member who missed striking his bell at the second sway in the rising of the peal should, for his offence, pay one penny. Mr. Goldsmith said he believed this might have a salutary effect in helping to improve ringing by making bad ringers more careful or getting rid of them altogether from fear of bankruptcy. Rising and falling in peal was an art which was sadly neglected in many parts of the country, and he urged provincial societies to encourage its practice a good deal more extensively than at present. The modern provincial societies, he continued, could look back to the accomplishment of a great work for ringing. They had spread the art more widely and fostered the spirit of brotherhood among ringers to a much greater extent than their founders could have anticipated; they cemented the Exercise into one common whole, with common objects and common aspirations; they were essential to the life of the Exercise and to the very existence of the art (applause).

Interspersed among the speeches were some delightful songs by Mr. T. Warren and Mr. A. T. Brooker, while Mrs. A. A. Hughes' handbell solos were again a feature of the evening's entertainment. She played with all her customary skill and grace Dvorak's 'Humoreske' and 'A little gift of roses' (Openshaw), with 'Ash Grove' as an encore. Mr. H. N. Pistow was the accompanist. The very enjoyable proceedings terminated at 10.30 with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Many of the visitors were welcomed in the London towers on Sunday for service ringing.

BRISTOL'S RINGING HISTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to the three chief newspapers in the district, i.e., 'Gloucester Citizen,' 'Bristol Times and Mirror' and the 'Evening World,' concerning the Painswick peal.

You will, I am sure, not be surprised if I tell you that I shall not take my history of ringing in Bristol as it appears in the columns of 'The Ringing World' from time to time. I have already exploded the myth of New Triples and Caters being rung at St. Stephen's. Now I read that in 1907 the Treble Bob methods, 'mostly the Delights,' were extensively practised at St. Michael's, and is believed to be the only instance in Bristol where Delight methods have been rung.

It is the first time I have heard or read anything about it, and I can assure you that I was very much alive 24 years ago. I have the list of members of St. Michael's at that time before me, and I cannot, in my mind's eye, see them practising the Delights very extensively. What I can see is some of the former members ringing on Monday evenings at one tower, Tuesdays at another, with an occasional peal attempted on the Thursday and Saturday thrown in.

I am afraid the statement has about as much foundation in fact as the one I read in 'The Ringing World' nearly two years ago, when someone spoke of the excellent work done by James Hinton, 'ESPECIALLY IN THE DIOLETT METHODS.' Now, I yield to no one in my admiration and gratitude to Jim Hinton for all he did for ringing in Bristol all the 20 years I knew him. But it will not be for his help in the higher methods. It will be for his unfailing encouragement to all and sundry under all sorts of conditions. A man who was never disheartened companionably in the face of disappointments. As a conductor, he was as good as the best with Grandsire on all numbers, and fairly good with Stedman, of which he called two peals of Caters. But with the higher methods, although I regret to say so, he was outclassed. After many attempts he called the first peal of Superlative in Bristol, but when the band moved on to Cambridge he ceased to attend the tower except at very rare intervals, although frequently asked to do so.

The only peals he rang outside the standard methods were one peal each of Superlative and Cambridge Major, and one of Cambridge Royal. He also rang the treble to a peal of Double Norwich.

He rendered a great service to his association when he induced many who had for years refused to recognise it to join, and, as a result, the first peal of Stedman Cinques for the association was rung by the combined band on New Year's Eve, 1899. Despite his limitations, I still regard him as greatest factor in the advance, in the campanological sense, of Bristol during the years 1895-1900, which can be summed up in the words from 'Grandsire to Superlative Surprise.'

Historians should be sure of their facts, and be able to quote chapter and verse for their statements, otherwise they are apt to be, if not frankly disbelieved, at any rate doubted.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

THE PAINSWICK PEAL.

Mr. Cave's letter to the Gloucester and Bristol newspapers on the subject of the Painswick peal was as follows:—

Next week-end brings with it the first anniversary of what is at once one of the greatest performances and one of the greatest failures in the whole annals of change ringing, for on Saturday, November 8th, 1930, a band of ringers met at Painswick, Gloucestershire, and rang upon the 12 bells of St. Mary's Church a peal of what was thought to be 17,687 true changes of Grandsire Cinques in 11 hours and 36 minutes. Had the peal been true, it would have taken its place as the longest peal on 11 bells (e.g., only 11 bells were used to ring the changes, the other being used as a cover, acting as a sort of big drum to the band), and thereby beaten the 13,001 rung on the same bells in February, 1920. Congratulations were extended to the ringers from all over the country, and then came the tragedy. The figures of the peal were published. Every peal has to be composed before being rung and every composition should be proved before being rung. Unfortunately, in this case it was not done satisfactorily, for some of the changes were rung twice, thus invalidating the whole performance.

At the time of the discovery great sympathy was extended to the ringers, but since then a wave of resentment has spread over the country against the action of the band in having the peal recorded on the walls of the church as though it were a true peal. Had the tablet merely recorded the fact that the bells were rung for a certain length of time, no objection could or would have been raised, but as it stands it is untrue in substance and in fact. There are certain laws to be obeyed in ringing as there are in all other pursuits where records are made and broken. For instance, a person would not be allowed to widen the jaws of the pockets of a billiards table and then claim a record for the biggest break if he should happen to break the existing one; nor if he broke the 100 yards running record and the track were measured and found to be short would he be allowed to substantiate his claim to the record. So it is in ringing: one row or change having been rung, it must not be rung again, whether it is intended to ring 5,000 or 20,000.

This is not the first occasion on which a false peal has been rung in the country, but it is the first occasion on which the ringers have not had the good sense to bow to the inevitable. The right thing to do is

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REOPENING OF WEST HARTLEPOOL BELLS.

A special meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, November 7th, the occasion being the reopening of St. Oswald's bells after being restored and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

A service was first held in the church at 3.30 p.m., the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Lilburn) officiating, assisted by Canon Froggart, of Stockton, Canon Poole, of Christ Church, and the Rev. A. J. Cass, of Horden.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association were well represented, and ringers were present from Saltburn, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Stockton, St. John's and Holy Trinity, Darlington, Sunderland, Newcastle, Houghton-le-Spring, Gosforth, Jesmond and the local ringers.

There was a large congregation present and all enjoyed the fine service, appropriate hymns being sung by the choir and congregation and an interesting sermon on bells preached by Canon Froggart.

The bells were rung up in peal as the congregation was leaving the church, and short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung until about 5 p.m., after which the ringers wended their way to the Parochial Hall, where a substantial tea awaited them.

A short meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. L. Patterson (vice-president) being in the chair. Mr. Patterson moved a vote of condolence to Miss Stephenson, a local ringer, whose mother had passed away the previous day, the ringers standing in silence for a few moments.

Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy and choir for inviting them to the reopening, and said it was a great pleasure to be present. He recalled happy little incidents of years ago when the Rev. Lilburn was at Sunderland.—The Vicar replied in a humorous vein, and, after giving a brief history of the local bells, said that he could never understand why ringers were always wanting to be at the bells, as, when he went with the local ringers on their annual outings to the various beautiful places that the North Country is noted for, the ringers went straight to the 'musty, stuffy, cobwebby belfry' and stayed there. He called it a busman's holiday.

Mr. J. C. Pollard, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for arranging such a splendid tea, and Miss Gladys Robson suitably replied.

Mr. Tom Lancaster and Miss Laura Lancaster were elected life members of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The next meeting will be held at Sunderland some time in January on a day to be fixed by the vice-president and secretary.

After the meeting the ringers went back to the tower, where various methods were rung. All agreed that the 'go' of the bells is excellent and that the meeting had been a great success.

STEDMAN TRICENTENARY COMMEMORATION

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ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, October 18th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service and in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Llandaff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Williams 1, J. Weathersby 2, A. J. Pitman 3, W. J. Norton 4, E. Stith 5, F. E. Stone 6, C. Hughes 7, C. Jones 8, C. Mathers 9, G. Chappell 10; 504 conducted by E. Stith, quarter-peal by A. J. Pitman.

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obvious, i.e., withdraw it and ring it again, after the faulty part has been cut out. The tablet recording the performance should be supplemented by a line stating that the composition of the peal was false.

As an instance of the sort of feeling the action has provoked, the following extract from the speech of a Suffolk clergyman will show:—'I go further, and, as a churchman, I hold that there ought not to be untrue statements put up in the house of God. I have taken part in services in Painswick Church in the past, and had hoped to do so again if I lived. But I do not wish to go into that church now as long as there is that untrue statement on its walls. I will avoid it as I will avoid Gloucestershire.'

It seems to the writer to be a matter for the Chancellor of the Gloucester Diocese. He, apparently, granted the faculty for the erection of the tablet, and took it for granted that what appeared on it would be true. Had he been properly advised of all the circumstances surrounding it, he would probably have made further inquiries before granting it, in the course of which it is conceivable that such evidence would have been adduced as would have justified him in refusing it.

A CENTURY-OLD PEAL RECORDED.**OLD RULES FOR RINGING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Chiddingstone on November 7th and reported in this issue was accomplished after an unsuccessful attempt, which lasted 2 hours 50 minutes, on October 19th, on the occasion of the dedication of a peal board, erected to commemorate a peal rung on the bells in the year 1824, and the record of which was recently discovered by Mr. Philip Hodgkin, the Headcorn veteran, who attended the first meeting of and helped to form the Kent County Association over 50 years ago. He found the record in 'The Kentish Gazette' of October 28th, 1824, at the Beane Institute, Canterbury. It was worded as follows: 'On Thursday evening last was rung at Chiddingstone Holt's Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, in 3 hours and 13 minutes, by the following youths of that place: C. Carpenter treble, William Everest 2, Richard Leigh 3, William Moore 4, John Leigh 5, Thomas Parrott 6, Thomas Hollauby 7, Rd. Marchant tenor. Conducted by William Everest.' Six of the above names have been verified as those of parishioners by the old registers.

Previous to the unsuccessful peal attempt mentioned above, the Rev. R. C. Salmon read a few appropriate prayers and dedicated the new peal board, for which a vote of thanks was accorded to him and also for his survey of the registers.

Previous to this little ceremony there hung in the ringing chamber two peal boards, recording two peals of Grandsire Triples rung in 1848 and 1849 respectively. The writer personally knew the two conductors of these peals, but has no recollection of any of the others who took part. The names of the two conductors were Charles Carpenter and James Payne, and, as a boy, the writer chimed for services with the former, who at that time was sexton and clerk, and rang once with the latter, who, as well as being a ringer, was organist at the same church for 52 years, and has been known to say he could leave the organ easily for the bellry. The old sexton, on being once asked how trade was, made the following quaint reply, 'Everybody lives too long, nobody gets married and consequently no christenings.' It seems as if there were bad times for some in those days. It is quite evident that neither of these conductors knew of this newly-discovered peal, or something would have been heard about it from them, as they would sometimes talk of the peals they had conducted. The headstone in the churchyard of Mr. James Payne shows that he was six months old when the 1824 peal was rung, and Mr. Charles Carpenter was a year or two older, so that the treble man in this peal must have been C. Carpenter, sen.

The present band, which started change ringing in 1894, owes its origin to Mr. James Payne, who furnished them with the rules for Grandsire Triples and tried to explain them, which must have been a difficult task for him, as he was nearing 80 years of age. It would be very interesting to know if the 1824 peal was rung by the same method as the two later ones and many more by the present band, who still hang on to the old method and have no shift courses, which are impossible if one sticks to the method, no course bell needed, or ropesight. As this may be news to many in the Exercise, here are the rules as handed down by Mr. James Payne:—

Rule 1: If you meet treble in treble's place, make 3rd's place, either at a bob or a dodge.

2: If you meet treble in 2nd's place, dodge in the middle, going out with your 2nd and 1st, 2nd, two out behind, then the treble, hunt four more and lead. If a bob be called, make 3rd's place and go in the hunt.

3: If you meet treble in 3rd's place, dodge with your two last twice over, then your first, treble, hunt three more and lead. If a bob be called, bob with the old hunt and 1st old hunt and 2nd old hunt two out behind, then the treble, hunt, four more and lead.

4: If you meet treble in 4th's place, dodge with your 1st and 2nd twice over, then the treble, hunt, two more and lead. If a bob be called, bob with your two last three times over, then your first, treble, hunt, three more and lead.

5: If you meet treble in 5th's place, dodge in the middle, coming home with your 3rd and 4th, 3rd and treble hunt one more and lead. If a bob be called, bob with your 1st and 2nd three times over, then the treble, hunt, two more and lead.

6: If you meet treble in 6th's place, you are in the hunt. If a bob be called, bob in the middle, coming home with your 3rd and 4th, 3rd and 5th, 3rd and treble, hunt, one more and lead.

I have read Mr. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' and, while so doing, wondered if he might deal with various ways of producing the changes. It is just possible that this conglomeration has not come his way. Some, perhaps, may think it is quite an art to commit to 'memory,' and if they started a young band on this plan they would find out that learning the rules was the stumbling-block. Of course, none of this is needed for cricket or football, with due respect to both, hence the struggle of many bands to be fully equipped. The writer would like to hear if this method of ringing Grandsire is known elsewhere.

There is not the least doubt that the conductor of the 1824 peal was a great-great-uncle to the present conductor, who rang the same bell and conducted the same peal, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, churchwardens and Church Council for their kindness in defraying the expense of and causing the tablet to be relung.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 19th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. A good muster will be encouraging.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, November 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Burbage on Saturday, November 14th. Commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good muster is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next district meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 6d. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Burton. Fares 6d. return.—A. Sharp, 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. Business meeting afterwards (all ringers welcome).—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 14th. Bells (8) 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 Bassingham (6), Saturday, November 14th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District (Hitchin).—On Saturday, November 14th, a meeting will be held at Hitchin. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Main L.N.E.R. service and buses from all parts every half-hour. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Grange. Please make an effort to attend and make the meeting a success.—Don. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—The restored and augmented ring of five by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington (6), near Nuneaton, on November 21st. Buses every half-hour from Nuneaton and Coventry. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton.

OXHEY.—November 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Trains and coaches from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Last quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector. Please notify Mr. B. D. Buttress, Balsham Road, Fulborne, by November 17th. Election of officers for 1932, so a large attendance is desirable.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, November 21st. Bells are available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Parish Room at five o'clock. Bus service from Horsham, Steyning, Pulborough and Worthing. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 18th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at 5. Will members kindly advise me if they are coming?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Next meeting at St. Ambrose, Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Members note the altered date, the original date clashing with the Weston dinner and dance. All ringers welcome.—H. Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30.—W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Wye on Saturday, November 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Any suggestions re celebration of the Association's Jubilee will be welcomed.—D. S. Commins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. to all those notifying me not later than Thursday, November 19th.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, November 21st. Church of St. Helen (8 bells, tenor 17 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at once. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, November 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, November 18th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. In order that adequate arrangements can be made, will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise me by Thursday, 19th inst., without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, November 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, November 18th? Members please note alteration of place of meeting.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, November 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting at which nominations for district officers for 1932 must be made. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 16th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, November 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Willis, for those who notify me early.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A hearty welcome to all ringing visitors.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, November 21st. Bells open 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested, so please oblige.—D. Brown, Branch Sec., 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on November 21st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on November 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at The Cafe, next the church, at 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY DINNER, under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—The second annual dinner, concert and dance will be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, November 28th, at 6 p.m. sharp. The Cosmo Players dance band will be in attendance from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Last year's attendance totalled no less than 192. Fully licensed up till 12 p.m. Accommodation for bed and breakfast can be obtained on application to the secretary for 5s. 6d. per head. Applications for tickets should be made to the secretary, or Mr. E. Parker, Ingledene, Moorland Road, Weston-super-Mare, not later than November 20th. Now roll up, and spend the evening of your lives for 3s. 6d. inclusive! The bells of the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, and the old church at Uphill will be available from 2 p.m. Visit Weston with the air like wine.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are urged to attend, as important business will be discussed. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, November 24th, without fail? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each. Kindly notify Mr. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley, a by-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, November 28th. Service, with address, after which the Vicar invites all ringers attending to tea at the Vicarage. It is particularly requested that members notify me of their intention to be present by Thursday, November 26th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, if possible. Please send card to Mr. W. T. Wilson for same.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 25th? A good muster will be encouraging.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Linton after service in the Institute. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone. Please try to notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Ratby, Leicester.—The dedication of the two new bells of the augmented ring of eight by Taylors, Loughborough, will take place on December 5th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by December 2nd.

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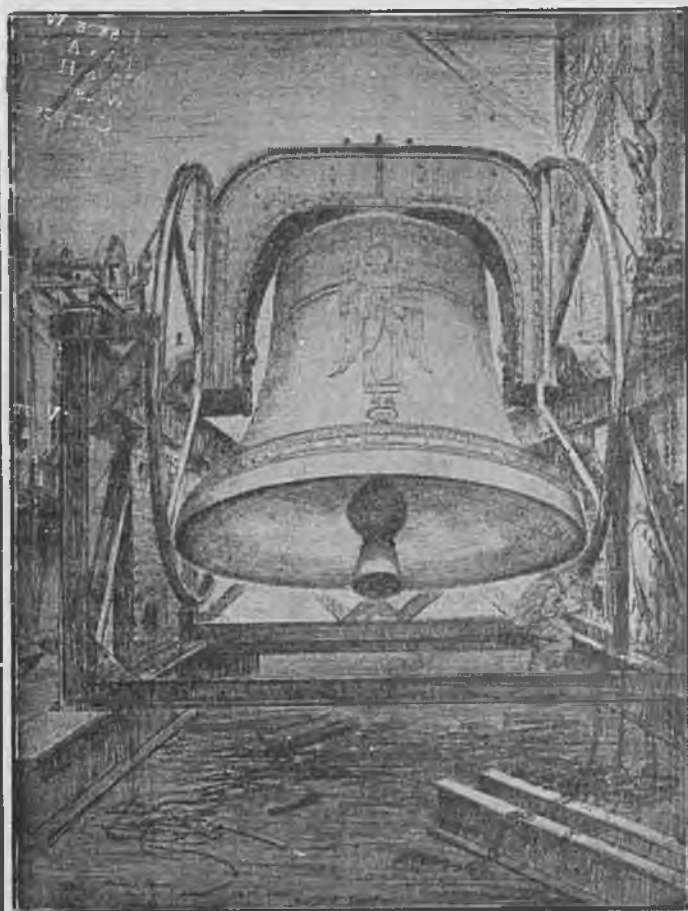
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borough, Melbourne (Australia), Rochester, Dublin, St. Patrick's,
Manchester, Durban, and Worcester Cathedrals, etc., etc.

Mufflers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc., etc.

parishes which ought to be able to furnish the compara-
tively small numbers who would be needed to keep the
ringers' ranks full—youths and men upon whom the
Church has influence, and who, if the claims of the belfry
were put before them, and if there were offered efficient
instruction and adequate opportunity, would readily grasp
this means of rendering service. Recently we referred
to the example of Aldershot, where the chief recruiting
ground is among the choir boys, a method which serves
a double purpose: the belfry benefits by the reserves of
ringers which are built up; the church benefits by retain-
ing the interest of the youths, instead of, as is so often
the case, losing touch with them when they can no longer
take their place in the choir. The tactful help of the in-
cumbent is of great value through whatever channel re-
cruiting is done, but first and foremost is the great need
that the ringers themselves should be willing to give time
and patience to the teaching. Many of the half-empty
belfries could be filled with a little determination and self-
sacrifice.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
JOHN C. ADAMS 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
ALFRED ADAMS 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
*BERT HORTON 6	WILLIAM WALKER Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* 100th peal. Rung as a compliment to Councillor R. B. Sutton
upon his election as Mayor of Walsall.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HARRY CLEMENCE Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	WILLIAM DICKENSON 7
GEORGE WEST 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
SAMUEL PINDER 4	HAROLD WALKER 9
LAURENCE CHADBURN ... 5	JOHN E. HOBBS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

Rung to commemorate the thirteenth anniversary of the Armistice.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 8
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has every six
courses in the titum and handstroke position alternately, and a 65
or 56 at every alternate course end.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM BIDNELL Treble	ALFRED PANKHURST 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ROBERT W. E. DAVE 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 8
GEORGE W. STOKES 4	ROBERT J. DAVE 9
WILLIAM BUTTON 5	BENJAMIN HORBS Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor's 1,200th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	* EDWARD G. TALBOT 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	* GEORGE GRAY 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
* H. STANLEY ROBINSON 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. Gray's 25th peal.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	REGINALD T. NEWMAN 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	RICHARD A. POST 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 9
FREDERICK MESSINGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Arranged for Reginald T. Newman, of London, it being his first peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S VARIATION OF J. R. FRITCHARD'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

W. H. LAMBERT Treble	* J. POWELL 5
F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	A. BROMLEY 6
* W. GORRINGE 3	R. E. LAMBERT 7
† E. BROMLEY 4	R. T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on eight bells by the family of Lambert, in which the late J. A. Lambert took part. This was to have been a family peal, but unforeseen circumstances prevented it.

DOVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES R. MILLWAY Treble	HORACE WHITEHEAD 5
* RICHARD T. CLARK 2	CHARLES TURNER 6
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS 3	HARRY PARKES 7
EDWIN G. BOESDEN 4	† CYRIL HARDEMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. T. Clark, also to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

* CHARLES J. HART Treble	† BERNARD SAUNDERS 5
† FREDERICK S. HART 2	† FREDERICK WELLER 6
† ARTHUR RICHARDSON 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 4	FREDERICK MILES Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from the table.
* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK BECKETT Treble	FREDERICK WILKINS 5
* JOHN HARRIS 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	GEORGE HORWOOD 7
WILLIAM COLLETT 4	SYDNEY TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd, and the first ever rung in the city and county of Oxford.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

* EDWARD ROCHESTER Treble	ISAAC CAVILL 5
GEORGE DENT 2	LEWIS CORDELL 6
FREDERICK WHITEY 3	WILLIAM MORRIS 7
† FRANK GREASLEY 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEV. Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent. Rung to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the opening of these bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

OSCAR GILBEY Treble	TOM BRETT-SMITH 5
JOHN LYDDIARD 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
* ALLISON PURDOM 4	† SYDNEY HUMPHREY Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

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

LEESFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH, OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES ALBISON Treble	HARRY CORSER 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 6
ERNEST MOORES 3	ABRAHAM BROMLEY 7
SYDNEY GOULDEN 4	WALTER E. HOWARTH Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WALTER E. HOWARTH.

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MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHEDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*STEPHEN PARRY... .. Treble	HAROLD HAMAR 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 6
JAMES JACQUES 3	*JAMES B. SHAW 7
WALTER STAFF 4	JAMES H. BASTOW Tenor

Conducted by W. BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Second, 3rd and tenor are service ringers at the Parish Church, Middleton, the rest are service ringers at the Parish Church, Milnrow.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	*WILFRED EDWARDS 5
FRANK BUCKLAND 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
JOHN BASS 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HECTOR G. BIRD 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Surprise on eight bells.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 27 cwt.

*H. WILLIAM CROSS ... Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT 5
*WILFRED PALMER 2	HERBERT DAVIES 6
*GEORGE PALMER 3	FREDERICK LASBURY 7
HARRY PAGE 4	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Cambridge by all the band and first on the bells. First peal of Cambridge for the association by an entirely local band.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY GLEDSTONE ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
HARRY MORGAN 2	ARNOLD HILL 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	*ARTHUR GILL 7
ALBERT NASH 4	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

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

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOSEPH F. CHATLZY ... Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2	CHARLES JEFFES 6
THOMAS A. BLOW 3	HARRY D. HOLLICK 7
THOMAS J. HULL 4	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

First peal of Spliced Major by all the band, on the bells, and first in the method for the association. The composition is now rung for the first time.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*CYRIL V. J. WANSTALL ... Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	TOM SAUNDERS 6
†WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	LUTHER V. HONESS 7
HARRY BAKER 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal. † 150th peal. Specially arranged for the ringer of the treble, who hails from Snodland.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT LONGLEY ... Treble	PERCY G. DENTON 5
ERNEST EVEREST 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
HAROLD HUNTLEY 3	ARTHUR WILES 7
FREDERICK LONGLEY 4	HARRY SEAL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

Rung after an unsuccessful attempt on October 24th, on the occasion of the dedication of a board recording a peal rung in 1824. Ringers of 5th, 6th and tenor are past members of the band.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELY ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7
RICHARD G. BELL 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE L. HALL ... Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE BLANCHARD 6
FRANK LORD 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method by all the band. J. Bray's 50th peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the president of the Grimsby District (the Rev. H. T. Parry) being made a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

REACHAMPTON, BUCKS.—On Saturday, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Ridgway 1, E. Lovell 2, T. Roberts (conductor) 3, R. Bailey 4, F. Case 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Dillow, a member of the local band.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, E.C.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER 1	FREDERICK DIGEY 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	RUEBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL 1	CHRISTOPHER GODGEON ... 5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
JOHN POTTER 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 1	GEORGE POPNELL 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method as conductor.

STEDMAN TRICENTENARY COMMEMORATION

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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT WHITING 1	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday peal for E. Lanham and Vivian Last, youngest daughter of the conductor. It was also the 28th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH 1	TITUS BARLOW 5
HAROLD WALMSLEY 2	NORMAN BROWN 6
CHRIS GODGEON 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL 4	WILLIAM MOSELEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

NORMAN HEAPS 1	NORMAN BERRY 5
WILLIAM JONES 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 3	FRED GRUNDY 7
CHRIS GODGEON 4	WILFRED GRUNDY Tenor

Conducted by FRED GRUNDY.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen. With the exception of the treble man, the above are all service ringers at Worsley Parish Church.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. PIGOTT'S SIX-PART.	Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.
HARRY W. MARTIN 1	GEORGE W. TILLSON 5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	EDGAR ANKRETT 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ROWLAND BARROW 7
W. ARTHUR SKINNER 4	FRANK A. GRAHAM Tenor

Transposed by Ex.-L.-Corpl. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.,

9th Cheshire Regt.

Conducted by Ex.-S.-Sergt. ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung half-muffled at the special request of the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. K. Idewellyn) on the 13th anniversary of Armistice to the memory of those of this parish who fell in the Great War.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

H. W. KIRTON, Ex-Pte., R.A.O.C. 1	... .. Treble
W. R. SHRIFT, Ex-Pte., Royal Sussex. 2	... .. 2
A. O. HUME, Ex-Pte., Middlesex. 3	... .. 3
R. C. SHRIFT, Ex-Pte., R.A.S.C., M.T. 4	... .. 4
H. JOYCE, Ex-Pte., Royal Sussex. 5	... .. 5
E. P. BOCKINGHAM, Ex-Pte., Hampshire. 6	... .. 6
P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS, Ex-Major, R.F.A. 7	... .. 7
G. COOPER, Ex-2nd Aircraftman, R.A.F. 8	... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.

Rung to commemorate the 13th anniversary of Armistice Day. W. R. Shrift was elected a member before starting.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS MILDRED HIGGINS 1	JAMES HAYWOOD 5
JOHN GILBERT 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD 6
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	JOHN MARSHALL 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 160). Conducted by F. WATKINSON.
* First peal. Rung with clappers half-muffled in memory of the men who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-1918.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 14.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE 1	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JACK BAILEY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day in memory of the fallen.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... Treble	RUPERT J. GOATE ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 2	CHARLES BAILEY ... 6
*MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE ... 3	JAMES SPALDING ... 7
†ROBERT GAUL ... 4	CHARLES F. SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled on Armistice Day in memory of the fallen in the Great War. This is the first peal ever rung at Beccles by a band composed entirely of regular Sunday service ringers.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 5
PERCY E. CLARK ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of all those who lost their lives in the Great War.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
This method is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LESLIE SQUIRES ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 4
MISS GLADYS NICHOLSON ... 2	SIDNEY WHALLEY ... 5
ARTHUR J. HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. MACKEARS.
Rung on the eve of All Saints.

ANSTEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS NORA WELCH ... Treble	SIDNEY CARTER ... 4
ROBERT HAWARD ... 2	JOHN WELCH ... 5
WILLIAM TACK ... 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal of Minor in seven methods on the bells.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. K. NORTH ... Treble	JOHN WELCH ... 4
MISS NORA WELCH ... 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... 5
OLIVER BARNARD ... 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

*RICHARD SMITH ... Treble	†HENRY J. WILKINSON ... 4
GEORGE POLLINGER ... 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
ARCHIE GOOLDING ... 3	GEORGE NOICE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. G. Pullinger's 100th peal.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*NEVIL ATKINSON ... Treble	GEORGE A. COLEMAN ... 3
†STEPHEN LAXTON ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 4
*ROBERT C. CHALLAND ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the Armistice.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury; (2) Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden; (3) Neasden, College Bob IV. and Wragby; (4) Sandal; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston; (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GAYES ... Treble	*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
*JACK TIPPER ... 2	*JOHN WORTH ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal in 14 methods.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*T. HOADLEY ... Treble	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4
†E. BROMLEY ... 2	A. BROMLEY ... 5
R. E. LAMBERT ... 3	R. T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge on a working bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Richard B. Lambert, who passed away on Monday, November 9th. He was a brother of the ringer of the 4th, and an uncle of the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th. Also rung in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of New London, Woodbine, Cambridge, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

JOHN H. MYHILL Treble	ERNEST RUNTER 4
LESLIE AINGER 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 5
ISAAC T. POULTON 3	EDWARD A. KEMP Tenor

Conducted by E. A. KEMP.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and 5th.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, six different callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE Treble	FRANK TURNER 4
HERBERT W. WITTERING ... 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... 5
WALTER BROWN 3	WILLIAM BRADFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are ex-Service men. First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman for all the band.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild took place on Saturday in the Court House. Fifteen members sat down to a meat tea, kindly provided for by the Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Bedford. At the business meeting which followed the officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Norton; secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Bedford for their kindness in providing tea. Handbell ringing and songs by Mr. and Mrs. Froings and Mr. T. Benney helped to make a most successful evening.

CAMDON SURPRISE.

MR. LINDOFF'S NEW COMBINATION METHOD.

A new method, in which Cambridge and London Surprise have been combined, has been produced by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, and the first peal was rung at Leiston on Saturday. The work in front is Cambridge work and that at the back is London—hence the name, Cam-don.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William T. Cockerill begs to thank most heartily all those brother ringers who have so kindly expressed their sympathy and good wishes in his prolonged illness.

Mr. C. W. Roberts points out that the touch of 1,280 Double Norwich on page 121 of the 'Ringers' Directory' contains a repetition of changes in the first and ninth courses. Attention is drawn by another correspondent to the first 252 Stedman Triples on page 110 of the Directory. It contains a repetition of one of the plain-course sizes.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 16th. There will be ringing at Shoreditch from 2 till 4 p.m. and afterwards at headquarters.

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulation upon his complete recovery from his recent illness 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.

By the way, Mr. George will be 78 years old next Friday.

The conductor of the peal at Kinver, recorded last week, was Frederick Handley, and it was his first attempt.

STEDMAN'S AND CARTER'S PRINCIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In effect, the 'Mad Hatter's' letter is answered by Mr. Groombridge. Theoretically, a method can start anywhere in the Plain Course, but practically in methods with a treble hunt, musical considerations compel a start at the treble's back-stroke lead. This naturally does not apply to Stedman, and, in fact, peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques go off at all possible points both in slow and quick sizes. And why not?

Supposing that the Stedman principle were a new thing to-day and was going to be practised for the first time, it would undoubtedly be set out with the start at either a quick or slow six-end. And so it would appear in all textbooks, as indeed is the case with the Erin variation. But what would be said—above all in this centenary year—if a proposal were made that in future 'Stedman' should always start, except when there was a special need for alteration, at a quick six-end?

With the reverse variation there is no such ancient traditional cause for an artificial starting place, and there is no sufficient reason for preserving the strangeness of the original go off. This is an instance where both parties in the little controversy in the 'Mad Hatter's' belfry were both right and wrong, right in their contention that the start they recommended was correct, but wrong in condemning the other party's view.

Some three or four years ago the Methods Committee explained to the Central Council that the purpose of the change in the arrangement of 'Carter' was to exhibit its close relationship with 'Stedman,' a relationship which was (apparently deliberately) concealed by Mr. Carter when he first published the figures. I venture to think that the ordinary ringer will find the resemblance more easily in the Collection than in Mr. Baker's rearrangement.—Yours, etc.,

Clyst St. George, Exeter.

E. S. POWELL.

THE MINOR METHOD COLLECTION.

Sir,—As your correspondent (that very clever and well-informed person who calls himself 'The Mad Hatter') knows, one of the chief difficulties in arranging the Collection of Minor Methods was to get everything in in the minimum of space. We had to assume that readers would know the usual simple laws of variation and that there is no reason why Stedman cannot be started at any change in the Six. The ordinary variation was given in the ordinary way, which shows a symmetrical Twelve. The reverse was given by alternate Sixes. The same plan was adopted with Carter, in that case partly to show its relationship to Stedman. With regard to the first part of his letter, may I say I have written dozens of letters explaining points connected with this collection, but do not feel obliged to take notice of what are really attempts to find fault under the pretence of asking for information.—Yours, etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY EGBY, OF READING.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of one of Reading's oldest ringers, Mr. Harry Egby, who passed away on Sunday, November 8th, at the age of 74 years.

The funeral took place on Thursday, November 12th, at the Reading Cemetery, a plain course of Grandsire Triples being rung on handbells at the graveside after the committal by A. Wiggins 1-2, L. T. Osborne 3-4, Miss P. Holloway 5-6, H. A. Osborne 7-8.

In the evening at St. Giles' Church, with the bells half-muffled, 672 Stedman Triples by W. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, J. Swain 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. A. Osborne 6, A. Jeffery 7, H. Simmonds 8. Also 224 changes of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Egby was a member of the St. Giles' Society, Reading, for very many years, and will no doubt be remembered by ringers all over the country. He still enjoyed ringing up to a few weeks of his death. He will be missed very much amongst all ringers in Reading and district.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

MAKE DECEMBER 5th A DAY OF NATIONAL CELEBRATION.

Cambridge will be the 'Mecca' of ringers from all parts of the country on Saturday, December 5th, when the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman will be commemorated by a service of thanksgiving in St. Benedict's Church, where Stedman learned to ring, and where the restored bells and a memorial tablet will be dedicated.

Arrangements are being made to secure the comfort of all who notify their intention of being present and to provide them with a programme which should be full of interest. Cambridge itself offers many attractions, and facilities are being provided to enable visiting ringers to



THE SAXON TOWER OF ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH.

make a tour of the most interesting colleges, chapels and other places in the town. The bells of various churches will be open for ringing, but the central event of the day's proceedings will take place at St. Benedict's Church in the afternoon.

The thanksgiving service will begin at 3 o'clock, and admission up to 2.50 p.m. will be by ticket only. The memorial tablet is to be unveiled by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and the dedication of the completed work will be performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price (Archdeacon of Ely). The opening 120 of Stedman Doubles will be rung by a representative band, and the sermon, which will follow, will be preached by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. After the service, the

bells will be available for visiting ringers, but in order that those who have notified their intention of being present may have preference, tickets will be issued for this purpose. Those without tickets will have to wait for their opportunity of ringing.

The hours during which the other bells in and around Cambridge will be available will be announced next week in 'The Ringing World.'

Special facilities for luncheons and teas are being kindly provided by the authorities of Corpus Christi College, in the College Dining Hall. Meals will be provided only for ticket holders. As the last day for receiving applications for luncheon and tea tickets is Tuesday next, November 24th, those who desire to obtain them should send a postcard to-day for an application form to

The Stedman Tricentenary Secretary,
'The Ringing World' Office,
Woking, Surrey.

A large room at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, has been reserved for use throughout the day, where ringers can make rendezvous with their friends; handbells will be available, and refreshments obtained during the usual hours.

There are still a few promised donations unpaid. Will subscribers kindly send these at once to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading?

In connection with the commemoration a "Souvenir" booklet is to be published.

There will, of course, be many thousands of ringers who will be unable to attend the proceedings at Cambridge, but it is open to them all to join in the commemoration. We suggest that on the afternoon of Saturday, December 5th, they should ring the bells of their own churches—in peals or touches in the Stedman method, if possible. By this means the celebration of the event would be made 'national' in the truest sense of the word, for bells throughout the land would be joining simultaneously in the commemoration. As we suggested in our leading article a few weeks ago, public emphasis would be given to the event, if ringers could induce incumbents to announce this special ringing to the congregations at the services on the previous Sunday. A few brief notes for this purpose will be given in our next issue.

We also suggest that, wherever possible, a peal of Stedman—Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques—should be rung either in the week preceding or following December 5th, if it cannot be rung on the actual date of the commemoration.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

For those travelling by road, ringing can be arranged at any of the following towers en route to or from Cambridge:—

Huntingdon, St. Mary's	(8)	Morning and evening.
Godmanchester	(8)	" "
Newmarket, All Saints'	(8)	" "
Newmarket, St. Mary's	(6)	" "
Fulbourn	(8)	" "
Bourn	(8)	Morning only.
Royston	(8)	Morning and evening.
Sawston	(8)	" "
Stapleford	(6)	" "

There is a good train and bus service between Shelford and Cambridge.

It is essential that any who wish to take advantage of ringing at either of the towers should advise the secretary of the Tricentenary Commemoration not later than Tuesday, December 1st.

The ringing arrangements in Cambridge will be announced next week.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The case for the continuity of the Society of College Youths is not nearly so weak as Canon Coleridge (if I understand him aright) seems to think. The membership never was reduced to only two or three—one bishop, one priest and one layman. On the contrary, the crucial years 1756 to 1788 were one of the two most brilliant periods in the society's history. It is a bold thing to say and cannot actually be proved, but I believe that the annual dinner was not missed in any one year from 1637 right down till to-day. (I do not remember what happened during the last war.) And after 1788 there were several in the company whose membership was in an unbroken succession from the time of Annable. That would be an unanswerable argument if it did not prove too much. For all these old ringers used to quarrel and go from one society to another, so that there was scarcely one of any account who had not belonged, at some time or other, to every one of the principal companies in London. If the membership argument is valid, then the present society can claim that it is the successor and representative of nearly all the important extinct London companies. And, in a sense, that is true, because for many years the College Youths did not teach ringers, but took its members ready made from other bodies. Many a famous society had to die that the College Youths might live, and this went on until the supply dried up. All the rival companies except the Cumberlands were absorbed, and a period of decadence and decay set in.

The real difficulty is that in these changes there was a distinct and definite breach of official continuity. To adapt Canon Coleridge's simile, it was as if the Church had kept its continuity of membership and lost its Apostolic Succession. Whether such a succession is as important in a ringing society as in a Church is not for me to say. I know what I should maintain were I a College Youth. My only concern as a mere historian is to state the simple truth of what did happen. It must not be forgotten that these old societies consisted (apart from their country members) of one band, and any member who joined another band ceased automatically to belong to his original society.

Mr. Young referred to Dick Whittington, and said truly that I had challenged the reality of his connection with the College Youths. I have been able to find out quite a lot about the first College Youths and the general conditions under which the society was founded; and it is impossible to come to any other conclusion than that it had nothing whatever to do with Sir Richard Whittington, or with his College, or with College Hill, or with any church therein. The full story is too long to give here and now, but I will state a few of the most important facts.

(1) Whittington's College was dissolved and the buildings pulled down in 1547—ninety years before the College Youths were founded. (2) College Hill was not so named until it was rebuilt after the fire of 1666, when the College Youths had already been established for 29 years.

(3) There is no evidence that there ever was a peal of bells at St. Michael's, Peter-noster Royal, and the evidence for there having been six bells at St. Martin Vintry is (to put it mildly) very poor.

(4) The first College Youths were not literally youths at all, nor were they students at Whittington's College or any other college. Lord Breerton, the first Master, was a man 26 years old at the time. Captain John Harrison was somewhere about 50 and had spent an eventful life in many parts of the world. John Houghton was a tradesman. The second Master, who is called in the society's hand-book Sir Cliff Clifton, was a cadet of a wealthy country family, Clifford Clifton by name. He was 22 years old when the society was founded and did not receive his knighthood till many years after, in the reign of Charles II.

The original records of the society have long since disappeared, but we can tell what they were like from the extant records of the Scholars of Cheapside and from a manuscript I have discovered in the British Museum relating to the Society of Esquire Youths, a distinguished company, the memory of which has utterly been forgotten by the Exercise. They were purely secular bodies formed for the purpose of practising ringing as a sport. They had no connection with any particular church, but went from tower to tower as they found it convenient.

As has been the custom of sports clubs in all ages, they gave themselves fancy names. Modern footballers call themselves rovers or wanderers or such like; these old ringers called themselves Scholars or Youths. The words 'College Youths' mean literally schoolboys, and the society took that name in the same spirit that the modern football club calls itself the Corinthians. But wherever it came from, it is an exceedingly fine title.

Mr. Young pleaded that a 'little legend' should be allowed among the 'dry facts' of ringing history. With the greatest respect, I altogether dissent. All along ringers have been somewhat given to inventing what Jasper Snowdon called 'absurd legends' and William Loughton called 'damned unaccountable lies,' and the mischief is not only that they are not true, but that they create false values, and in some instances do real harm.

The use of history is to show us how to deal with present-day problems in the light of the past. The Exercise, far more than most

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DEVON RING AUGMENTED.

LITTLE PARISH'S GREAT EFFORT.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have restored the bells at Exbourne Parish Church, Devon, and have added a treble to increase the ring to six. The old bells were retuned and quarter turned, the old clapper staples have been drilled out and new ones provided, all the bells having been also hung on ball bearings in a new cast iron frame, which in its arrangement has lessened the strain on the tower from the thrust of the bells.

The five original bells were cast in 1768 by the Penningtons; the tenor is over 8 cwt. The notes and inscriptions are: E flat, 'God save the King'; D flat, 'God preserve the Church'; C, 'Peace and good neighbourhood'; B flat, Joseph Row, C.W., and Simon Westlake, S.M.; A flat, Anthony Tripe, Rector I.P., 1768. 'I call the quick to Church and dead to grave.' S.M. signifies sidesman. The Penningtons had their headquarters in Cornwall, first at Lozant and afterwards at Stoke Climsland. One of them, FitzAnthony Pennington, was drowned in the very year in which the old Exbourne bells were cast while crossing the Anthony ferry with a bell for Landulph Church in Cornwall.

The new treble, presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tattershall and the Misses Tattershall, well-known residents of Exbourne, in memory of their parents, weighs just over 4 cwt. and is inscribed: 'Edmund Tattershall, obit. 1884—Ursula Tattershall, obit. 1919.' The total cost of the restoration scheme has been about £320, and practically the whole amount had been raised when the bells were reopened and the treble dedicated on Saturday, October 31st, by the Bishop of Crediton. It is noteworthy, says 'The Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette,' that during the previous two years £500 was collected for the purpose of installing an organ. Thus, with the scheme just accomplished, and renovation work at the church, nationisers and friends have subscribed nearly £1,000. The population is in the neighbourhood of 300. This satisfactory result has not been attained without a great deal of extra labour on the part of the Rector (the Rev. E. J. White), whose wholehearted efforts have been ably seconded throughout by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. D. Lewis and R. W. Chappell).

The Rector conducted the dedication service, and among the clergy present were the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Devonshire Guild.

The Bishop of Crediton, in his address, said that all through the ages bells had been used for the great purpose of calling people to the worship of God. It could not be too clearly impressed that the belfry was part of the church, and that bellringing was part of the work of the Church of God. Ringers should, therefore, always remember that the belfry was a hallowed place, and behave accordingly. They should also be quite clear as to the purpose of their ringing. There was no more beautiful thing in Devon than the sound of bells pealing, but ringers must remember that bells were not provided merely to please them, but to bear witness to God. Of course, those who rang them should realise 'they were calling themselves to worship as they called others.' He thought the great purpose of bells was to remind those who could not attend church that they could join in prayer so that the witness of God could be kept in the hearts of men in their daily work.

Psalm 150 was followed by the hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' during which the Bishop and clergy walked to the tower, where prayers were intoned, and Mr. Tattershall handed the rope of the new bell to the Rector, who accepted it. The churchwardens then handed the rope to the Bishop, and asked for his blessing. After the prayer of consecration the sexton (Mr. T. Fairchild) rang the bell. His Lordship charged the Rector with the care of the bells, and the clergy returned to their stalls. The augmented ring was handled for the first time by the Dolton ringers, and the service closed with the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.'

Ringings were afterwards continued for four or five hours by bands from Newton St. Cyres, Brampford Speke, Cockington, Okehampton, Hatherleigh, Idlesleigh, Sampford Courtenay, Broadwoodkelly and other places.

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thing, is what it is, because of what it was. The problems of to-day had their rise as far back as the 18th century or further. Real progress consists in knowing what to keep and what to change. The Exercise owes a big debt of gratitude to the Society of College Youths for the tenacity with which it has clung to old traditions; but there is another side of the picture, and the fact that London ringers utterly failed to do anything towards that movement of reform which during the last 50 years has so wonderfully improved everything connected with ringers and ringing is simply because they lived and acted in the 19th century as if the conditions of the 18th century still existed.

Mr. George Fletcher, in his interesting and timely speech, touched on what is a striking example of this. He complained of the lack of social feeling in London, a strange charge to bring against a society which throughout its long history has, more than any other, cultivated the social side of ringing. And does so still. The trouble is that its ideals in the matter are those of the 18th century, when every society was a small exclusive body where the members lived on the closest terms of social intercourse with each other, and treated all outsiders with suspicion and antagonism. The wider social spirit of to-day is, as Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said, due to the provincial territorial associations.—Yours sincerely,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR COMPOSITIONS. TWO MINDS WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT.

While several well-known composers were seeking a peal of Double Norwich Major, with all combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place and with two singles only, in less than 5,376 changes, one such composition, the work of a tyro, lay hidden in a notebook for fear of trespassing on well-trodden ground. After the explanations that appeared in our issue of November 7th, Mr. Nolan Golden sent us the letter and composition given below, the peal having been composed towards the end of 1927.

Mr. C. W. Roberts has also given us the figures of his peal, presumed at the time, from lack of evidence to the contrary, to be the first of this particular kind. Examination will show that the two peals have precisely the same calling, begun from different points.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must apologise for getting excited over Double Norwich compositions. I was almost certain that such productions as mentioned had been in existence. In fact, in this city we have between us a goodly array, mainly brought out as curiosities, not daring to trespass on well-trodden ground.

I find, however, that I have one of the kind you now mention, one of my first efforts at stringing up courses. It has not been 'put over' any company for the reason aforesaid.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

5,152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

23456	1	4	6
42356			2
25346	—		3
43526	—		—
63425	—	—	—
32465	—		3
62534	—	—	—
52364	—		2
26354	—		3
65324	—		—
23564	—		—
46325	—	—	—
62345	—		3
23465	S		—

Repeated.

All combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's, with 2 singles only.

Produced by Nolan Golden at Winchester, September-November, 1927.

MR. C. W. ROBERTS' PEAL.

The following are the figures of Mr. C. W. Roberts' 5,152 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Penwortham on October 24th. The composition contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6 in natural courses, with 4-5-6 only in 6th's place.

23456	1	4	6
65324	—	—	—
23564	—		—
35264	—		—
52364	—		—
23654	S		—
36254	—		—
62354	—		—
53264	—		—
32564	—		—
25364	—		—
65524	—		—
43625	—	—	—
26345	—		—
63245	—		—
32645	—		—
42536	—	—	—
35246	—		—
52346	—		—
43256	—		—
32456	—		—
24356	—		—
45326	—		—
23546	—		—

Repeated.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Frederick James Cullum return sincere thanks for kind expressions of sympathy received in their bereavement.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will someone in authority inform me if, say, 5,040 of Stedman Cinques coming home at hand would be in order, seeing that a start had to be made at back-stroke.—Yours,

'A NOVICE.'

SUCCESSFUL NORTH HERTS MEETING.

A well-attended meeting was held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 14th. Over 40 members were present, representing all divisions of the county, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, and visitors from afar included Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross and Mr. Stone, from Nuneaton. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise, whereby the many visitors were given the opportunity of ringing their favourite method. Tea was served at the Grange—and a very excellent tea, too. The lady helpers, Mesdames Fidler and Else, waited at table, and checked the course ends—not as they 'came up,' but as they went down!

A short business meeting followed, the Vicar of Hitchin (the Rev. R. F. B. Routh) in the chair. Baldock was chosen as the place for the next meeting, with Royston as an alternative. Two new members were elected, C. Saunders, of Stovenage, and H. W. Conquest, of King's Walden.

A short service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, and further ringing took place until 9 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at North Bradley on Saturday, November 7th, when, in spite of the weather, quite a good number took part in the ringing, which was carried out in a variety of methods. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. D. M. Davys), and Mr. F. Wheeler, one of the local ringers, was the organist. Tea followed in the Village Reading Room, to which 27 sat down, including the Vicar and representatives from Devizes (St. John and St. Mary), Bratton, Warminster, Rowde, Melksham, Holt, Mere, North Bradley and Clifton, Bristol.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who extended a hearty welcome to all, and especially to the visitors.

The secretary reported that he had received an application from the North Bradley ringers for a course of instruction in change ringing, and the meeting unanimously decided to recommend this application for the sanction of the general secretary.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on December 5th.

It was decided to arrange with Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Trowbridge, for the next lecture on 'Ringing,' to be given at Trowbridge, if convenient, about the middle of November.

The Vicar said how pleased they were to have a visit of the Devizes Branch at North Bradley, and assured the Guild of a hearty welcome at all times.

The usual votes of thanks from the chair brought the meeting to a close and a move was made to the tower for more ringing. By this time darkness had fallen and the rain was splashing down, but the bells rang merrily till about 8 p.m. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. On their way home the Melksham, Rowde and Devizes ringers halted at Hilberton for about 40 minutes. Touches of Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung on this light peal (tenor 7½ cwt.), thanks to Mr. W. J. Mees, the local captain, who had everything ready.

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY ARRANGEMENTS.

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RAILWAY FACILITIES.

Ringers travelling to Cambridge by train can obtain work-and tickets (available to return on Saturday) at a single fare and a third (plus fractions of 3d., minimum third class 2s. 6d.) from any station. For those travelling from or via London, cheap day tickets at single fare for the return journey (7s. 2d.) are issued from Liverpool Street and King's Cross. Convenient trains from London are as follow:—

Liverpool Street.	King's Cross.	Arr. Cambridge.
8.30 a.m.		9.58 a.m.
10. 5 a.m.		11.38 a.m.
11.50 a.m.		1.17 p.m.
12.29 p.m.		2.18 p.m.
	8.45 a.m.	10.41 a.m.
	11.30 a.m.	1.45 p.m.
	12.40 p.m.	2.21 p.m.

Trains leave Cambridge for Liverpool Street 7 p.m. and 9.10 p.m., arriving 8.23 and 11.29 p.m. respectively, and for King's Cross 7.40 p.m., arriving 10.46 p.m.

HOTELS.

Among the hotels in Cambridge are the following—

Bull Hotel: Single bedrooms from 8s. 6d., double from 15s. 6d. Breakfast 2s. to 3s. 6d.

Blue Boar: Single bedrooms from 9s. 6d. Breakfast 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d.

Lion Hotel: Single bedrooms from 6s. 6d., double from 12s. 6d. Breakfast 3s. 6d.

Bath Hotel: Bedroom and breakfast 7s. 6d.

'THE PAINSWICK PEAL'*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have just read Mr. W. A. Cave's letter, in which he says: 'On November 8th, 1930, a band of ringers met at Painswick, Gloucestershire, and rang upon the "12" bells of St. Mary's Church a peal of what was thought to be 17,687 true changes of Grandsire Cinqus in 11 hours 36 minutes. Had the peal been true, it would have taken its place as the longest peal on "11" bells,' etc. For goodness sake let us drop this '11' bell talk, as you cannot leave Mr. George out of that great performance, unfortunate as it turned out to be. It is 12 bells and should have been recorded as the longest length in the method. Personally, I looked upon that peal as a marvellous performance, because, and I know the 'crank' ringers will agree, it would take as much energy as the peal of Cambridge Maximus. When you put the two bands together, let me ask any of the gentlemen who rang the Maximus which they would sooner go for? I could picture half of the band being asleep after two or three hours, and I consider that's the strain: to keep awake! The tablet placed in the church is ridiculous as it reads. Not many years ago a certain horse won our great English Derby, but for doing something wrong in the race was disqualified. So this peal must go, but it is 12 bells.

JOHN JAGGAR.

THE PAINSWICK PEAL AND THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake may say what he likes about rows and changes, I am not concerned with his views on the matter. As a member of the Suffolk Guild, however, I am concerned with the resolution, or recommendation, to 'remove from' the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words 17,687 changes. If I am wrong in interpreting 'remove from' as meaning 'expel,' I wish he would tell me so, and not stray from the only point in his resolution that I have ever criticised. Whatever members may think of the action of the Painswick band, they certainly do not deserve to be threatened with removal from the Suffolk Guild if their views on rows and changes do not coincide with those that Mr. Drake holds. If his resolution has any other meaning, I shall be glad to hear of it; after that he can say anything he wishes about rows, changes, duplicates, etc., and I shall not trouble to contradict him.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.**

The district meeting at Banstead on Saturday week enabled some to pay their first visit to this extreme point of the diocese, among them being Admiral and Mrs. T. P. Walker, of Woking, and Mr. Alexander, of Farnborough. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, stopping at 4.30 when the Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. Matthews, in the absence of the Rector, Canon Skene, who was attending a conference.

Tea at the Victoria Hotel followed, 24 sitting down. Afterwards came the business meeting, Admiral Walker being in the chair. The principal business was the nomination of district officers, the retiring officials being renominated, with the addition of Messrs. A. R. Pink, F. G. Woodhiss and W. J. Whiting as General Committee representatives.

The Chairman also moved a resolution, 'That this meeting expresses a wish that the Master and general secretary of the Guild will continue to "carry on" for another year,' and this was given the meeting's whole support.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Matthews, Canon Skene, the organist and choirboys and the chairman concluded the business, and, in responding, Admiral Walker said that he had been looking forward to this visit to Banstead for a long time.

The tower was then revisited and the bells kept going until 8.30 by ringers from Ashted, Cobham, Dorking, Croydon, Buckland, Leatherhead, Sutton, Farnborough, Woking and the local band.

THE BELLS OF SELLY OAK.**RESTORATION TAKEN IN HAND.**

Owing to their unsafe condition, it has not been possible to ring the bells at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, since 1922, but a scheme has been undertaken for their restoration, jointly with the provision of a Church Hut, which is needed principally as a centre for the activities of the juvenile organisations of the parish. The total cost of the combined schemes will be about £750, of which £350 is required for the bells. Up to the end of October £465 had been contributed, of which about £200 is to be devoted to the bells.

The work of dismantling the bells was begun last week. They are to be taken to the Croydon Foundry, where they will be cleaned, tuned and quarter turned. They will be rehung in a new iron frame.

Towards the balance that is required donations will be welcomed by the Church Council. They may be sent to Mr. F. W. Leonard, 1, Lodge Hill Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, or to Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham, hon. secretary to the Council and Ringing Master.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

GREAT GLEN.—On Wednesday, November 11th, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: F. Wheat 1, F. A. Marsh 2, A. Bryan 3, A. Alford 4, J. Pearson 5, L. Allen (conductor) 6. The first 720 Bob Minor by the local band.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Wednesday, November 11th, at St. Saviour's Church, 910 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Edwards 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, W. Hughes 3, J. L. Grant 4, E. Glenville 5, J. W. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

MATLOCK.—On November 11th, preceding an Armistice service, the bells were rung half-muffled, and immediately after the two minutes' silence with the bells open, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: D. Turner 1, F. Paulson 2, G. W. F. Smith 3, R. Greatorex 4, J. H. Paulson 5, E. Holmes 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, G. Dakin 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by treble and tenor ringers.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 15th, after the remembrance service, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples: J. Cook 1, G. Woodman 2, W. Pettifer 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Blanch 5, W. Staunford 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, Alb. Charman 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—A quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 mins., being 783 of Grandsire, 480 of Plain Bob Doubles: L. Poulson 1, B. Cornell 2, H. Day 3, W. Head (conductor) 4, J. Andrews 5.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Sear (conductor) 1, W. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, J. Mead 4, F. Stanton 5, F. Vickers 6, H. V. Sear 7, E. Smith 8.

GREAT TEY.—At St. Barnabas' Church on the evening of Remembrance Day by the local band, 1,800 changes of Minor (2) extents called differently and 1,136 Bob Major, the bells being half-muffled.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—A quarter-peal (1,259 changes) of Grandsire Caters, with half-muffled clappers, in 55 mins., as a tribute to the memory of the fallen: G. E. Fearn 1, H. H. Fearn 2, J. Withers, sen., 3, C. Webb 4, H. Williams 5, J. E. Eaton 6, J. Withers, jun., 7, C. H. Stanley 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Betterton 10.

BURFORD, OXON.—On November 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Bond 1, T. Timms 2, W. Brunson 3, A. Bishop 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Shaw 1, H. Hesketh 2, W. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, S. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, J. Ellis (first quarter-peal) 8.

HITCHIN.—With clappers half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. W. Day 1, L. Houghton 2, A. E. Symonds 3, T. R. Scott 4, H. W. Else 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, C. V. Hare 8.

BRADWELL.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles with ten different callings: C. Alderman 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, A. Coley 4, T. Walters 5, A. Lathal 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor.

MURSLEY.—On Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Robins 1, E. Whittard 2, R. H. Morris 3, G. Robins 4, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 5, V. Younger 6, A. Cornish 7, E. H. Morris (longest length) 8. All local band.

FALING.—On Armistice Day at St. Mary's Church with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. A. Trollope 3, A. Hagh 4, A. M. Stacey 5, E. W. Coulson 6, J. H. Hunnisset 7, A. Harding 8.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—Rung half-muffled on Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles in 43 mins.: H. Rogers 1, G. Bruce 2, E. Picton 3, A. V. Good 4, F. Tompkins 5, J. Banfield 6. Longest length by ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor. The conducting was shared by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

WARMINSTER.—At St. Deny's Church on Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering: N. Kneel 1, E. C. Marlow 2, E. F. White 3, H. Titt (first quarter) 4, E. F. Marlow (first as conductor) 5, M. Howell 6, H. Kneel 7, A. R. Mogg 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—For Armistice service on November 11th at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins.: W. H. Gutteridge 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. J. Pratt 3, E. Hancox 4, J. H. Lucas 5, W. Honer 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, November 7th, and was well attended by members and friends from Peterborough, Oundle, Warrington, Nasington, Stamford, Surfleet, Polebrooke, etc. Service was in St. Mary's Church, when the Vicar gave a very interesting address and also welcomed the ringers there.

Tea was afterwards supplied at the Dujon Cafe, a company of 29 sitting down. There was no business meeting. Some good ringing took place in the evening, which ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of bells, and also the organist, who helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable.

BRISTOL'S RINGING HISTORY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. A. Cave, what he read in 'The Ringing World' nearly two years ago respecting the excellent work done by James Hinton, 'ESPECIALLY IN THE HIGHER METHODS,' I presume, refers to the remarks made by the chairman at the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' dinner on January 18th, 1930.

The statement was: 'In Bristol they looked back with pride on the ability of J. W. Hinton, a forerunner' (the forerunner was meant to be conveyed) 'in the practice of the higher scientific methods.' The great bulk of Bristol ringers think so to-day. It would be better for Mr. Cave, also, to quote chapter and verse for his statements.—Yours faithfully,
W. H. THOMAS.

Sir,—There is only one member of the ringing fraternity who would challenge the authenticity of the article given in your issue of October 30th, and his records of the 'History of Bristol Bells' will, therefore, be incomplete.—Yours faithfully,
EDGAR GUISE, B.U.R.G.

Bristol.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, November 8th, for morning service at the Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: R. Blaby (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Biggs 2, H. Stratford 3, P. Newton 4, A. G. Jones 5, R. H. Biggs 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, Jos. Evans 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to J. News, a member of the choir and a late member of the belfry, who met with a fatal accident on November 2nd and was interred at Hughenden on November 7th. Also rung for Armistice Sunday.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIGGLESWADE.—On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. F. Page 1, G. T. Croft 2, A. E. Symonds 3, S. Wallis 4, T. Castle 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, J. Blott 8. Ringers of 1st, 4th and tenor are local ringers and first quarter, the remainder of the band from Hitchin.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 8th, at St. Paul's Church, for Armistice Sunday evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: E. Lubbock 1, W. W. Daniell 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. H. Stevens, I.S.O., 4, H. W. Barvett 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. P. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, November 1st, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, B. Cooper 2, A. L. Bennett (conductor) 3, H. G. Lewis 4, A. L. Hope 5, C. F. Austin 6, C. R. Walker 7, C. Boyce 8.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 1st, in honour of All Saints and for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. F. E. Darby (first quarter-peal) 1, D. Wright 2, F. Holder 3, W. Bulpitt 4, C. Dean 5, A. Clayton 6, A. T. Jones 7, A. Woodins 8, F. E. Darby (conductor) 9, B. Newson 10.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, October 18th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,344 changes): H. Cornes (first quarter-peal in any method) 1, W. Latter 2, D. Pindley 3, S. H. Green 4, W. Collison 5, S. Russell 6, H. Markwell 7, A. Richardson (composer and conductor) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church for evensong on Sunday, October 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), arranged for the ringers of the 5th and 6th, who hail from Faringdon: H. Ration 1, S. H. Hopper 2, J. Penney 3, J. Woodroff 4, E. C. Hughes 5, T. Clarke 6, N. Allnatt (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Laurence 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington (6), near Nuneaton, on November 21st. Buses every half-hour from Nuneaton and Coventry. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SATURDAY, November 21st. Meeting at Oxhey (8 bells). Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at Sherwood's, Aldenham Road. Cheap tickets by train or motor coach from all parts to Bushey Station.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Last quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector. Election of officers for 1932, so a large attendance is desirable.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, November 21st. Bells are available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Parish Room at five o'clock. Bus service from Horsham, Steyning, Pulborough and Worthing.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, usual terms, at 5. Will members kindly advise me if they are coming?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, November 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30.—W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. Any suggestions re celebration of the Association's Jubilee will be welcomed.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, November 21st. Church of St. Helen (8 bells, tenor 17 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea about 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for 1931 should be paid at once. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, November 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting at which nominations for district officers for 1932 must be made.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, November 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, November 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, November 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. A hearty welcome to all ringing visitors.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford Parish Church on Saturday, November 21st. Bells open 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested, so please oblige.—D. Brown, Branch Sec., 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on November 21st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea to follow. All ringing friends will be welcomed. The more attending the greater the pleasure for all.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on November 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at The Cafe, next the church, at 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY DINNER, under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—The second annual dinner, concert and dance will be held at the Grand Central Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, November 28th, at 6 p.m. sharp. The Cosmo Players dance band will be in attendance from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Last year's attendance totalled no less than 192. Fully licensed up till 12 p.m. Accommodation for bed and breakfast can be obtained on application to the secretary for 5s. 6d. per head. Applications for tickets should be made to the secretary, or Mr. E. Parker, Ingledene, Moorland Road, Weston-super-Mare, not later than November 20th. Now roll up, and spend the evening of your lives for 3s. 6d. inclusive! The bells of the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, and the old church at Uphill will be available from 2 p.m. Visit Weston with the air like wine.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me before November 25th? A good muster will be encouraging.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each. Kindly notify Mr. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley, a by-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, November 28th. Service, with address, after which the Vicar invites all ringers attending to tea at the Vicarage. It is particularly requested that members notify me of their intention to be present by Thursday, November 26th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, if possible. Please send card to Mr. W. T. Wilson for same.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea, please notify in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are urged to attend, as important business will be discussed. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, November 24th, without fail? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Nominations for District officers for 1932 must be handed in at this meeting. Notifications for tea by Wednesday, 25th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from three o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at five o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday, November 25th.—A. S. Tomkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, November 28th. Bells ready three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please notify Mr. F. Holt, 23, Arden Street, New Mills, near Stockport, not later than Tuesday, November 24th.—T. Wilds, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Homer, Branch Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley on Saturday, November 28th. The bells of St. Chad's Church will be available from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. and interval for tea. Ringing will be continued (after evensong) at St. Michael's from 7 to 9 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (5) available at 2.30. Service at 4.15, tea and business meeting to follow.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilary's Church, Wallasey, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know if they require tea? —H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector, the Rev. B. Herklots. Tea at the Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The three new trebles at Lytchet Matravers, making a ring of 6, are to be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset, on Advent Sunday, November 29th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service from 8 till 9.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Linton after service in the Institute. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone. Please try to notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Ratby, Leicester.—The dedication of the two new bells of the augmented ring of eight by Taylors, Loughborough, will take place on December 5th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by December 2nd.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, December 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by November 28th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, December 5th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid, and any alteration of addresses notified for next year's report. Will ringers wishing to attend this meeting endeavour to be there by 2.30 p.m., so that the Stedman method may be rung in honour of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman?—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on December 12th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in the Church Hall. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 8th? All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

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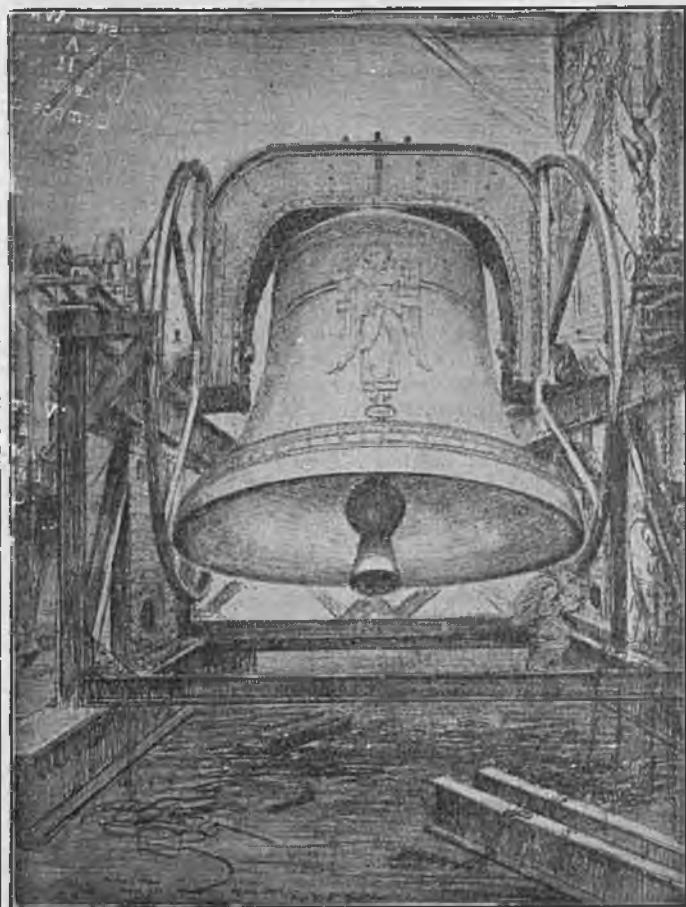
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ERNEST J. KING	...	3	EDWARD D. SMITH	...	8
†JAMES G. A. PRIOR	...	4	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	...	9
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	*FRANK SADLER 7
JOHN HALL 3	GEORGE A. KING 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 9
HERBERT JORDAN 5	ARTHUR J. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

* First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	WILLIAM BARTON 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 4	JOHN AMBLER 9
FREDERICK SEAGER 5	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Cotterell and Miss Bertha Kendall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	WILLIAM PEARSON 5
HARRY BROWN 2	JOHN FRYER 6
WALTER SWALLOW 3	*HARRY C. WALTERS 7
ARTHUR WALKER 4	ALBERT STRANGWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. SMALLS Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
MISS HELEN W. BILL 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6
F. W. CECIL CURTIS 3	GEORGE H. MOORE 7
CHARLES H. MOORE 4	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition, reduced from the 48 courses containing the 6th the course-end extent in 5-6, without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, and all the 4-5's and 5-4's, is now rung for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	OSCAR ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Frederick J. Cullum, sen., who was a ringer at this church for a period of 46 years, and Stedman was his favourite method.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 13, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WALLACE BURGESS 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
*WALTER L. TOOGOOD 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal away from treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the men of the city of Leeds who fell in the Great War. The ringers of treble, 6th and tenor are ex-Servicemen.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN Treble	†PERCY FELTON 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	*HAROLD E. PENNACK 6
*ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
ARTHUR HEAD 4	DR. P. SPENCER-PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Chelmsford, the rest belong to the local company. This peal was rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Armistice. Also as a farewell peal to the Rev. D. G. Douglas, who has left this parish for Kilburn.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SYDNEY A. WYATT Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
JAMES HUNT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	* HERBERT V. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	* ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 6
HARRY BARTON 3	A. RICHARD WARD 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT

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

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* STANLEY NOBLES Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
† TOM POTTS 2	WILLIAM GAYES 6
JACK TIPPER 3	JOHN WORTH 7
* JAMES MILNER 4	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal away from treble.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
KENTH HART 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 7
GEORGE OLLIVER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of London on the bells.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
J. RICHARD TAYLOR 2	JOHN T. BIMSON 6
JOHN CHARNOCK 3	* HAROLD DAVIES 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen 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.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY Treble	* GEORGE BROMLEY 5
WILLIAM CLARK 2	EDWARD P. CRABTREE 6
* WILFRED BRITAIN 3	JOSEPH HELLETT 7
REGINALD BROMLEY 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY

* First peal.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	* JAMES ERRINGTON 5
WILLIAM HESKETH 2	SYDNEY FORSHAW 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	NORMAN BROWN 7
JAMES W. HALL 4	* JACK ERRINGTON Tenor
	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Westhoughton.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 7
ERNEST E. DAVIS 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Austin, and his 500th peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. For composition, see 'The Ringing World' of November 6th.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his appointment as organist at this church and to mark the occasion of the renovation of the magnificent 'Father Willis' organ by his grandson, Henry Willis.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS LAW 5
CHARLES W. BIRD 2	WILLIAM ATTERBURY 6
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	TOM TEBBOTT 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, also to the tenor man, who was born at Desborough and had not revisited it since that time. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Bethway) and his wife, which was much appreciated.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	† SAMUEL THOMPSON 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM J. CARTER 7
* ERNEST CALCOTT 4	† STANLEY CHARLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	SIEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5
WILFRED JARVIS 2	LAWRENCE POULSON 6
FRANK A. TURNER 3	MAURICK T. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

* HUBERT SCHOFIELD Treble	CHARLES DYKE 5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
† ELSIE H. FULTON 3	GEORGE A. HUGHES 7
ROY WILKINSON 4	* FREDERICK HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled in honour of and respect for those who fell in the Great War.

IVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOSSBELL ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpire—FRANK BUCKLAND.

The first non-conducted peal of Major by the Guild and the first non-conducted peal in the county of Bucks.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 5
PERCY L. HARRISON 2	C. HENRY WEBB 6
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WILLIAM WILLSON 4	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Briggs. The veteran Mr. Briggs (aged 82) afterwards met the band and joined in handbell ringing. It was also a birthday peal for the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., Rector of Stanton.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY KING Treble	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 4
EDWARD FROSSELL 2	NORMAN J. INSKIP 5
REGINALD WEST 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

OLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and 12 six-scores each of London Single, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

SIDNEY CORBY Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
WILLIAM SHARP 2	JOSEPH J. PARTRIDGE 5
ALBERT LACK 3	EDWARD STANTON Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARTRIDGE.

BURSTWICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST E. TAYLOR Treble	JOHN M. PICKERING 4
* ARTHUR H. FOX 2	JOHN W. HOBSON 5
STANLEY WEBB 3	CECIL W. H. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Hobson, and also to Mr. Arthur E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

* HERBERT W. ABBOTT ... Treble	FREDERICK E. TOOLEY ... 4
JOHN ALLEN 2	W. REGINALD BUTCHER ... 5
LEONARD TOSLAND 3	* WILLIAM MUNNS Tenor

Conducted by W. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal and first attempt and local ringers. First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung and augmented from four to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM A. TACK Treble	GRAHAM PRATT 4
ROBERT G. KING 2	ALIC WHITMORE 5
WALTER SMITH 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

* FRANK H. THORLEY ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3
† GEORGE W. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 16 years. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES W. SMITH Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	ALDENMAN LING 5
THOMAS W. WARD 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WASLEY Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS 4
GEORGE WASLEY 2	FREDERICK BLOWING 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	CHARLES STAITE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN WAND Treble	JOHN HURST 4
ROBERT W. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. 5
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. W. STOCKDALE.

First peal in five methods by all. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for those who lost their lives in the Great War.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the seven following methods: Biddulph, London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge and Norwich.

*FRANK BRADBURY Treble	*JAMES STANWAY 4
*ALFRED H. COTTRELL ... 2	*WILLIAM HAZELDINE ... 5
*JOHN BEECH 3	JONAH COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

* First Surprise peal. Also first Surprise peal by a local band at this church.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM SWAIN Treble	FRED W. KNOWLES 4
ARTHUR J. BROWN 2	ARTHUR B. JUDGE 5
HAROLD DOUGHTY 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

The first Surprise peal recorded for this association, also the first Surprise peal by the band.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Sannan,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*H. WERRETT Treble	T. WERRETT 5
S. WILLIAMS 2	F. GRIFFITHS 6
G. WILLIAMS 3	*T. HYDE 7
*J. WERRETT 4	R. PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice anniversary.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced 720's: (1) Norbury and College Exercise; (2) Duke of Norfolk and Trowell; (3) Wragby and St. Albans Delight; (4) Neasden and Grove Delight; (5) Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Sandal and Overton; (7) Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	RAYMOND JELFS 5
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. First peal of Spliced Minor and of 14 Treble Bob methods by all the band and by the association.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY Treble	*REGINALD G. HARVEY ... 4
STANLEY W. BIGMORE ... 2	HARRY S. BARKER 5
HARRY STEBBINGS 3	EDWARD J. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY S. BARKER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Armistice Day. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

NORMAN J. INSKIP Treble	LEONARD TURNER 4
HAROLD G. BEARD 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ... 3	PERCY C. BONNETT Tenor

Conducted by PERCY C. BONNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. C. Bonnett. First peal as conductor.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BIDDULPH DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
ALFRED PARR 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

First peal of Double Surprise Minor ever rung. The method was composed by the conductor upwards of 30 years ago, and has appeared in 'The Ringing World' under the name of Double London. Rung on the 38th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise Minor rung on the bells.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
*MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL .. 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside'. A birthday compliment to the 2nd ringers' daughter.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

Notice is given that members of the Norwich Diocesan Association hope to attempt a peal of 11,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Saxlingham on December 12th next, a start to be made at 2.45 p.m.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN CHRIST CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... 1-2 | JOHN WORTH ... 3-4
WILLIAM GAYES ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band, and rung on Mr. W. Gayes' 62nd birthday.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
FRANK LORD ... 3-4 | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. CAWSE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Believed to be the first peal in the method rung on handbells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD, PUDSEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal on handbells. Mr. P. J. Johnson's 200th peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**INTERESTING PEAK DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Darley Dale on Saturday, about 20 ringers turning up from Bakewell, Chendale, Darley Dale, Dore, Eyam, Kingsley, Matlock, Morton and Norton-on-the-Moors. The musical ring of eight bells (tenor about 16 cwt.) were kept going at intervals from 3 to 8 p.m., with varying success in Cambridge, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A substantial tea was partaken of, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. R. Griffiths. A short informal business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam.

It was decided to have no meeting in December, the next to be the annual meeting at Bakewell in January, the arrangements for which were left with the secretary.

Suggestions were invited for the jubilee meeting of the M.C.A. at Derby next Easter.

A welcome to the Rector of Darley, extended by the Rev. W. P. Wright, was replied to by the former in a graceful speech, in which he referred to the pleasure and privilege of being present, to his love of the bells of England, and to his appreciation of the calling of a ringer and to the qualities necessary for proficiency.

A welcome to a number of ringing friends from North Staffordshire was proposed by the secretary, and was replied to in a racy speech by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, who stated that they had had a cold ride over the moors from near Stoke-on-Trent, but it was well worth it and that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He concluded with some good advice to learners, and to ringers generally to support in a more generous measure 'The Ringing World.'

SUDDEN DEATH OF COVENTRY RINGER.

The Stoke, Coventry, band of ringers lost their oldest member (in years of service) by the death of William George Webster, which occurred with tragic suddenness on Sunday, November 14th, last. Decensed, who had never had a day's illness in his 47 years of life, left his home early on Sunday morning, and within a few hundred yards collapsed and died.

He had been a member of the Stoke band for 30 years and was one of the original members of the Warwickshire Guild.

The funeral took place in Stoke Churchyard on Thursday, November 19th, when a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by E. Sibley, F. W. Perrens, F. Pervin and J. Taylor. In the evening a peal in the same method was rung half-muffled on the bells he loved so well.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to say that Mr. W. T. Cockerill is gradually recovering from his illness.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who had to enter Wallasey Cottage Hospital for treatment for blood poisoning, had a relapse after leaving the hospital and had to return. He is, however, now making satisfactory progress, and is looking forward to being able to attend the Stedman Commemoration gathering at Cambridge.

By a peal rung at Lavenham on Saturday, November 14th, the ringer of the treble completed the circle from tenor to treble in the last eight peals rung on the bells.

Mr. H. Argyle, a member of the Central Council for the Warwickshire Guild, is in the nursing home at Attleborough, Nuneaton, having undergone an operation. His many ringing friends will be pleased to know he is making fairly good progress and hoping to be home in a few days.

As last year, the St. Paul's Cathedral band, furnished by the College Youths, rang for afternoon service on Monday last, the occasion being the annual service on St. Cecilia's Day, St. Cecilia being the patron saint of music. The service had additional and special music. It was also attended by one of the old City Companies—the Musicians.

The peal rung at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, on November 5th, was Oxford Bob Major and not Oxford Treble Bob, as printed in the report in our columns. The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Harlow Common on November 5th was Frank Creasey. In the peal at Writtle on November 11th the ringers of the 2nd and 4th were W. R. Thrift and R. C. Thrift respectively, not Shift as printed.

The many friends of Mr. T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, will regret to learn that he is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild propose to hold their second annual dinner on Saturday, January 9th.

Owing to pressure on our space, we have been compelled to hold over letters from the Rev. H. Drake, 'The Mad Hatter' and Mr. George Baker.

RINGING IN BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines in answer to your correspondents.

(1) To Mr. Jaggard: The letter I wrote about the Painswick peal was not intended in the first place for the experts who read 'The Ringing World,' but for those who might be able to right the wrong, i.e., the incumbent of Painswick and the Chancellor of the Gloucester Diocese, as well as those inhabitants of the neighbourhood who, I know, were interested in the performance. Had I written it for 'The Ringing World' I should have given my reasons, one of which, I may say, is that Grandsire should not be rung on even numbers.

(2) To Mr. Thomas: If there is any statement of mine which requires confirmation I will do my best to supply it. I will write the history of Bristol ringing during the time I mentioned showing the advance in efficiency and quality and the men responsible for it, on condition that I write the history of the decline of the same since the foundation of the B.U.R.G. and the men responsible for it.

(3) To Mr. Guise: Read my letter again and then write something in answer to it. I made it quite clear that the part of the article I doubted was that relating to practice of a certain class of method. I wrote, 'My history of ringing in Bristol': a totally different thing to the 'History of Bristol bells,' a subject which does not interest me in the least.

Finally, Sir, about this 'will to teach.' If you lived in Bristol you would soon learn something about the 'will to allow others to teach.'

—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY OFFICERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely branch was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, when ringers were present from Bearstead (Kent), Cambridge, Dunmow, Elmdon, Exning, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Melbourn, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Shelford, Stetchworth and Trumpington. The bells were set going at 3 p.m. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy), with Mr. H. J. Hazel at the organ. Afterwards the company were entertained to tea at the Six Bells, by the generosity of the Rector, who took the chair for the business meeting.

Mr. A. E. Austin had expressed his wish to resign the District Mastership, so Mr. B. D. Buttress kindly consented to undertake the office. Miss Willers was re-elected district secretary. Messrs. Austin, Hazel, Hibbins, Twitchett and Webb were appointed on the committee.

It was decided to visit the five-bell tower of Barton on January 2nd. Mr. Faux, of Cambridge, and Mr. Thurlow, of Dunmow, were elected members.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, for taking the service and for providing the tea. In replying, the Rev. T. H. Hennessy said he always found pleasure in entertaining ringers at Fulbourn.

Various Minor, Triple and Major methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY. PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK'S CELEBRATION.

The work on the tower and bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, is practically completed, and the dedication next Saturday week will take place in the presence of a representative body of ringers who are coming from all parts of the country to join in the proceedings. Not the least interesting link with Fabian Stedman will be the presence of official representatives of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Stedman was not only a member but also Steward in 1668 and Master in 1682.

The service will begin at three o'clock, and seats will be reserved for ticket holders up to 2.50 p.m. The service will follow evensong up to the second lesson, when a procession to the tower, which is at the west end of the church, will be formed. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, will unveil the memorial tablet, and Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely, will dedicate the whole of the work. Afterwards 120 of Stedman Doubles will be rung and the sermon delivered by Rev. Canon G.

There is a good train and bus service between Shelford and Cambridge.

It is essential that any who wish to take advantage of ringing at either of the towers outside Cambridge should advise the secretary of the Tercentenary Commemoration not later than Tuesday, December 1st.

Luncheon for ticket holders will be served at 12.30 p.m. in Corpus Christi Dining Hall, adjoining St. Benedict's Church. Tea, also for ticket holders, will be served in relays in the same hall in accordance with the times printed on the tea tickets.

A large room at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, has been reserved for use throughout the day, where ringers can make rendezvous with their friends; handbells will be available, and refreshments obtained during the usual hours. It is hoped that visitors will take full advantage of the accommodation provided if they desire to rest or meet their friends.

There are still a few promised donations unpaid. Will subscribers kindly send these at once to the hon. treasurer, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading?



THE ANCIENT OAK BELL FRAME at St. Benedict's Church. The frame is 13ft. 10in. square, and some idea of its massive timbers can be gained from this picture.

F. Coleridge. At the close of the service special representative companies will ring, and the bells will also be open to bands of ticket holders. When all these have had their turn, non-ticket holders will be able to ring.

In addition to St. Benedict's bells the following bells in and near Cambridge will be available:—

Great St. Mary's	(12)	11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs	(8)	1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Great St. Andrew's	(8)	
Old Chesterton	(6)	11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Trumpington	(6)	12 noon to 2 p.m. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The two last-named churches are best reached by frequent local bus services.

For those travelling by road, ringing can be arranged at any of the following towers en route to or from Cambridge providing hands can be made up:—

Huntingdon, St. Mary's	(8)	Morning and evening.
Godmanchester	(8)	" "
Newmarket, All Saints	(8)	" "
Newmarket, St. Mary's	(6)	" "
Fulbourn	(8)	" "
Bourn	(8)	Morning only.
Royston	(8)	Morning and evening.
Sawston	(8)	" "
Stapleford	(6)	" "

WHAT TO SEE IN CAMBRIDGE.

Cambridge is a town full of interest to the visitor, but for those whose stay is limited to the one day it will be impossible to see all there is to be seen. As a guide to those who arrive early, however, and want to see as much as possible of the University town, we suggest a visit to some or all of the following places as time permits. The whole can be taken in in one 'walk,' starting from the Market Place.

GREAT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The Parish Church of Cambridge adjoins the Market Place. It is also used by the University for sermons on Sundays and occasionally at other times. A church on this site was consecrated in 1351. The present building, an excellent specimen of Perpendicular Gothic, was begun in 1478, but proceeded very slowly, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of the university to obtain subscriptions by sending the Proctors on horseback through England with begging letters. The nave roof was not framed till 1506; the tower was begun in 1491, and carried up to the top of the west window in 1530. The belfry stage was begun in 1593 and finished in 1608. In 1611 the existing four bells were recast into 'five tunable bellies,' and in 1620 and 1621 two of the old peal were recast and another added. In 1667 the third and fourth were recast and the peal augmented to eight. This, it will be noticed, was just before Stedman published his 'Tintinnologia,' which appeared in 1668. It was decided in 1722 to recast the ring of eight, and later in the same year it was finally concluded to add two more bells. The work was carried out by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, the tenor being 26 cwt. 19 lb. In 1770 the tenor was recast, the weight being 29 cwt. 26 lb., and two further bells added to

increase the ring to twelve. These troubles were recast in 1911, while the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey was Vicar. The bells run anti-clockwise. **KING'S COLLEGE.**

Founded by King Henry VI. in the middle of the 15th century. The magnificent chapel, begun in 1446 and completed in 1515, contains very beautiful stained glass and organ screen. The stained glass in the east window and in the windows on the north and south sides was executed between 1515 and 1531, and these windows contain 'the finest series in the world of pictures in glass on a large scale.'

CLARE COLLEGE.

Originally founded by the university as University Hall, 1326. Was rebuilt 1638-1715. The beautiful buildings have been described as 'more like a palace than a college.'

Walk down Avenue to Barks of Colleges and return through Trinity College Avenue to

TRINITY COLLEGE,

with its noble quadrangle, great gate (built 1518-1535) and glorious chapel (finished about 1564).

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

has the most beautiful of all the Cambridge gateway towers. Founded in 1511 by the mother of Henry VII., on the suppression of the Hospital of St. John the Evangelist, founded 1135. The new chapel was built 1864-69 of Ancaster stone.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

commonly called the Round Church, one of the four round churches in England, with massive Norman pillars, probably built between 1120 and 1140. During a restoration in 1841 the belfry over the central nave was pulled down and replaced by a conical roof.

JESUS COLLEGE.

Founded 1437 by the Bishop of Ely, on the suppression of the Benedictine nunnery of S. Radegund. The college took possession of the buildings, and consequently the plan of Jesus College is different from that of any other college in either university. It is monastic, not collegiate.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE

(founded 1505), Petty Cury, Market Place and thence to St. Benedict's Church.

ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH.

The interesting points about this ancient building are described in the Tercentenary 'Souvenir.'

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

(adjoining St. Benedict's Church) was founded 1352 by the Gilds of Corpus Christi and St. Mary. It consists of two completely separate groups of buildings: (1) That of the Gilds; (2) that erected 1823-27. The Old Court, reached by the passage at the east end of the hall, was the first closed quadrangle built in Cambridge. It has been a good deal altered, but still retains a more ancient appearance than any other collegiate structure in the university.

The original chambers in this court were of the roughest description; the ground floor was of clay; the walls were destitute of plaster; and the windows were probably half-shuttered, half-glazed. On the first floor they were open to the roof. The garrets were added in the reign of Henry the Eighth.

The scholars used the neighbouring church of St. Benedict for their devotions, but with one exception of a chapel, this small court contained all the buildings required for the collegiate life. The entrance was through a plain archway on the north side, along a path skirting the west side of the churchyard.

The chapel contains the stall work from the old one, which had been constructed by Sir Nich. Bacon, 1579. The library contains a unique collection of MSS. collected by Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75. Some of the most interesting are exhibited in glazed cases. In one of the rooms under the library is the Lewis Collection of coins, gems, vases and other objects of antiquarian interest.

ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,

founded 1475.

Cross the Court of St. Catherine's College to

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,

founded 1447 by the Queen of Henry VI., and refounded 1465 by the Queen of Edward IV. The principal Court was built immediately after the foundation. The material is red brick and the plan includes square corner-turrets and an entrance gateway, flanked by towers (the third built in Cambridge). The original caves have been replaced by battlements and the folliations cut out of the windows, otherwise the buildings are unaltered. The buildings in the second or Cloister Court are partly coeval with the first Court, but the two lateral cloisters are of later date. By the time this college was founded the plan of a Manor House had been accepted as the best for college buildings, and accordingly this college affords a close copy of such a house, as, for example, Haddon Hall. The arrangement of the principal Court is the same, and in the second and subordinate Court, approached by the passage through the Screens, are the apartments of the President, occupying the same position as those of the Lord of Haddon. The gallery of the President's Lodge, built about 1540, is a singularly beautiful and unaltered specimen of the domestic architecture of the 16th century.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

founded 1346. The original chapel, now the library, at the north-west corner of the Court was the first collegiate chapel built. The new chapel was erected in 1663-64 at the sole cost of Dr. Matthew Wren, former fellow, then Bishop of Ely, in fulfilment of a vow made during his imprisonment in the Tower of London. The architect was his nephew, Sir Christopher Wren.

PETERHOUSE.

The first college founded in Cambridge (1281) still retains some of its primitive buildings. It shows by what steps the first colleges arrived at their familiar quadrangular arrangement. At first the founders provided only that which was indispensable, viz., rooms for sleep and work, a church for prayers, and a hall for meals. An ordinary dwelling house supplied the first, a parish church the second, and the third had usually to be built. The founder of Peterhouse (Hugh of Balsham, Bishop of Ely) first placed his 14 scholars and their master in two dwelling houses, and when he died he bequeathed 300 marks to his scholars, who with the money bought a piece of ground behind their house and 'built thereon a handsome hall' and buttery. The north side of the quadrangle was not begun until 1424, no the west until 1431.

THE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

is full of interest and well worth a visit.

A NATIONAL COMMEMORATION.

In making the commemoration a national one, it is hoped that wherever possible special ringing will take place on Saturday afternoon, December 5th, so that the bells of the whole country will join in the celebration. If the ringing cannot take place then, it may still be possible to arrange it for some other day, but, whenever it takes place, public emphasis will be given to it, if, as already suggested in these columns, an announcement of the purpose of the ringing can be made in church on the preceding Sunday. To assist ringers in 'prompting' their incumbents, the following brief facts can be used. The paragraph might be cut out and handed to them:—

Fabian Stedman was one of the greatest figures in the early history of change ringing—a purely English art, practised to-day in thousands of church towers in this country. He was the author of the first books on the subject, and by his labours in this direction laid the foundation upon which ringers in succeeding years have built up the art and developed a highly fascinating science.

Stedman is said to have been born in or near Cambridge in 1631, and learnt to ring at St. Benedict's Church in that town at a time when change ringing was in its infancy. In 1668 he produced the first book ever written on the subject, and called it 'Tintinnalogia.' In the few years which elapsed before his second book—'Campanalogia'—was published in 1677, he had made great advances in his investigations and opened up entirely new ground. Change ringing is done by 'method,' and some of the methods which Stedman produced are largely practised to this day, one, bearing his own name, being among the most widely rung of all.

On Saturday, December 5th, the ringers of England will celebrate the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth. By funds, amounting to nearly £500, subscribed by the ringers of Great Britain, Ireland and overseas, the bells and tower of St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, have been restored. The tower was built in pre-Conquest days; five of the six bells are those on which Stedman himself rang. Ringers from all parts of the country will assemble at Cambridge for the commemoration, and the work will be dedicated and a memorial tablet unveiled at a special service.

At the same or other convenient time ringers elsewhere will join in the commemoration by special ringing on the bells of their own churches.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—In honour of the Stedman Tercentenary on December 5th the peal of ten bells will be available for ringing from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Visitors and friends will be welcome.—James Pagett, Ringing Master.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

In his letter last week with regard to the unbroken continuity of the College Youths' dinners, Mr. J. A. Trollope referred to a possible break during the war period 1914-1918. Although the actual anniversary gathering was suspended at that time, the annual supper of the St. Paul's Cathedral band was enlarged and called the 'College Youths' dinner,' and was attended by some 40 or 50 persons, including the Master and most of the officers of the Ancient Society. Our informant asks us to publish these facts for the benefit of future historians.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Godalming Church, with its central tower and lofty spire, has a beautiful setting, as it nestles, with the quaint old-fashioned streets of the little Surrey town, in a narrow valley where the River Wey runs between the steep shoulders of the hills. For some years until recently, however, the setting of the bells in the tower had been anything but beautiful, and they had been no attraction to ringers. About a couple of years ago a meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Godalming provided the opportunity for calling attention to the much needed restoration, and it is a matter of much gratification that this has now been carried out. The frame has been strengthened and the bells quarter-turned and rehung with new fittings. The work was done by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and the Guild had the first opportunity of ringing on them on Saturday. A board in the tower says the bells were recast by Swaine in 1772, but it could only have been part of the ring, for there are still bells in the tower cast by Thomas Lester in 1740. The first recorded peal on them was a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1775.

Saturday's meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was well attended, members being present from Aldershot, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Farnborough, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas), Haslemere, Scale, Witely and Woking. The customary service, at which the singing was led by organ and choirboys, was held, and afterwards a company of over 30 sat down to tea in the Church Room.

The Vicar (Canon G. S. Richards) was thanked by Admiral T. P. Walker for the service and for the use of the bells and congratulated upon the restoration that had taken place. The Vicar said the work had been made possible partly by a bequest, and they were very glad that the bells were now in good order again and also that the seventh bell had proved not to be cracked, as was suggested it might be when attention was called to the condition of the bells when the Guild last met in Godalming.

Admiral Walker presided over the business meeting which followed, when nominations were received for the officers for next year. For Ringing Master two names were proposed, Messrs. W. R. Melville and C. E. Smith; for district secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; for district auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden. There were no fewer than eight nominations for the two places on the Executive Committee. Mr. S. Marshall was renominated as the hon. members' representative. The elections take place at the annual meeting in the new year.

It was reported that a suggested division of the district had been brought before the Executive Committee, and would be again discussed at their next meeting. The members were asked to give the matter their consideration so that some resolution of guidance to the committee might be passed at the annual district meeting.

On the motion of Admiral Walker, a unanimous resolution was passed expressing the hope that the Master of the Guild and the general hon. secretary would continue to hold office for another year.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, and further ringing afterwards took place in the standard and Surprise methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HORNSEY.**

The ancient tower of St. Mary's, Hornsey, was the venue of a meeting of the North and East District on Saturday last, and for a six-bell meeting the attendance was a very fair one. This tower stands alone, the old church having been pulled down a few years ago, and the movement of the edifice affects the go of the bells very considerably. The ringing was, however, generally good, as well as being in a variety of methods, including Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. It was a real pleasure to see Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., present, and in fairly good health in spite of his 89 years of age, and he was given a cordial welcome.

The Rector (the Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell) took the usual short service, after which tea was served in the Parish Hall. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), who was supported by Mr. A. W. Coles (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), etc. Seven new members, including Mr. Cornelius Charge, of New Zealand, were elected, and it was announced that the district annual meeting would be held at Edmonton on Saturday, January 30th.

It was decided that the association should be officially represented at the Stedman Tercentenary celebration at Cambridge on Dec. 5th.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Rector, and to Mr. G. W. Blee for making the very satisfactory meeting arrangements, there was a little handbell ringing, followed by a further visit to the tower. Here another old friend, Mr. Sidney Wade, put in a belated but none the less welcome appearance, and was soon 'taught' how to ring Double Court. Thus the last meeting of the year passed in a very pleasant way—considering all things, a most successful year, with the average attendance at the meetings reaching the satisfactory total of 50. Will members note, and endeavour to beat this next year.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Thursday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 49 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. J. Smith 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, I. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD ACTIVITIES.**

Nearly 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, held at Bocking on Saturday week.

At the service the Dean of Bocking, preaching from the text, 'Ye shall be My witnesses,' said there were two sounds in life which stirred the hearts of man—the beat of the drum, which quickened the pulse and stirred the blood, and the sound of the bells, a sound which was associated with their lives in all that was uplifting. They were sounds they connected with high days and glory, which days of deep penitence and sorrow. He (the Dean) was happy to be with the members of the Essex Association at that church; to have heard them ringing the old and tuneful bells the church possessed, and to have observed the amazing skill they had acquired in the art of campanology. He was pleased to see they had that kind of discipline which, rightly understood and exercised, favourably affected mind and body. It was not easy to ring a bell—it required very real skill, muscle and nerve; it demanded training of the mind. It demonstrated a wonderful harmony in many ways, a harmony the ringers were scrupulously careful not to allow anything to break. The sound of the bells conveyed the message of the Gospel to alleviate dull everyday trials—sordid, ugly, depressing things which surrounded them. To-day more than ever they wanted the uplift of bells ringing in their souls. On the bellringers, therefore, there rested a glorious responsibility, and the whole Church had reason to be glad of the existence of organisations such as the Essex Association—to be proud of its very high tradition which Essex people greatly esteemed.

Following the service tea was served in the Church Room, and subsequently the annual meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, who was supported by the Dean of Bocking and Messrs. A. Saunders, F. Ridgewell, W. Tyler and W. J. Nevard.

The Chairman expressed regret at the absence from the annual gathering of Mr. Lewis Wiffen, who was so keenly interested in the art of change ringing, and also that of Mr. Fred Rudkin, of Braintree, who at the age of 74 was one of their oldest ringers, and who, he was sorry to say, was dangerously ill. (Mr. Rudkin has since passed away.)

The annual report was submitted by Mr. F. Ridgewell, the district secretary, who said that during the past year meetings had been held at Rayne, Kelvedon, Great Bardfield, Foxearth and Bocking, with an average attendance of 38 (applause). Twelve members had been elected as follows: Two hon. life members, one non-resident life member, seven ringing members and two probationers. Since the last annual meeting, said Mr. Ridgewell, the record number of 38 peals had been rung in the division on towers and handbells in the following methods: Tower peals: Bob Minor 1, three-Minor methods 1, four-Minor Methods 3, five-Minor methods 1, seven-Minor methods 1, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Major 2, Double Norwich 6, Superlative Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 5, Bristol Surprise 1, London Surprise 2. On handbells: Bob Minor 5, Oxford Minor 1, Kent Minor 1, Bob Major 2, Kent Major 2. Among those who had conducted the peals were W. Keeble (13), O. Brayd (nine) and W. Arnold and L. W. Wiffen (five each).

The report having been received with enthusiasm, the Chairman observed that the record was certainly a very good one, and he thought they could congratulate themselves on the fact that the association was carrying on a very useful work (hear, hear). Mr. Howard proceeded to thank retiring officers for the efficient services they had rendered the association during the year, especially the Ringing Master, Mr. Arthur Saunders, of Greenstead Green, and their district secretary, Mr. Fred Ridgewell, of Earls Colne, who had carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner. They were greatly indebted to these two officials, who brought to bear on the work a great deal of experience and to whom they tendered their best thanks (applause).

Replying to his re-election as Ringing Master, Mr. Saunders said he considered it a great honour to hold the position, and promised to do his best to see that the work was efficiently carried out during the year.

Mr. Ridgewell spoke of his interest in the work and of the pleasure it gave him to discharge the duties connected with the office of district secretary (applause).

The Dean of Bocking was elected an honorary member, three ringing members were elected and three probationers.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, in an interesting speech, said he had rung in 720 towers in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, including 152 towers in Essex and more than 100 in Suffolk. There was not a county in England in which he had not rung. So far this year he had rung in 66 different towers (applause).

The Chairman said this was a remarkable record and an inspiration to them all. He knew that Mr. Nevard had on several occasions rung as many as nine hours out of the 24 (applause).

It was announced that a collection made for association funds had realised 12s.

It was agreed to hold the next gathering at Felstead on the first Saturday in February.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT STANWICK.

Three new bells have been added to those in the church of Stanwick, Northamptonshire, which has now a ring of five. Of the previously existing ring of three bells, No. 1 has been rehung 'dead,' No. 2 has been recast and No. 3 rehung on ball bearings. With the three newly-added bells, they have been rehung in a metal frame for six. The work was dedicated on Sunday, November 15th, by the Rt. Rev. C. H. Blagden, Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

The bells were rung during the dedication service by a band of ringers from Raunds, assisted by Dr. Daniels, from Stamford, a relative of the lady who gave the 2nd bell.

There was a crowded congregation at the service, which took place in the afternoon, and the sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. A large number of ringers attended, including the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) and Mrs. Wilford, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mr. F. Barber (secretary of the Wellingborough District), Mr. W. Perkins, Mr. A. Y. Tyler (Irthlingborough), etc.

Various 120's of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung after the dedication service, when an adjournment was made for tea, some of the ringers being invited by parishioners, while the rest were kindly entertained at the hotel by Mr. Cyril Johnston, whose kindness was much appreciated.

The bells were rung for the evening service by the Irthlingborough ringers, assisted by Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. F. Barber and Mr. H. Pettitt. Although the bells are a very light peal, and there is a long draught of rope (the bells being rung from the floor of the tower), with the assistance of rope guides the bells are rung with ease and comfort. Everyone was perfectly satisfied and of the opinion a good and sound job had been carried out by the founders.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follow:—

- 1: F. 1931. 3 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.
 - 2: E fiat. A.M.D.G. D.D. Mary Eliz. Wetenhall. 1931. 4 cwt. 17 lb.
 - 3: D. Benedictus Dominus. D.D. Parochiani. 1931. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.
 - 4: C. Ihs Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei Gloria Deo Soli Anno Dom. 1721. Recast 1931. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
 - 5: R fiat. Celorum Christe Placiat Tibi Rex Souva Iste. 1613. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.
- On bells 1-4: Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.
Sanctus: Simon De Nazfelde Me Feicit.

A FOUNDER OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK RUDKIN.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick Rudkin, which took place on November 18th at the Bull Inn, Braintree, where he had been landlord for 24 years. His health had been failing for some time, but he had attended to his business until recently.

Before the bells were augmented to eight in 1899 the deceased was a member of the old Braintree company, who practised over 30 Minor methods, including London Surprise. He conducted at Braintree the first 720 rung in that method in Essex on September 8th, 1883.

The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was one of the founders of the Essex Association. Although he had not done much ringing for several years past, he kept up his interest in the association and was present at the jubilee celebration in 1929.

For 39 years he was a member of the Braintree Fire Brigade and for 17 years captain. He was personally presented with a medal by Queen Victoria in 1887 and also had the long service medal. He was a member of the Town Band in his earlier days and had held every office, except that of secretary, in the Foresters' 'Court Campile,' of which he was a member.

Mr. Rudkin was twice married. He leaves two sons and a daughter in bereavement.

There was a large assembly at Braintree Cemetery at his funeral on Saturday last. The assistant priest (the Rev. R. Woodhams) officiated. In addition to representatives of the various bodies with which Mr. Rudkin had been associated, there were present Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master, N.E. Division), Messrs. H. E. Hammond (Braintree), H. Emery and H. C. Young (Stebbing), representing the Essex Association. Among the many floral tributes was one from the Essex Association.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on the bells as a tribute of respect: S. Warne 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, F. Ely 5, A. Wiffen 6, G. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

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ASHTON BELLS RESTORED.**NEW TREBLE FOR A NORTANTS RING.**

The dedication of Ashton, Northants, church bells, which have been augmented to five, the old four having been tuned and restored, took place on Saturday, November 14th, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The ringers taking part in the opening touch were Messrs. F. Wilford, B. Soden, J. Townsend, R. Smith and J. Taylor.

Tea was provided in the Church Hut and was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Beveridge), supported by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, the churchwardens and a large company of parishioners and friends.

A large number of ringers were also present from the surrounding villages, including the Rev. R. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham and secretary of the Towcester District.

Various 120's of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung during the evening, everyone being pleased with the 'go' of the bells. The old frame has been strengthened, and all new fittings, including ball bearings, have been supplied to the bells. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and delight was expressed with the great improvement which has been brought about.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting to be held by the Western Division of the Sussex Association at the newly-affiliated tower of St. Mary's, Washington, took place on Saturday. Members to the number of 30 attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Icklingfield, Kirdford, Henfield, Brighton, Slinfold, Steyning, Shoreham, West Grinstead, Warnham and the local band.

After being welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Patrick), ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. Later the ringers attended a short service conducted by the Vicar, who also acted as organist. Tea was then partaken at the village tea rooms.

A short business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. Charman, followed, when the following new members were elected: Mr. Allen Parker, of Icklingfield; Cecil Wood, of Billingshurst; Alex. Lamb, of Steyning; and Mr. Gordon Wooton, of Witley, non-resident member.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, to Mr. Charman for presiding and to Mr. Settatre for making the arrangements, the members adjourned to the belfry, the bells being kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise until 8 o'clock. The ringers were unanimous in their praise of the bells, which were overhauled and augmented to six in 1930.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held at Redhill on Saturday last, over 40 ringers attending during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Buckland, Crawley, East Grinstead, Godstone, Horley, Limpsfield Chart, Reigate, St. Peter's, South Croydon, St. Lawrence Jewry, London, Turner's Hill, Westerham, and the local band.

The bells, which have just recently been rehung, etc., by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were set going about 3 o'clock.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. L. E. Mantering, Vicar of St. John's. In the course of his address the Vicar gave the association a hearty welcome to his tower.

A move was next made to the Parochial Hall for tea, 39 sitting down. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, Mr. Frank Lucas, of Horley, and Mr. Reginald Jenkins, of Reigate, were elected as resident members, and the election of Messrs. Jos. Wren and Ernest Ladd, of East Grinstead, Mr. Philip Thompson, of Hartfield, and Mr. Albert Edwards, of Robertsbridge, as non-resident life members was confirmed. The annual district meeting is to be held at Horley in January.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to Mr. Bashford for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. and Mrs. Gear for their assistance in arranging the meeting.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major.

KENT RINGER BEREAVED.

Members of the Exercise will extend their sympathy to Mr. George Hayes, of Swanscombe, one of the oldest members of the Kent Association, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife, who died on October 31st.

Visitors to Swanscombe in bygone days will remember the hospitality shown to them by Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, who always welcomed visitors to their native home, and the parting is even more painful owing to Mr. Hayes having been in delicate health for a number of years, unable to follow his occupation, and through his complaint being debarrd from taking his accustomed place in the belfry.

The interment took place in Swanscombe Cemetery on Thursday, November 5th, the officiating clergyman being the Rector of Swanscombe, the Rev. Campbell Ward, an honorary member of the Kent Association.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, November 22nd, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, F. G. Hooper 3, E. H. Clulow 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, E. Foster 6, G. E. Foster 7, J. F. Milner (conductor) 8. Ringers of 4th and 7th have rung each bell in the tower in quarter of Stedman. Ringer of tenor has conducted a quarter of Stedman from each bell.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—For morning service, on November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. A. Green 1, F. Wilford 2, F. Case 3, H. Ridgway 4, L. Smith 5, T. Roberts 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Paddy 8. Arranged for Mr. F. Wilford.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,248 London Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, W. H. Hewett 2, E. F. Pike 3, F. Digby 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, J. E. Davis 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

BUSHEY HEATH.—At St. Peter's Church on Sunday, November 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 44 mins.: W. J. Simons 1, G. Marlborough 2, E. Ashby 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, C. Cook 5, T. Norris 6, J. E. Rootes 7, G. E. Goodship (conductor) 8. The first quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th, and the first quarter-peal as conductor.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service on November 22nd at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Stirland 1, W. Pollard 2, W. A. James 3, J. P. Pollard 4, A. Elliott 5, W. Stirland 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, W. Beresford 8.

ERTH, KENT.—On Sunday evening, November 22nd, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: P. Deblin 1, F. A. Coley 2, E. C. Patten 3, A. G. Hill 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum (conductor) 7, W. C. Darke 8.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church for evensong on November 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,273 changes) by members of St. Nicolas' company: T. J. Elton 1, *A. Collier 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazelden 5, *T. Theobald 6, G. Tompsett 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. G. Heath 10. * First quarter in method.

HARPENDEN.—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Jarman 1, A. Day 2, R. Newson 3, A. Batchelor 4, L. E. Goodenough 5, D. Dellar 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, F. Messenger 8. Longest touch by F. Messenger. First quarter of Stedman by A. Batchelor and D. Dellar. All are Sunday service ringers except L. E. Goodenough, who hails from Luton.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Lawrence on Sunday, November 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes): George E. Fearn 1, H. H. Fearn (first quarter in the method 'inside') 2, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 3, A. Chambers 4, C. H. Stanley 5, J. Withers, jun., 6, Charles Webb 7, J. Withers, sen., 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 1st, at the Church of All Saints, for evensong, on the occasion of the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Woodiss 1, Col. T. F. Parkinson 2, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 3, J. A. Hobson 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, T. Norman 6, R. I. George 7, E. F. Wooloff 8.

IRISH RINGERS' HALF-PEAL.

Members of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association rang a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) on Saturday, November 7th, in 1 hour 29 mins., at the Church of SS. Philip and James, Holywood: J. Mann 1, R. McClelland 2, W. Pratt 3, J. Savage 4, J. Rush 5, S. McClelland (conductor) 6. This was rung on the back six, after meeting short for Triples, and was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. This is the longest unassisted touch by the ringers, all of whom are members of the Sunday service band at Holywood Church.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on November 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at The Cafe, next the church, at 5 p.m. Meeting follows.—H Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. A good muster will be encouraging.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each. Kindly notify Mr. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. Noel Cawthorne, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Manley, a by-meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, November 28th. Service, with address, after which the Vicar invites all ringers attending to tea at the Vicarage.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 3.20 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, if possible. Please send card to Mr. W. T. Wilson for same.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28th, at St. Giles' in the Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are urged to attend, as important business will be discussed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Nominations for District officers for 1932 must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, November 28th. Bells available from three o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at five o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary, Long Ashton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilary's Church, Wallasey, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know if they require tea?—H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milprow, November 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Homer, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 28th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector, the Rev. B. Herklots. Tea at the Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Combined practice at Highclere (8 bells) on Saturday, November 28th, at 5.30.—F. S. H. Marie, Hon. Sec., Newtown Parsonage, Newbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The three new trebles at Lytchet Matravers, making a ring of 6, are to be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset, on Advent Sunday, November 29th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service from 8 till 9.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on December 1st (8 p.m.); St. Magnus' on the 3rd, 17th and 31st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 5th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than December 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, December 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by November 28th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas', Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, December 5th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street. Visitors welcome. Outstanding subscriptions can be paid, and any alteration of addresses notified for next year's report. Will ringers wishing to attend this meeting endeavour to be there by 2.30 p.m., so that the Stedman method may be rung in honour of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman?—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Linton after service in the Institute. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone. Please try to notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. For tea please send postcard to Mr. J. W. Smithson, 22, Hooton Street, Sheffield, not later than Thursday, December 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Mr. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Potterne bells also available in the evenings.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Tuesday, December 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Ratby, Leicester.—The dedication of the two new bells of the augmented ring of eight by Taylors, Loughborough, will take place on December 5th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by December 2nd.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Bowness-on-Windermere on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, December 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business to follow. Half rail fares to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society).—Meetings for December at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday, December 6th, 10 a.m.; Mondays December 14th and 28th, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, December 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 9th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on December 12th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in the Church Hall. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 8th? All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and Dis. Society, the Barnsley and Dis. Society and the Southern Division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (eight) available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatecroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 9th for same. Good bus service from Rotherham, Mexborough and Conisborough. Burrowes buses from Leeds, Wakefield and Barnsley pass the church every hour.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by December 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, December 12th, a by-meeting will be held at Gravesend.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Kindly advise me for tea by Tuesday, December 8th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindley, Huddersfield, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. H. Smith, 86, Broomfield Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, not later than Wednesday, December 9th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Taylor will probably give a lecture on 'The Proving of Peals' at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, December 12th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Feasegate Restaurant at 4.30 p.m. to those who notify Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by Thursday, December 10th. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on December 12th. A service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Good bus service by the church.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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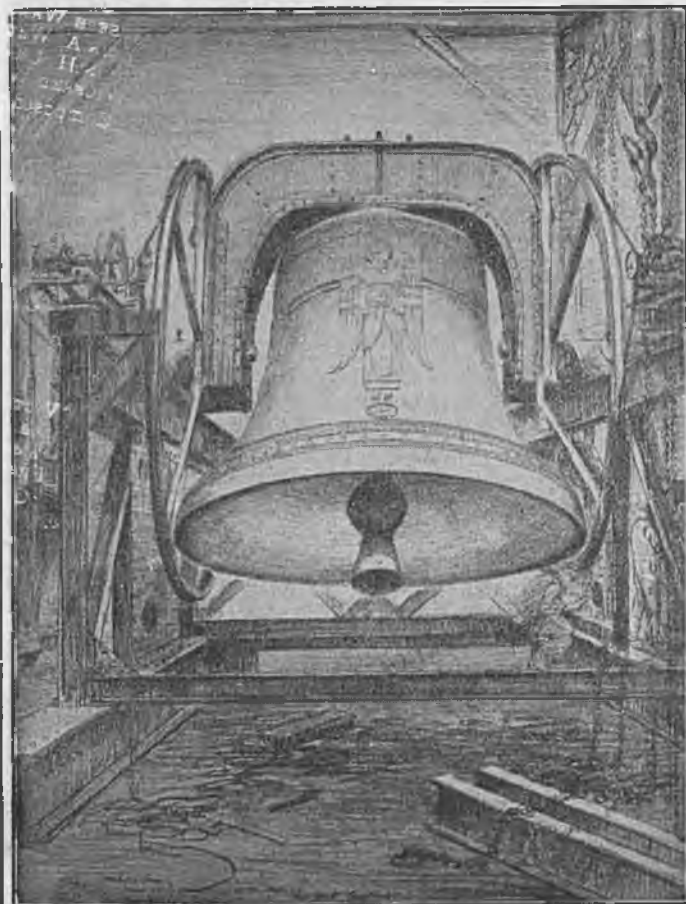
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Ringers are notoriously loose in their terminology. In connection with both the science and art of ringing they use expressions which have different meanings under different circumstances; sometimes they use different terms to indicate the same thing, and sometimes a term is used which, strictly, does not represent what it is intended to convey. This practice has grown up largely because the men who first used the words in their different applications were not, probably, capable of drawing fine distinctions, but the terms which they employed have remained with us to this day. The Rev. H. Drake, in his letter in this issue, tries to make plain a point that is still not appreciated by many ringers—the difference between 'rows' and 'changes.' With the question of what is right or wrong in the wording of the Painswick peal board we are not concerned in this article, but the right use of the words 'rows' and 'changes' has a not unimportant bearing on certain other questions in connection with peal ringing. There is, for instance, a considerable school of thought which holds that a peal of Minor cannot be considered true unless it consists of seven extents each completed before the next is begun, that each 720 must start from and end with rounds. In this case each extent is produced by 720 'changes.' There are others who think that an extent can be equally true if it consists of the 720 'rows'—which need not necessarily mean quite the same thing as 720 'changes.' There is, of course, a third view that a peal of Minor is true as long as, in the 5,040, no row occurs more than seven times, although individual 720's, true in themselves, are dispensed with. Into this last phase of the question we do not propose to enter here, but we want to emphasise the fact that there is need for ringers to recognise that there is a difference between a 'row' and a 'change.' A 'row' is a set of figures representing a distinct permutation; a 'change' is a rearrangement in the order of striking the bells, and it is because it takes two rows to make the first change that the idea has grown up that a method begins with the first change after rounds. A method, however, is constructed of rows, and the first row of any method with a hunt is rounds. When a method is rung the bells change from permutation to permutation, but the initial rounds is as essential to the first change as the final rounds to the last. Both, however, cannot count, and it is custom alone that has led us to count only the final rounds. That the initial rounds is an essential part of the method is recognised in the latest edition of the Collection of Minor Methods, where the line, which used to be drawn under

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this row, is transferred to the other end of the lead, where it makes a division between the hand and back-stroke leads of the treble. And let it not be supposed that this is merely a modern way of looking at a method. Fabian Stedman, in his first book, 'Tintinnalogia,' printed all his figures with the initial rounds as part of the method and, if he put a dividing line, it was in front of the final rounds. If the initial rounds is, therefore, an essential part of the method, there is strong reason why it should be taken into account in settling the truth of an extent.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5051 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*FREDERICK HANNINGTON	Treble	ERNEST COOMBS	...	5
WILLIAM HEATH	...	ERNEST STITCH	...	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	...	GEORGE LARGE	...	8
ALBERT J. PITMAN	...	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	...	9
JOHN W. JONES	...	SKYMOOR R. BARKER	...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. James Abraham Lewis, B.A., who was inducted as Vicar on November 14th, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham, to whom the above band offer their sincere congratulations on his recovery. Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way he handled and struck his bell throughout the peal, having only one arm, the result of a railway accident some years ago.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

ERNEST G. HIGGIN	...	Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG	...	6
FRANK ROWSELL	...	...	FRANK BENNETT	...	7
HENRY J. TUCKER	...	...	HENRY STALHAM	...	8
*BERNARD SAUNDERS	...	...	ROBERT J. DAWE	...	9
ALFRED W. GROVES	...	...	GEORGE W. STOKES	...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. RADFORD	Treble	†WILLIAM W. THORNE	...	6
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	...	*GEORGE TOMSETT	...	7
†SIDNEY ELTON	...	†WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	...	8
*ARTHUR COLLIER	...	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...	9
WILLIAM J. WHITING	...	CHARLES HAZELDEN	...	Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ANTHONY R. PRICE	...	Treble	†CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
ALFRED BACON	...	...	LEE FEATHERBY	6
*ERNEST J. MASTIN	...	...	EDWARD BARKER	7
*CHARLES NEWMAN	...	...	REV. B. H. TYRWITT-DRAKE	Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ... Treble	THOMAS ELLIOTT ... 5
WILLIAM HOYLE ... 2	ISAAC FARMER ... 6
†HENRY W. LLOYD ... 3	JAMES J. HOLE ... 7
WALTER G. DIBBLE ... 4	*WILFRED OWENS ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. All are Sunday service ringers.

WYRARDISHURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

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

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*LESLIE W. PAICE ... Treble	EDWARD LANGLEY ... 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 2	SAMUEL C. ADAMS ... 6
FRANK LUSH ... 3	EDGAR HUMPHREY ... 7
JOHN RANCE ... 4	WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN ... 2	WILLIAM SEELY ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 3	HAROLD J. CASHMORE ... 7
EDWARD P. ASHEY ... 4	WILLIAM CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

Umpire—FREDK. W. BRINKLOW.

The author's short course seven part peal, No. 29, which is now rung for the first time. The umpire checked every call and course-end.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 19, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	†GEORGE ROBBINS ... 5
EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 2	†JOHN TAYLOR ... 6
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DOUGLAS ELLENDER ... 4	FRANK ROUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for William Georgio Webster, for 30 years a ringer at Stoke Church, who was interred in the adjoining churchyard on the above date.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A Hat.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	†THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	TOM SAUNDERS ... 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... 3	†GEORGE KENWARD ... 7
*ARTHUR P. CANNON ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Major. † 100th peal of Major. ‡ 50th peal for the Kent County Association. Birthday peal for C. T. G. Sone. This composition (No. 383) is now rung for the first time.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 20, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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CECIL BARRETT ... 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Stedman.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN POTTER ... Treble	CHRIS GUDGEON ... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... 2	MATTHEW BERRY ... 6
JOHN DENNER ... 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 7
*JAMES DENNER ... 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Potter, wife of the conductor.

MAIVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... Treble	FRED HAWKES ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... 7
DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

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BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.			
REGINALD POSTON Treble	ARTHUR ALFORD 5		
JOHN J. WEBB 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6		
*GLYN SHAW 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7		
WILLIAM T. POSTON 4	† HARVEY WYNNE Tenor		

Conducted by W. POSTON.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. J. J. Webb has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.			
WILLIAM E. WILSON Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 5		
THOMAS CALDERBANK 2	† JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 6		
*JIM TEBAY 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7		
JOHN BROWN 4	JAMES HARRISON Tenor		

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman away from tenor. 25th peal together for the 3rd and 5th ringers, who hail from Windermere and Kendal respectively.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.			
EDWIN C. BIRKETT Treble	JAMES E. SMITH 5		
ROBERT SPERRING 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6		
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7		
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor		

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Superlative on the bells. J. F. Smith's first peal in the method, and rung on the occasion of his 21st birthday.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.			
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. Treble	† LIONEL CLOUGH 5		
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6		
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3	† JOHN WORTH 7		
*HARRY LANGLEY 4	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor		

Composed by J. S. WILKINSON. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.
* First peal of Bristol. † First attempt for a peal of Bristol. First peal in the method as conductor.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.			
JOHN MALYAN Treble	* GILBERT DEBENHAM 5		
*FREDERICK SPICER 2	THOMAS HULL 6		
*HAROLD FROST 3	FRANCIS KIRK 7		
BEN JARMAN 4	† GEORGE CURL Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Debenham and Mr. George Debenham. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Harpenden for the use of the bells, as St. Peter's bells at St. Albans, on which the attempt was to have been made for the peal, are being overhauled.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, October 11th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Lambert 1, E. J. Ladd 2, B. Saunders 3, P. Thompson 4, J. O. Weller 5, J. Wren 6, E. J. Oliver (conductor) 7, S. W. Chesson 8.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5		
*GEORGE E. FEARN 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6		
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7		
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor		

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* First peal of Major in the method.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY SIMMONDS Treble	*SYDNEY TAYLOR 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	RICHARD A. POST 6
WILLIAM G. COLLETT 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
GEORGE ESSEX 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Simmonds.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
HENRY JENNINGS 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
This composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 20th.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.			
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5		
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 2	JOE GREENWOOD 6		
JOHN WINDLE 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7		
CLIFFORD ELLISON 4	CECIL DRAKE Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Ernest Ambler, son of the conductor, and Miss C. Bairstow, youngest daughter of the 2nd ringer.

DIDSBURY, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

SAMUEL GREENHALGH Treble	FRANK MERRETT 5
ALFRED FROST 2	WILLIAM H. SEUKER 6
THOMAS JONES 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
SAMUEL HOLT 4	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.
Arranged for Frank Merrett, of Bath, who was on a visit to Manchester, it being his first peal in the method.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church for morning service, November 22nd, 1,280 London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, G. Plater (first quarter-peal in this method) 3, J. G. Nash 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 51 mins.: Mrs. King (first quarter-peal Grandsire Caters) 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, D. Pink 3, E. H. King 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

W. SPICE, SEN. Treble	G. KENWARD 5
S. TAYLOR 2	W. WALKER 6
S. SHELLOCK 3	F. BELSEY 7
W. WOOD 4	W. GORMAN Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary, also to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the wedding of W. Spice, which fell on the previous Thursday.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. D. Thurston, uncle of ringer of second.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH BIGGS Treble	FRED BIGGS 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SYDNEY G. THOMPSON Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
*THOMAS GREENHALL 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
*KEITH W. WHITTLE 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	LAURENCE POULSON 7
*PERCY L. JOHNSON 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Saturday, October 10th, at the Parish Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Goodyer 1, *H. Hunt 2, Miss S. Davis 3, R. N. Runham 4, H. Smith 5, P. J. Dyke 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, *D. Sellers 8. * First quarter of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Goodyer.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. G. H. CROSS Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Specially arranged as a birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

O Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS DORIS BLENOWE Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
MISS PATRICIA HOLLOWAY 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. 6
EDWARD SNELLER 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
KINGSLEY BURT 4	GEORGE HOLLOWAY Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*W. SOUTHGATE Treble	E. DURRANT 4
A. B. KING 2	H. WRIGHT 5
W. Y. WILDNEY 3	E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by E. DAVEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	HARRY TYSOR 4
WALLACE CHURCH 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
REGINALD WEST 3	THOMAS HARPIN Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

60th peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	WILLIAM NIBLETT 4
*WILLIAM O. GARDNER 2	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 5
WILLIAM HALFORD 3	FREDERICK STANTON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 64th anniversary of this church.

STEVINGTON, BEDS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of London Single and 12 six-scores each of Grand-sire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

AMOS SMART Treble	ALFRED J. ELLIOT 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	JOSEPH J. PARTRIDGE 4
	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Killamars, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSHUA WORMALD Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 4
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	PERCY MASSAM 5
FRANK ELLIS 3	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.

Rung fully muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Eli Moss, formerly sexton of the above church for 38 years.

TREVETHIN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes;
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 6-4-8 covering. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. JONES Treble	† A. G. WILLIAMS 5
C. TRIMPLE 2	* S. ASHER 6
W. V. COWLEY 3	T. LADE 7
* H. JONES 4	* A. THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by T. LADE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE Treble	GEORGE MILES 4
* EDWARD W. PALMER 2	† JACK C. BELCHAM 5
* JAMES C. BRACKLEY 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASHWELL, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORFREY WILLIAMS Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
ROBERT HOWARD 2	SIDNEY CARTER 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is believed to be the first peal on these bells, which are a grand ring. The Rector (the Rev. H. A. Griffith) kindly entertained the band to tea before the peal.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM OLIVER Treble	* ROBERT RAWLINGS 4
* HERBERT E. HALL 2	* ROBERT T. SIMPSON 5
* GEORGE W. HUTCHINSON 3	ROBERT B. ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

* First peal.

LOWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE Treble	JACK D. BELL 4
* REGINALD BUTCHER 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 5
* STANLEY ROBINSON 3	GEORGE W. JEFFS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. JEFFS.

* First peal of Minor.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents in five methods, viz., 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG Treble	HARRY GIBBARD 4
JOHN R. KEMP 2	GEORGE A. COLEMAN 5
JOHN R. YOUNG 3	GEORGE COLERMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE COLEMAN.

The peal was arranged for H. Gibbard, of Rippingale.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HENRY COOPER Treble	† WILLIAM H. HODNETT 4
† S. HERBERT QUARRY 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
† H. DONALD SHEPLEY 3	HAROLD W. KIRKHAM Tenor

Conducted by H. V. COOPER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. All the above are service ringers, and this was the first peal on the bells by a local band. Rung as part of the centenary celebrations at this church.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JOHN W. ENGLAND Treble	* CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE 4
ERNEST A. WILSON 2	† CECIL M. BECKLEY 5
CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE 3	TOM CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in four methods.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of Plain Bob, six of Canterbury and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

ERNEST A. MARSH Treble	GEORGE HOLLOCK 4
HENRY FAULKNER 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR C. NASON Treble	JOHN J. PRICE 4
ROBERT A. GITTENS 2	HUBERT JONES 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSHUA PARTRIDGE Treble	SYDNEY FOSKETT 4
AMOS SMART 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

HINTON ST. GEORGE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN Treble	THOMAS J. SETTER 4
HENRY J. SANGER 2	H. JIM RALPH 5
SIDNEY A. RICKETTS 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on this excellent ring of bells, which have recently been retuned and hung in a new frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sunday, November 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ALFRED L. RYMAN Treble	*PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4
†GEORGE LAMBERT 2	JOHN O. WELLER 5
JAMES W. KNIGHT 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred L. Ryman.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE BENTLEY COLLIERY DISASTER.

The bells of Doncaster Parish Church were rung half-muffled throughout the day on Sunday as a token of respect to the 44 miners who lost their lives in the explosion at Bentley colliery. Before the memorial service held in the afternoon, when the Archbishop of York addressed the mourners, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 minutes, together with the 'whole pull and stand,' the tenor being tolled by Mr. F. Newsome. The ringers of the quarter-peal were: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clark 4, F. Newsome 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, H. Wagstaff 7, H. Baldwin 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch, held at Newbury, was attended by about seventy ringers, including visitors from Hereford, Devizes, Reading, Basingstoke, Mortimer, Overton, Aldermaston, Marlow and Abingdon. Service was conducted by the Rector of Newbury (the Rev. W. L. Cooper), assisted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the address being given by the Rev. W. L. Cooper. Mr. Ramsey presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, 65 sitting down to an excellent repast.

The business meeting followed, over the first part of which the Master presided, in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. H. Bonsey), who sent an apology, and also said he wished to resign the chairmanship, as he found he could not attend the meetings of the branch. Apologies were also received from the Rev. H. Wardley-King, Rev. R. C. Moore, Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters, Rev. A. Brown-ing, Mr. E. J. Davis and Mr. C. A. Hawker (churchwarden).

Mr. H. W. Curtis (honorary secretary and treasurer) presented his report. Six peals had been rung in the branch, and meetings had been well attended.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £13 7s. 2d., was read and adopted.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was unanimously elected chairman of the branch. Mr. H. W. Curtis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Messrs. S. Quinlin, T. Curtis, F. J. Owen and A. Smith were re-elected as representatives on the general committee.

Good reports were received from nearly every tower in the branch. The Master referred to the illness of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (Rector of Sandhurst), late chairman of the branch. He added that he was sorry there were not so many clergy present at that meeting as in previous years.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), complimented the East Isley ringers on ringing a local peal, and Mr. A. J. Wright congratulated the branch on the number of its honorary members, which, he said, was second for the whole of the Guild.

The next meeting was fixed for Shaw in February, and the spring meeting for Hampstead Norris in April, the dates being left to the secretary to arrange.

Four new members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. L. Cooper for his address and welcome to the ringers; to the organist; and to Mrs. Curtis and her helpers. The tower was again visited and the bells kept going till nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will those who attended the meeting of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) at Hillingdon on October 31st please note, that copies of the photograph taken on that day are now available. The three-quarter plate size (mounted) are 2s. each and postcards 6d. To secure a copy, please send your requirements to F. W. Goodfellow, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex, who can vouch that the result is very successful.

There are some towers which ringers, according to the success or otherwise which attends their efforts, consider 'lucky' or 'unlucky.' It appears, also, that there are bells which come into the same categories. Last Saturday Mr. G. Whiting rang the sixth at Framden to a peal for the first time. It is twenty-nine years since he first attempted to do so.

Large placards bring to the notice of Bristol people the usefulness of the B.U.R.G. A request from the Lord Mayor of Bristol has been acceded to, and combined Guilds will give handbell selections at the Colston Hall on March 10th, 1932. An audition has also been granted to the Guilds, and it is quite likely at an early date that the B.U.R.G. will give a broadcast from West Regional area.

The members of the new Guild of Ringers at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol, have been elected as members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The story of the rivalry between the two Norwich companies of ringers to ring the first peal of Stedman Triples has often been told. St. Peter Mancroft ringers claimed the first, on October 25th, 1731. The truth of the peal was disputed by the ringers of St. Michael at Coslany, who themselves rang a peal on December 6th in the same year. That was exactly 200 years ago next Sunday.

In this steeple on the sixth of December, 1731, was rung that most incomparable as well as intricate peal of Stedman Triples, which had been long ye Study of many well skilled in the Art of Ringing but without Success till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application brought it to perfection with two Doubles. This peal contains 5,040 Triple changes, 2 Doubles only excepted and is allowed by all Judges of the Art to be the most Ingenuous Peal that till now has been composed.

That is part of the record on the peal board in the tower. It is an interesting coincidence that the 200th anniversary of this peal falls on almost the same day as the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of the author of the method.

Forty-eight years ago next Tuesday the 'five ones' (11,111) Stedman Caters was rung at Fulham. Although that was nearly nearly half a century ago, half the band are still alive, and most of that half are still engaged in ringing. The tenorman, Mr. Walter Prime, can be seen any Sunday on the 'big box' at St. Paul's Cathedral 'drumming' to the celebrated 'three courses of Stedman Cinques' for service. Frank Dawe, Challis Winney and John Rowbotham also still have an active interest in ringing.

Although the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral was rung only two years before (December 10th, 1881—so that the jubilee occurs next Thursday), there are now no survivors of that company of College Youths.

BELLS IN PROSE AND VERSE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am hoping to publish an anthology of passages in English literature, both prose and verse, which deal with the subjects of bells and ringing. May I make an appeal to your readers for assistance in collecting material for this book, which should, I think, prove of interest to a large number of ringers? All suggestions forwarded to the following address will be gratefully acknowledged.—Yours truly,

C. E. WIGG.

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

THE CHAPEL YOUTHS OF STOURBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As there is no mention of the Chapel Youths of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, in Mr. E. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' under ancient ringing societies, perhaps the following paragraph which appeared in 'Borrow's Worcester Journal' of October 12th, 1775, will be of interest to the author and ringers in general:—

'We hear that last week the new peal of eight bells at Walsall which was cast by Mr Rudhall of Gloucester was opened by several Societies of ringers from Birmingham and other parts but on the 2d inst the society of Chapel Youths from Stourbridge rung five handed the first true peal of 5,040 Bob Majors in 3 hours and 10 minutes to the General Satisfaction of the Inhabitants.'

Yours faithfully,

L. C. DOWDESWELL.

Worcester.

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

TO-MORROW'S HISTORIC GATHERING AT CAMBRIDGE.

The stage is set for to-morrow's great and historic gathering of ringers at Cambridge, when Fabian Stedman's tercentenary will be celebrated. The restoration of the tower and bells of St. Benedict's Church has been completed, and the work will be offered as a thanksgiving from the ringers of Great Britain, Ireland and overseas to the memory of one whose labours, nearly three hundred years ago, did so much for our art.

Although the month is December, ringers are travelling from all parts of the country to be present upon this unique occasion, while thousands of others will, we are sure, be there in spirit, and many of them will share in making the celebration a truly national event by ringing in their own towers.

The service at St. Benedict's Church is timed for three o'clock, and ticket holders should be in their seats by 2.50 p.m. The service will be conducted by the Vicar, and the lessons read by the Rural Dean and the Master of Corpus Christi College—Vice Chancellor.

After the second lesson the clergy will proceed to the tower, where the president of the Central Council will unveil the bell-metal memorial tablet and request Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely, to dedicate the work. When this has been done, and while the procession returns to the chancel, a special band, consisting of the president of the Council and the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Essex Association and the Middlesex Association, will ring an extent of Stedman Doubles in the manner in which it was rung in Stedman's days; that is, with two 'extremes.' The sermon will be preached by Canon G. F. Coleridge. At the close of the service special representative companies will ring, and the bells will be open to bands of ticket holders. It is expected that it will take at least four hours for all who desire to ring to have a pull on the famous bells, and a limit of 120 has had to be fixed for each 'touch.' Stewards will be in charge, and will make up bands to follow each other in quick succession.

There will be a big luncheon party in Corpus Christi Dining Hall at 12.30, and after the service tea will be partaken of in two sittings in the same hall.

Early visitors who wish to be shown round some of the most interesting places in Cambridge can be provided with guides if they will call at the Lion Hotel, which will be the 'headquarters' for the day, and where a room will be reserved for the use of ringers and their friends. It is hoped that visitors will make full use of this accommodation.

In addition to St. Benedict's bells, the following will also be available:—

Great St. Mary's	(12)	11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs	(8)	1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Great St. Andrew's	(8)	
Old Chesherton	(6)	11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Trumpington	(6)	12 noon to 2 p.m. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Visitors will ring at these towers during these hours to suit their own convenience.

SOUVENIRS.

In connection with the commemoration, a souvenir is to be published to-morrow at the popular price of sixpence. It will contain, in addition to the details of the Tercentenary Commemoration Scheme, an article on 'Fabian Stedman,' which deals with all the known facts of his life and work, and a description of St. Benedict's Church, tower and bells, with illustrations. A complete list of the subscribers to the Tercentenary Fund will also be printed. The souvenir will be on sale at Cambridge, or may be ordered from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey, by post 8d. Every ringer should secure a copy of this booklet; it will be found to be full of interest and a pleasing memento of a unique event.

Another interesting form of souvenir will also be on sale. One of the ancient beams, which had to be taken from the tower—oak that may well be five hundred years old or more—has been converted into ash trays, and these will be disposed of for the benefit of the restoration fund.

FABIAN STEDMAN AND THE TIMES HE LIVED IN. WHEN THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE ART OF RINGING WERE LAID.

When we think of some great figure in history, we often try to visualise what manner of person he was, what his surroundings were, and what kind of life he led. Many of our readers must have tried to picture Fabian Stedman, but we have nothing but our imagination to draw upon. There is no known portrait of him. Of his character we can glean something from the work which he left to us. That he was an enthusiast for the art of ringing goes without saying; that he was anxious to secure its future is obvious from his own statement in his first treatise on the art, which, he tells us, was written in order that 'the rules thereof might not be lost and obscured to some, as the Chronicles before William the Conqueror, being given only by tradition from father to son.'

Stedman must have had a good education; that is made plain from his style of writing. He must to have had an orderly mind; he was a master of detail and had a wonderful gift of clear expression. He would seem, also, to have been a generous and friendly soul, and that he was highly respected by those who counted most in the Exercise in his time is proved by the fact that he was not only welcomed into the ranks of the College Youths of those days but, in spite of his residence in Cambridge, was elected their Steward in 1677 and their Master in 1682.

But while we know little about the man himself, it is interesting to recall something of the times in which he lived, and from them get a glimpse of the conditions under which the art of ringing was carried on. It was in Stedman's days that the Puritans rose to the height of their power and made a deep impress on the social life of the country. In their desire to put down all amusements on Sundays, they objected to the ringing of bells, even for the purpose of calling people to church. 'The Lord's Day,' says Fuller, the historian, 'began to be precisely kept. People became a law to themselves, forbearing such sports as were as yet by statute permitted: yea, many rejoicing at their own restraint therein. On this day the stoutest fencer laid aside his buckler; the most skilful archer unbent his bow; games and morris dances grew out of request; and good reason that bells should be silenced from jingling about men's legs if their very ringing in steeples were adjudged unlawful.' Even before the Civil War had run its course the Puritans laid a heavy hand on popular amusements, and in 1643 all persons were forbidden, under heavy penalties, to practise on the Lord's Day any such sports as shooting, bowling, wrestling, ringing church bells for pleasure, or dancing.

There was little ringing in those days except as a secular pastime, and it was doubtless this that, in the first instance, drew to St. Benedict's tower men of the University. They shared with Stedman the pleasure and recreation which was got from ringing. Of one such, Samuel Scattergood, we have now some definite information, brought to light recently by Mr. J. A. Trollope. Samuel Scattergood, who afterwards became an eminent divine, was the author of the 'Cambridge Peals,' which Stedman included in his 'Campanologia,' published in 1677.

London, when Stedman first knew it, was still a city of narrow streets and overhanging houses, and when he visited it in connection with the publication of his 'Tintinnalogia' the rebuilding of the city after the Great Fire was only just beginning, and St. Paul's Cathedral had not yet risen out of the ashes. Many of the houses left in the portion which escaped the ravages of the conflagration were built of wood.

Travel in those days was difficult and dangerous; the art of road making was almost unknown. Roads were merely tracks across country—in dry weather deep in dust, in wet weather a quagmire into which the wheels of a vehicle would often sink to the axles. Coaches had begun to be in general use, but many people still preferred horseback, and it was by this means that Stedman travelled in 1689, when he visited Leicester to explain 'to ye bell ringers ye desirability of establishing a Societie of Scholars for setting forth ye "artes and mysteries" of change ringing not onlie for ye edifyinge of their minds, but also for their enjoyment and the healthfull exercise of their bodies.' Highwaymen then roamed the countryside, and it may have been partly for the mutual protection which would be obtained by the presence of other travellers that Stedman chose the Leicester 'fayre tyme' to make his journey, which was no light undertaking. The difficulties of transport in those days was one of the reasons why so many of the church bells of that period were cast in the villages where they were to be used. It was easier for the bell founder to build his furnace on the spot than, in many cases, to transport new bells across country.

Stedman lived in times of great political turmoil—the trial and execution of Charles I., the period of the Commonwealth, and the restoration of the house of Stewart. The Great Plague and the Great Fire were events which preceded his first book on change ringing, and the Battle of Sedgemoor was fought after he had been Master of the College Youths. Village life in its main features remained almost the same as in the Middle Ages, and the discipline of the stocks and the pillory, as well as of the 'ducking stool' was freely used. Stedman must have watched the first great efforts made to reclaim the Fenland, which began as an adventure, with the land as its reward, from the Cambridge side. Stedman lived in stirring days; the modern history of England was in the making; and it was in this time the foundations of the art of ringing were being developed, in which Stedman played a great and lasting part.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—In honour of the Stedman Tercentenary on December 5th the peal of ten bells will be available for ringing from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Visitors and friends will be welcome.—James Pagett, Ringing Master.

'LIVELY' PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

TWO SEVEN-PARTS BY MR. J. W. PARKER.

There can be few people who look upon Stedman Triples as a monotonous method to ring, but, for those who do, here are two peals, recently rung at Bushey, which will keep everyone on the alert. They are the compositions of Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland.

Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert, the conductor of the two peals, expresses the opinion that there should be an umpire. With so many bobs and singles it would be quite easy to change any pair back again after a shift, or if, say, there are three bobs and a single in a block, to call the single anywhere, without the band knowing whether it was right or wrong.

COMPOSITION No. 29.										
2314567	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5134627					S					
2154673	S			S	S					
3154762		S							S	
3157624	S					S	S			
3254617		S				S				
3275146										
3216475	S									
3214756	S					S	S			
3516724		S				S				
3541267										
7561243	S		S							
4561273		S								

Six times repeated.

First rung at St. James', Bushey, on Thursday, November 19th, 1931, conducted by Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

COMPOSITION No. 6.										
2314567	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7345621	S									
6435271		S								
6213745				S					S	
6731425				S						
6415273	S						S			
2145763		S								
2734615				S				S		
2643175				S						
2135764	S						S			
7315624		S								
7641235				S				S		
7645213	S							S		

Six times repeated.

First rung at St. James', Bushey, on Thursday, October 29th, 1931, conducted by Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

ROWS DO NOT CHANGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter which Mr. Cave has sent to the Gloucester and Bristol papers is an excellent one in every way, and I hope it will have the desired effect. If, therefore, I comment on two points, it is not in the way of criticism, but rather to indicate how understanding could be arrived at. It is as well to have one side of the case put down definitely, but there usually has to be some give and take before a settlement is arrived at.

Mr. Cave suggests adding a line stating that the composition of the peal was false. There are several difficulties here. The tablet was fixed by a faculty. This means that such an addition (supposing, of course, that there is room for it) would have to be approved by: (a) the local church authorities; (b) the P.C.C.; (c) the Advisory Committee; (d) the Diocesan Chancellor. The latter would then probably insist on a hearing in Court, and the issue of a new faculty, with the necessary fees. Now I cannot imagine any one of these people agreeing with Mr. Cave's words. I certainly would not myself, if I were in their position. Sooner than have anything with the word false on it in the church I would dispense with the tablet. Moreover, the proposed words would not meet the objection that many of us have to the tablet. The wrong use of the word 'changes' would remain, and there would be added an unpleasant sentence which the ordinary reader would not understand. Two wrongs would emphatically not make one right.

On the other hand, if the wording has been painted, it would be a small thing to scrape off the word 'changes' and to substitute the word 'rows.' All that would be required would be to ask the Chancellor's permission, which he would probably grant, without further formality, when it was explained to him that a mistake had been made.

The other point is that Mr. Cave says that some 'changes were rung twice.' Now anyone accustomed to studying long arguments in text books (as are those persons who have permitted the erection of this tablet) would say to him—in fact, probably one of them has already said something like this to those who have used such an argument: 'What you are saying seems to me nonsense. If a thing occurs twice it is a repetition, which is the exact contrary to a change. You ringers may use the word "change" in some Pickwickian sense that makes nonsense of it to other people, but, if so, you must keep it to your own books and papers, which no one but a ringer need read. You cannot claim to have placed in a public position where anyone can read them words which appear to the ordinary person to be untrue; and then, in addition, to say that these words which are quite in accord with your own use of the word "changes" are misleading.'

Now, why is it that we of the older generation, such as Mr. Cave and Mr. C. T. Coles, use the word 'changes' in this wrong way? It is because when we learned to ring the word 'row' was not in common use. People used the word 'change' when they really meant 'row.' They spoke of 'false changes'—an obviously contradictory form of words, which I hope I never used myself.

Then someone, it may have been the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, pointed out to us that the word row was correct, and that a row does not itself change, but that it is the result of a change, or of a repetition. In the former case we call it a true row, in the latter a false row. Then it was said that changes took place 'between the rows.' This was found to mean too much; but we all agreed that 'it takes two rows to make a change.' Here is the real criterion. One row is either the same as some other row, or it is different. In the latter case there is a change; in the former case we do not say that it is a false change, or a repeated change, or a change rung twice, because any of these terms would be untrue, being self-contradictory. We simply say there is NO CHANGE.

If then, in a false peal, x number of rows are repeated, there is NO CHANGE in 2x number of rows. Thus to find out how many changes were actually rung at Painswick, we must deduct from 17,687 twice the number of rows that were repeated. How then can it possibly be true to say that 17,687 changes were rung? Those who do not see this are making the same error as those who cannot see the truth of the rule in arithmetic, which tells us that if we multiply anything by nothing, the result is nothing. If we repeat a row (i.e., multiply it by 'no change') we shall get as a result only 'no change.' We may go on repeating a row any number of times, but we still shall not get a false change, or a repeated change, or any other kind of change, but simply NO CHANGE.

Mr. C. T. Coles speaks of those people whose 'views on rows and changes do not coincide with those that Mr. Drake holds.' He does not, however, in any of his letters, tell us what those views are. I hope I have shown that there is no room for any views (either mine or anyone else's) in this matter. We do not hold views on matters of arithmetic. We simply have to accept them—that was the first thing we learnt at school. Mr. C. T. Coles also says he wishes I would tell him whether the Suffolk Guild intends to expel him. In the first words of my first letter I pointed out that the Guild intends to expel no one. I worded my resolution (which, of course, need not be the form ultimately put before us) in such a way as clearly to exclude people who, like Mr. C. T. Coles, continue to sit on the fence; and apparently have not decided whether to come down on the change ringing side or the other.

HERBERT DRAKE.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS' JUBILEE.

MESSRS. FUSSELL AND BARNETT CELEBRATE 50 YEARS' MEMBERSHIP.

On November 27th, 1881, the previous election, in the belfry of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, of William H. Fussell, as a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was formally confirmed by the society in general meeting. On December 9th of the same year Edwin Barnett, was elected a member.



MR. EDWIN BARNETT.

On Saturday last these two men, now veterans in the Exercise, stood together in the tower at Shoreditch to celebrate the jubilee of their membership. Unfortunately the peal of Stedman Cinques, which was to mark the event, was lost after three hours' ringing, but both received the congratulations of the band and good wishes for further years of health and strength to enjoy participation in the art with which they have been linked for so many years.

Mr. Fussell has rung peals in every county in England, and all but one in Wales, as well as in many in Ireland and Scotland. He is one of the greatest organisers of ringing tours who have ever taken a hand in the task, and his descriptions of these excursions always make interesting reading.

Like Mr. Fussell, Mr. Barnett has a long score of peals, accumulated through more than half a century of ringing, but he has one other claim to celebrity which his brother Cumberland will not be able to wrest from him. Mr. Barnett has rung peals in which both his son and grandson have taken part, and only the other day the three generations rang together in a peal of Stedman Triples.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday last, and nearly 30 attended. Standard methods were practised, as well as 'Spliced' Surprise Major. A short service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. W. Greenham, and Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president) read the lesson. After service, the company adjourned to the church Schoolroom for tea, ably served by the hostess, Mrs. Wilson (mother of the assistant secretary).

Mr. Trollope presided, supported by the Rev. W. D. Greenham, Mr. Goodfellow (Ringing Master), Mr. H. C. Chandler (assistant Ringing Master), etc.

At the business meeting eight new members were elected. Feltham was selected for the meeting on January 16th, and Isleworth for the annual meeting on February 6th. Due notice of these will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

It was announced that a peal of Stedman would be attempted at St. Peter's, Staines, and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, for the Stedman Tercentenary celebration on December 5th.

Touques of Grandsire Caters and Cinques were rung on the handbells by Messrs. F. Goodfellow, J. A. Trollope, G. W. Roberts, W. G. Dilson, E. S. Turner and J. Herbert.

The Ringing Master read a paper on the handling of the bell rope and the teaching of learners (supplied by Mr. Andrews, of Trowbridge, Wilts), which was most interesting and appreciated by all.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, to the Rev. W. D. Greenham, to the organist, to the hostess for the excellent tea, and to her many lady assistants, and, last but not least, to Mr. Wilfred Wilson for making the necessary arrangements, which proved so successful.

A further visit was paid to the tower and ringing maintained until nearly 9 p.m., when a pleasant meeting closed.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The November meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, November 21st. The six bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and various methods were rung until a halt for tea was called. A sumptuous meal was partaken of in the schoolroom prepared by Mrs. Hinde, an hon. member of the Guild, together with the wives of the local ringers. A few enthusiasts rang handbells after tea, but the majority returned to the belfry, where ringing continued until about eight o'clock. The attendance was splendid for a monthly meeting, Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Shilton, Stoke, Warwick and Wolvey being represented, together with the local band. The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, York and Durham Surprise.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT'S ACCESSION OF MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday last at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, between 50 and 60 members and friends being present. Amongst those who came from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Davies, of Liverpool. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and, with the assistance of the gentlemen, the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Bristol and London, with rounds for the beginners. A good course of Cambridge was also rung by members of the Guild.

A short but cheery service was conducted by the curate (Rev. L. C. Loveless), the Rector unfortunately being absent through illness. After the service tea was partaken of in the room adjoining the church, at the close of which Miss E. Steel (president of the Guild) thanked Rev. L. C. Loveless for taking the service and his cordial welcome, Miss Cornish and her helpers for the excellent tea provided, and Mr. A. W. Coles and other members of the local company for having everything in readiness and being present.

Tea being over, at the request of the Rev. Loveless, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, in which two members of the Guild took part.

Then followed the business meeting, the gentlemen having adjourned to the tower for further ringing, Miss Steel (president) being voted to the chair.

The following were elected new members: Mrs. C. I. Davies, Mrs. G. Goodship and Mrs. Shellock (hon. members), the Misses McIntior, Eades and Shorney (Milton-next-Gravesend), Mrs. E. Beer and the Misses K. Beer, D. Britton, and S. Tibbrooke (Gravesend), Miss Durling (Northfleet), Miss Colishaw (Frintsbury), Mrs. Spice (Canterbury), Miss Hoveyd (Dartford), Miss Mutton (Chislehurst), the Misses E. Greenall, P. Knights, D. Knights and L. Wheeler (Enfield), also the Misses Church, G. Pack and Prockson and Mrs. Osborne.

Mrs. R. F. Deal was re-elected vice-president. Owing to the resignation of Mrs. A. Discrens, the position of district secretary had become vacant. It was proposed by Mrs. R. F. Deal, and seconded by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, that Mrs. G. H. Cross be elected to fill this vacancy, and this, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

The following were chosen as members of the committee: Mrs. Deal, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Mitchell and Miss D. Fletcher, with Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Barker on the Central Committee.

At the kind invitation of Mrs. Mitchell, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, the date to be either at the end of February or the beginning of March.

A vote of thanks to the president concluded the meeting, and the ladies afterwards joined in further ringing.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

During the visit to London of Chief Inspector James Meldrum (Liverpool City) and Station Sergeant Peter Crook (Bolton Borough) on the occasion of the annual Police Conference, a peal a Kent Treble Bob Major, by members of the National Police Guild, was attempted at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark: P.C. E. Gwilliam 1, S.D. Inspector W. Bottrill 2, ex-P.C. F. Digby 3, Sergt. G. Schleuter 4, P.C. T. Bannister 5, Ch.-Inspector J. Meldrum 6, St. Sergt. P. Crook 7, ex-P.C. E. Brett 8. After an hour and a half's good ringing, the single light electric bulb fell out of its socket and plunged the ringing chamber into darkness. Such was the end of this attempt. An opportunity to go for this peal again in the near future will present itself, when it is to be hoped better luck will be experienced.

All the band, with the exception of Messrs. Meldrum and Crook, are serving or ex-members of the Metropolitan Police.

A CHEERY CROWD.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their monthly practice at Bray on Saturday, when the usual cheery crowd turned up. The visitors, including the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and Rev. A. J. Harris-Revet, were welcomed by Canon Jones, a newcomer to Bray, although no stranger to the Guild.

A bright service and interesting talk was followed by tea, which had been tastefully prepared by Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Norman (of Cookham) in the face of many difficulties, including 1s. for the light and 6d. for boiling the water. It is rumoured that one well-known member was only able to have three cups of tea instead of his usual seventeen. The difficulties, however, did not end with the tea, as some who were present found to their cost.

Among the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford 'spliced.' London Surprise was attempted, but was unsuccessful.

It is hoped to hold the next practice at Boyne Hill on December 19th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT LITTLEBOURNE

A most successful meeting of the Canterbury District of Kent County Association was held at Littlebourne on Saturday, where the six bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The meeting was held by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Manley), who, during the course of a most interesting address at the service, both surprised and pleased the ringers by his wide knowledge of and interest in change ringing. About 35 members were present, representing the Cathedral, St. Alphege, and St. Stephen's, Canterbury; Deal, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Whitstable, Wingham, Wickhambreau, Sturry, Kennington, Ashford, Egerton, and all the local ringers.

The association form of service was used, the Vicar officiating and Mr. J. P. Cobbold (Littlebourne) ably presiding at the organ.

In the course of his appropriate address Rev. C. A. Manley quoted a poem from Canon Raven's 'Bells of England,' dealing with the various excuses made by ringers on the occasion of breakdowns of peals. The poem concludes:—

And now from henceforth be it known,
When'er a peal turns lame,
The ringers never are in fault,
The bells are all to blame.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage, where the Rev. and Mrs. Manley had prepared a splendid tea for the visitors. Before leaving, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the host and hostess for their kind hospitality and entertainment, and to Mr. Cobbold for the musical arrangements. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells brought to a close a very enjoyable hour at the Vicarage, and the ringers again returned to the tower, where ringing, which had taken place during the afternoon, was continued until 8.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The South-Western Division annual meeting at Romford on Saturday, November 21st, was well attended, over 60 members and friends from various parts of the county being present. Touches in various methods were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. S. Abraham). At the business meeting after tea, two honorary and ten ringing members were elected.

Messrs. A. Prior and E. J. Butler were re-elected district Master and secretary respectively, and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, selected as the place for next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers for their work during the past year, and one also to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, to Mr. Griggs, the organist, for accompanying the hymns, etc., at the service, and to Mr. H. Dawkins, hon. secretary of the Romford band, for having everything in readiness. This was responded to by the Vicar.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Leytonstone, Harlow, Brentwood, Romford, Grantham, Stowmarket, Bentley, Walthamstow, Hornchurch, Maldon (All Saints') and St. Mary's, Barking, Bentley, Loughton, Orsett, Prittlewell, Shenfield, Wanstead, and West Ham, and the bells were kept going to various methods till 9 p.m.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting was held at Widford on Saturday, November 28th, when forty-three members were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Blackmore, Bentley (South Weald), Chelmsford, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Great Baddow, Kelvedon, Maldon (All Saints'), Romford, Springfield, Writtle and Widford.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. J. Burling (curate of St. John's, Moulsham), owing to the absence of the Vicar (Rev. F. R. Thurlow) through illness. The lesson was read by the Master of the association, Mr. C. H. Howard.

The tea was served at the White Horse, presided over by the Rev. S. J. Burling. The annual district meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by Mr. C. H. Howard.

Mr. G. Green, District Master, did not wish to be re-elected, and Mr. H. W. Kirtan was therefore elected to the office.—Mr. A. E. Coombes was re-elected hon. secretary, the chairman thanking the District Master and secretary for their services during the past year.

Six new members were elected from Writtle, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Galleywood on Saturday, February 13th.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Rev. S. J. Burling for conducting the service, and to Mr. R. C. Clark for accompanying the hymns.—In reply, Rev. S. J. Burling said it had been a great pleasure to be present, and he hoped that he would have the opportunity to meet the ringers again.—Ringing continued till 9 p.m. in various methods.

ROSS-ON-WYE. — On Saturday, October 3rd, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 1,008 Bob Major: T. Baldwin 1, J. Gillett 2, J. W. Jones 3, G. Popnell 4, W. T. Poston 5, J. Austin (conductor) 6, J. Webb 7, J. Clark 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples as a welcome to the Bishop of Hereford to Ross for an ordination service.

REVERSE STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I thank the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. Trollope for their letters, though neither, I think, justifies the transposing of the reverse methods.

Their contention seems to be that no starting place is, theoretically, more correct than any other, but Mr. Powell has a preference for starting with a whole six, and he tells us there is no sufficient reason for preserving the original go off. Mr. Trollope mentions that Stedman with the ordinary start shows a symmetrical 'twelve,' which seems to me to be quite a good reason for retaining this go off.

The plain course of Bob Minor consists of five symmetrical leads, and we start to ring it at the beginning of a lead. I agree with Mr. Powell that there is one reason for so doing which does not apply to Stedman, but I do not feel that it is the sole reason. If a plain course of Stedman Doubles, or of Reverse Stedman Doubles, consists (as it does) of five symmetrical divisions of 12 rows each, then it seems to me quite natural to start to ring it at the beginning of a 'twelve,' and that Mr. Powell's terms, 'an artificial starting place' and the 'strangeness of the go off' would apply more reasonably to a start at any point other than a 'twelve'-head.

But let us come to practical considerations. In ringing the slow work of Stedman we make our first whole turn by a whole pull (at lead) WRONG, a blow in second's and a whole pull RIGHT. In reversing the method, we understand that we must do our slow work behind, and the dodging in front; but in ringing Reverse Stedman Doubles, as given in the 'Collection,' we should have to do our first whole turn by a whole pull RIGHT, a blow in fourth's, and a whole pull WRONG, which closely resembles our LAST whole turn in Stedman. The remainder of the work is altered correspondingly, of course.

Surely this would prove confusing to a Stedman band attempting Reverse Stedman for the first time. Still I ask, why need this confusion be thrust upon them?

The committee does not profess to have given us a variation of Reverse Stedman, but 'Reverse Stedman' itself. My view that their 'Reverse Stedman' is not the old method reversed may perhaps be made clearer by a homely illustration. I part my hair on the left. When I look into a mirror I see a fellow who parts his hair on the right. He is 'The Mad Hatter' reversed. If I open Snowdon's Standard Methods—Diagrams—at Stedman, and hold it up facing the glass for that fellow to see, the diagram HE shows ME is Stedman reversed. If your readers will try it, I have little doubt what their verdict will be.—Yours faithfully,
THE MAD HATTER.

SYMMETRY.

Dear Sir,—When the present Methods Committee realise that the following Principles: Stedman, Reverse Stedman, Carter and Reverse Carter, all have separate BASIC PRINCIPLES of twelve rows to a division in which each separate move can be shown, just as the moves of methods can be shown in the Plain or Treble Bob Principles, they may possibly alter their views as to the symmetry of Principles.

That Stedman knew something of symmetry is evidenced by the way in which he produced his Principle.

That there are BASIC PRINCIPLES for 12, 10, 8, 6 and 4 rows to a division in Principles, in which can be shown the separate moves of the particular Principle, is known to—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

KENT SCHOOL RINGERS.

AMERICAN CLASS REBUILT AFTER VACATION.

With the opening of the new school year at Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., where Messrs. Mears and Stainbank erected a ring of ten bells, Mr. I. J. Attwater, the instructor, became actively engaged in rebuilding the band. Of his original 17 members who took up ringing when the bells were opened, four graduated and left the school, and five others lost interest. Mr. Attwater thus had eight, who had learnt to handle a bell, as the nucleus, when the new term began. He is building up a class of 20 students to allow for 'lenkage' of the non-enthusiasts.

Ten of the present band have been taking part in ringing 'hunting leads' on the open bells, while six of the others are very promising pupils. Plain courses of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells and Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples on handbells are now being practised. Mr. Attwater tells us that progress has been very encouraging, and he looks forward to the winter's 'campaign' with confidence.

This week-end the ringers are paying a visit to Mr. S. Warren Sturgess, at Groton School, Mass., for a ringing meeting of the two schools to-day and to-morrow. This should be a most interesting event and a fine stimulant to the cause of change ringing in U.S.A.

Many people have been to the bell tower at Kent School during the summer to listen to the bells. While the school was closed for the vacation set changes, hymns and old English songs were played on the bells, in lieu of ringing, and were listened to with interest by the visitors.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, November 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. J. Adcock 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, C. Dean 3, H. E. Wills 4, F. W. Larbey 5, W. Bulpitt 6, F. Leek 7, E. Denham 8, F. E. Collins 9, R. H. Dove 10. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston on the first anniversary of their wedding.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 29th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Sawyer 1, W. Osborne 2, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. A. Osborne 6, A. Jeffery 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung for the Confirmation service, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

GOSPEL OAK.—At St. Martin's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 15th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, T. G. Bannister 2, F. Bondfield 3, R. Newman 4, E. Bondfield 5, A. Warren (conductor) 6. The conductor's first attempt to call a 720 in any method.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**FIRST STEDMAN AT TRURO BRANCH MEETING.**

A successful meeting of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Vryan on Saturday, November 21st, when about forty ringers were present from St. Gluvias, St. Dennis, St. Ewe, Truro Cathedral and the local band. Vryan have lately rejoined the Guild after a lapse of many years, and the tower is all the more welcomed because it was one of the first to be affiliated when the Guild was formed over twenty years ago, and the Vicar at that time, Canon Kempe, was the first secretary of the Diocesan Guild.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Gerwyn Rhys, who in the course of his address mentioned the early days of the Guild at Vryan.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the school, and two big log fires were greatly appreciated, seeing that the church heating apparatus had refused to work.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Major C. F. Jerram to the Vicar, the local ringers and lady helpers, and this was seconded by the Rev. W. H. R. Trowhella. Both speakers referred to the Stedman tercentenary, and urged the various bands to ring on December 5th for a short while.

A feature of the meeting was the good striking that prevailed throughout and the general improvement in the ringing was very noticeable.

After tea a splendidly struck 120 of Stedman Doubles was rung by: Major C. F. Jerram 1, A. S. Roberts 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, G. W. Taysom (conductor) 4, W. H. Southard 5, W. H. Sleeman 6. It is good to think that the first Stedman ever rung at a Truro Branch meeting has been accomplished in the tercentenary year.

NORTHANTS' OLDEST RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM J. GILBERT, OF RAUNDS.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. J. Gilbert, of Raunds, the oldest ringer in Northamptonshire, which took place on Sunday, November 8th. Mr. Gilbert, who had reached the advanced age of 80, had been a ringer for over 50 years. His first peal, Bob Triples, was rung at Titchmarsh in 1882, conducted by C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, and in 1883 Mr. Gilbert was one of the first to help form the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association. With the late Mr. H. Stubbs, Mr. Gilbert did a lot of spade work in teaching young bands.

The funeral took place on Armistice Day. The bearers were four of his oldest friends. At the graveside were, among others, Messrs. H. Chapman, W. Perkins, A. Perkins, G. Jeffs, sen., G. Jeffs, sen., G. H. Roberts, C. Willson, T. Willson, and R. Loveday. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells half-muffled by G. W. Roberts 1, A. Perkins 2, H. Copperwheat 3, F. Kirk 4, A. Sharman 5, H. Chapman 6, W. Perkins (conductor) 7, R. Loveday 8.

ROCHESTER RINGER'S DEATH.**THIRD LOSS TO ST. MARGARET'S TOWER.**

The Church of St. Margaret, Rochester, has suffered yet another loss among the bellringers, the third within just over a year, Mr. John Pope Kidd having died on Sunday evening, November 7th, after a long and painful illness, which was patiently borne.

Mr. Kidd had been a ringer at Rochester for 56 years and had been tower secretary for 40 years. He was also one of the first members of the Kent County Association, and his many friends will extend to his family their deepest sympathy in the loss they have sustained. Two of his sons are bellringers, one belonging to the St. Margaret's band, and the younger being a member of St. Mary's, Chatham.

On Sunday evening, November 14th, a representative band of the district rang a memorial quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's Church, Rochester, with the bells half-muffled: T. Brister (St. Margaret's) 1, H. Hogarth (Chatham) 2, D. T. Hills (St. Margaret's) 3, W. Walker (Newington) 4, S. Shellock (district secretary, conductor) 5, J. Rayner (Cathedral) 6, E. A. G. Allen (Frindsbury) 7, A. Haylor (St. Margaret's) 8.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables 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 December 17th and 31st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Linton after service in the Institute. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone. Please try to notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Ratby, Leicester.—The dedication of the two new bells of the augmented ring of eight by Taylors, Loughborough, will take place on December 5th, at 3 p.m. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will be held at Bowness-on-Windermere on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, December 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Business to follow. Half rail fares to members (maximum 1s. 6d.).—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—A Memorial Tablet will be unveiled at Holy Trinity, Bolton, to its late chief ringer, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available for ringing during the afternoon. Ceremony at 7 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., Bolton Branch.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late St. James' Society).—Meetings for December at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday, December 6th, 10 a.m.; Mondays December 14th and 28th, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, December 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 9th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on December 12th. A service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Good bus service by the church.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on December 12th.—Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, December 8th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in the Church Hall. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 8th? All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and Dis. Society, the Barnsley and Dis. Society and the Southern Division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (eight) available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatecroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 9th for same. Good bus service from Rotherham, Mexborough and Conisborough. Burrowes buses from Leeds, Wakefield and Barnsley pass the church every hour.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by December 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Kindly advise me for tea by Tuesday, December 8th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindley, Huddersfield, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. H. Smith, 86, Broomfield Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, not later than Wednesday, December 9th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Taylor will probably give a lecture on 'The Proving of Peals' at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, December 12th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Feasegate Restaurant at 4.30 p.m. to those who notify Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by Thursday, December 10th. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting is to be held at Lancaster on December 12th. Tea to those who notify Mr. T. Fawcett, 17, Balmoral Road, Moorlands, by December 9th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, December 12th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than December 10th? All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Kennington on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A.—G. Preston, Christchurch.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Timberscombe on Saturday, December 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Please note. Owing to the illness of the Rector's wife at Witherley, the next monthly meeting will be held at Croft on December 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schools 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome, and please turn up for tea.—W. A. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, December 8th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Saturday, December 12th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, December 9th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, December 12th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m. During the afternoon the unveiling of a peal board will take place. It will help if names for tea are sent to Mr. A. King, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bulwell (8 bells) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and keep the bells going.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. The bells at Milborne Port (8), Bradford Abbas (6), Bishop's Caundle (5), Lillington (5), Thornford (5), and Yetminster (5) also available. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—On Saturday, December 12th, a by-meeting will be held at Gravesend. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. George's at 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea by kind invitation of His Worship the Mayor of Gravesend, in the Church Hall. Those intending to be present must let me know without fail by Tuesday, December 8th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wotton Underwood on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, December 12th, at Worksop (8 bells), which will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. A. Johnson, 3, South View, Cheapside, Worksop. Good meeting hoped for. Good bus and train services to and from the town.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Meeting and tea to follow in the schools. Will any visitors requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, December 12th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by invitation of the Rector, Canon F. W. Sears. Business meeting after tea. Notification for tea by the 8th.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at Whittlesey. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will members who require tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Dec. 8th? All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Please advise N. Smith, Stockton Lane, Grappenhall, by the 9th inst., number requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, December 19th,

at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please send word to Miss G. Burchnall, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by December 16th. Bells open for ringing after the service.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are cordially invited. Subscriptions due, and annual report to hand.—D. Brown, 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

YATE, BRISTOL.—Reopening of bells (6) after re-hanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will take place Tuesday, December 22nd. Service 7.15 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Gloucester. Will those intending to be present please advise Canon E. F. Smith, Yate? Bristol ringers please advise me.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th.

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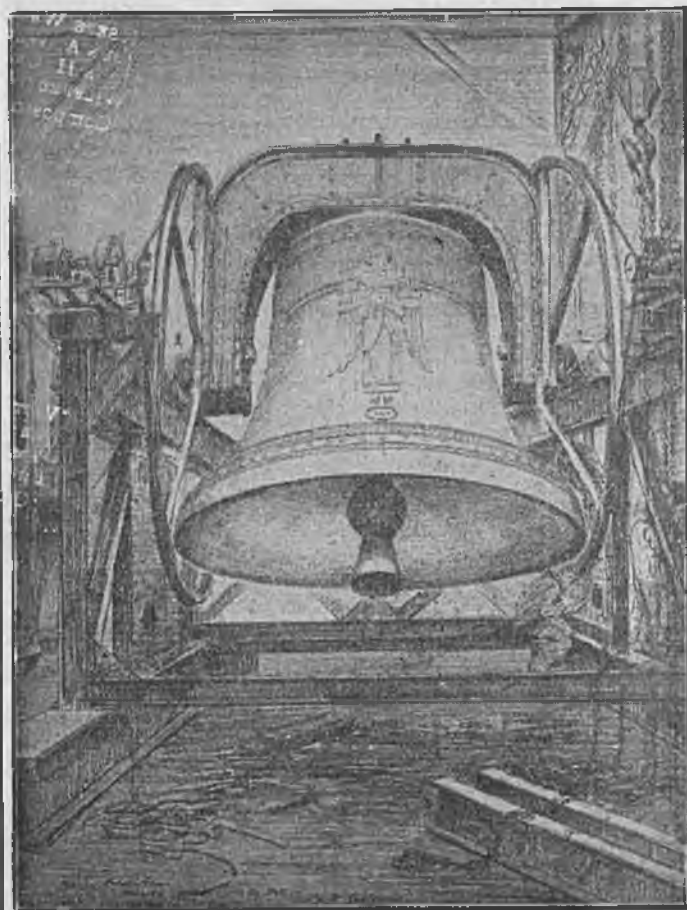
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About eleven months ago 'The Ringing World' set out to organise a national commemoration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth. Last Saturday that work was completed, and we may, perhaps, be pardoned if we say that the success of our efforts and the fulfilment of our aims is a matter of great gratification. No proposal ever put before the Exercise has captured the imagination of ringers as this scheme has done. It has revealed a wonderful unity of purpose; it has manifested, too, the extraordinary place which Stedman retains, after a lapse of three centuries, in the appreciation of the Exercise. What Stedman did, he did purely for the love of the art; he could have anticipated no reward except the satisfaction of knowing that he had done what in him lay to preserve whatever knowledge of change ringing existed and to consolidate its foundations and extend its boundaries so that those who came after him might have a more stable and more commodious structure in which to develop the science. There is a lesson in this for all of us. Too many ringers in these days want their ringing provided for them; they are willing to take all there is to be got out of it, but are not so ready to put into it all of which they are capable. If everyone was imbued with the spirit of Stedman, and was anxious to leave the art a little better than he found it, in his tower, in his Guild, or in the Exercise as a whole, ringing would be all the better and ringers more efficient in the service of the Church.

There was a remarkable enthusiasm about last Saturday's gathering at Cambridge, and among all those present the day, we feel sure, will remain an interesting memory. "Gratitude, thankoffering and thanksgiving" were, as the Vicar of St. Benedict's Church reminded the large congregation, the keynote of the service, and it has been in that spirit that the whole scheme has been carried out. The commemoration proposals were launched through 'The Ringing World,' but they could not have been carried to such a successful issue without the co-operation of the Exercise as a whole, and particularly of certain leading members of it, who threw themselves wholeheartedly into the scheme, and have given unstintingly of their expert knowledge, time and labour, in order that nothing might be left undone which would ensure that the work of restoration should be as complete and effective as possible. In this connection 'The Ringing World' gratefully acknowledges the assistance given by the president, the hon. secretary and the hon. librarian of the Central Council. Their work has been absolutely invaluable. Then, too, we have to acknowledge the enthusiasm, the courtesy and the help

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

ROYDON DAVIES Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 6
*RONALD H. DOVE 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

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On Monday, November 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 5
WILLIAM LETEBRIDGE 2	WILLIAM HOWE 6
EDWARD BIFFIN 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
*FRANK GARDENER 4	*ALBERT WEBBER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.
* First peal of Stedman.

BCCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM HORAN Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
TOM JONES 2	CHRIS GUDGEON 6
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A PEAL OF BOULE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	*J. W. MOORHOUSE 5
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
RALPH LONG 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. This composition, now rung for the first time by the association, contains the 4th eighteen times, and the 6th the extent, in 6th's, without 2 or 3 there.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	GEORGE WHITING 6
GEORGE FRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

First peal of London as conductor. The conductor has now completed this 'circle' three times. This is the first time that a peal of London has been conducted by a local man at Framsdén.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

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

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
HORACE M. DAY 3	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 7
* JACK BRAY 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

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On Tuesday, December 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5760 CHANGES;

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J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

STANWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sixteen six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

GEORGE W. JEFFS Treble	CYRIL WILSON 3
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE 4
REGINALD BUTCHER Tenor	

Conducted by REGINALD BUTCHER.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented from three to five, the whole ring being fitted with ball bearings. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector of Stanwick after the peal.

PATRINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST E. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE DOWLING 4
JOHN M. PICKERING 2	STANLEY WEBB 5
ARTHUR H. FOX 3	JOHN W. HOBSON Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

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* CHARLES E. NETHERWOOD Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
* JOHN W. MOXON 2	* GEORGE CUTT 5
* JOHN W. ROBINSON 3	* ERNEST CUTT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CUTT.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to commemorate a peal 48 years ago.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

FRANK DEWEY Treble	JOHN YOUNG 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON 2	FREDERICK LEGGOTT 5
FRANK P. HARWOOD 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells, which have been recently rehung by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. P. Harwood.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

* ARTHUR CHILDS Treble	GEORGE CHERRY 4
FRANK TURNER 2	* D. C. MEARS 5
* ERIC CRESSWELL 3	WILLIAM LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor on a bob bell and first attempt. The ringer of the 3rd is 16 years old, and only learned to handle a bell seven months ago.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes): R. H. Tomes 1, W. Brown 2, R. S. Bastable 3, A. Hill Brown 4, G. F. Hayson 5, C. H. Tomes 6, W. J. Bastable (conductor) 7, T. Davis (first quarter-peal) 8.

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LINCOLN. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS Treble	*† JACK BRAY 7
JOHN WALDEN 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 8
FREDERICK W. STOKES 3	H. LESLIE PASK 9
LEWIS SNELL 4	*GEORGE W. CREASEY 10
HAROLD MARCON 5	HAROLD WALKER 11
C. BERT CHESTER 6	*ARTHUR H. A. MARCON Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 100th peal.

CHELTENHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	*ROBERT G. KNOWLES 7
*FRANK LAWRENCE 2	*DENNIS R. MORRIS 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	CYRIL TANSELL 10
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
*THOMAS W. LEWIS 6	†ERIC CRUMP Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.

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On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HERBERT T. PIPER Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER 4	THOMAS SMITH 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	WALTER FARLEY 11
ROBERT PICKERING 6	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*ALBERT GORRINGE Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
WALTER FISHER 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
JOHN WILKINSON 3	LESTER L. GRAY 8
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
THOMAS HAMMOND 5	*JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	*ARTHUR H. TAYLOR 6
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	HARRY MARLOW 7
JOHN T. HENSMAN 3	WILLIAM ATTERBURY 8
*WILLIAM R. PARKER 4	W. JACK DOVE 9
WILLIAM ROGERS 5	†HENRY WILKINS Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	*ALEX. HOWE 6
*H. JAMES TURNER 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
JOHN WITHERS, JUN. 4	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary celebrations.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 30, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. A. CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF J. W. WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5
WILLIAM C. WEST 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
JAMES BILBY 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	HERBERT F. COCKELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 2	*CHARLES A. NICHOLLS 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
EDGAR HANCOCK 4	WILLIAM HONER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
FRANK AINSLEY 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4	WILLIAM ARMOUR Tenor

Conducted by R. L. PATTERSON.

Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	*ERNEST PARSONS 5
SIDNEY THOMPSON 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	HECTOR BIRD Tenor

Conducted by T. HEMMING.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR BEAMISH ... 5
MRS. A. BEAMISH ... 2	JOHN THOMPSON ... 6
*HARRY BUCKLER ... 3	HAROLD D. ARGYLE ... 7
ERNEST STONE ... 4	*ERNEST YORK ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. ARGYLE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung for the festival of St. Nicholas and to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

BERTRAM C. WORSDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 6
SAMUEL PHILLIPS ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
HENRY PRING ... 4	FRANK SKIDMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary. There were three members of the Central Council in the above peal.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*MISS K. BURCHNALL ... Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM ... 5
*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 6
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 7
ROGER W. DANIELS ... 4	ARTHUR W. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Treble	EDWARD FOSTER ... 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Nancy Farrow, granddaughter of Mr. F. S. Price. Also in honour of the Tercentenary celebration of Fabian Stedman.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	*HAROLD DAVIES ... 6
JOHN T. BIMSON ... 3	FRED HARWOOD ... 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. The first peal of Stedman on the bells and rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

LEICESTER.—On Armistice Sunday, November 8th, at St. Margaret's for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled: E. Tanser 1, T. Bent 2, J. Morris 3, L. H. Whitehead 4, L. Johnson 5, W. Tanser 6, Ernest Morris (conductor) 7, E. Cattell 8.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... 2	JAMES MORGAN ... 6
*J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 4	WALTER THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Rung for Fabian Stedman Tercentenary.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS O. MURIEL SANDERS Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. B. Preston. G. F. Swann has now conducted a peal of Stedman from each bell in this tower.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ALFRED H. MARTIN ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... 6
AMOS SMART ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 4	HORACE DUNKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th. T. R. Hensher's 60th peal of Stedman.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON ... Treble	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
HAROLD B. DITCHBORN ... 3	WILLIAM SHERATON ... 7
ROBERT PARKINSON ... 4	CHARLES H. HUMPHREY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the ringers of the 4th, 7th and tenor, who belong to the local band. The rest of the band are from St. Ignatius', Sunderland. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER ... Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
*ERNEST GOATER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDGAR HANCOX Treble	GEORGE E. SWIFT 5
JAMES H. LUCAS 2	WILLIAM HONER 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	CHARLES A. NICHOLLS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... Treble	JOHN NOBES 5
RICHARD RICE 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 4	FRANK W. BUNCE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*HOWARD N. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
†FRANK WILLIAMS 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
THOMAS W. CATTELL ... 4	GEORGE HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM J. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal of Cambridge on the bells and as conductor. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANCIS L. BARNES ... Treble	MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	†RALPH HARRISS 6
†MRS. RALPH HARRISS ... 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 7
JOHN HALL 4	*JOHN LAMPITT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary. First peal on the bells since they were augmented from five to eight by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and the first peal for the Worcestershire Association in which husband and wife have taken part. The above are all regular Sunday service ringers except the ringer of the fourth, who hails from Bretforton.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... Treble	HENRY PRING 5
EDGAR GUISE 2	*ALBERT L. GALE 6
WILLIAM KNIGHT 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
HARRY BENNETT 4	URIAH BRAVEN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged in connection with the Stedman Tercentenary.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 4
*HARRY PERRINS 2	SAMUEL THOMPSON 5
*SIDNEY THOMPSON 3	*PERCY RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

ZEALS, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	HARRY J. SANGER 4
FRANK H. BALL 2	LOUIS A. PERRETT 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3	ALBERT E. BAVERSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by L. A. PERRETT.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman by all but ringers of treble and 3rd, and first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ... Treble	EDWIN H. FOSTER 4
ALFRED T. POULTON 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
DONALD G. CLIFT 3	HARVEY H. WYNNE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Stedman Doubles for all, and the second by the Hereford Guild. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary, the band having met short for Stedman Triples.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 4
HARRY PARKER 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	REGINALD WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band and first peal of Doubles on the bells.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Saturday, October 3rd, at the Parish Church, an attempt for a peal in connection with the harvest thanksgiving had to be brought round, owing to illness near the church, after ringing 3,328 changes of Kent Treble Bob, the band being: J. Smart (longest length Treble Bob Major) 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, M. Ginn 4, F. C. Ginn 5, J. Ginn 6, R. Smith (longest length Major) 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE—OCTOGENARIAN.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, for more than 30 years hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, on Wednesday of last week celebrated his 80th birthday, and received many congratulations, in which ringers not only in Kent, but the country will join. He has been connected with Canterbury Cathedral, of which he is a Minor Canon, for over 50 years, and has served under five Archbishops and six Deans.

To him more than to any other single individual the Kent Association owes its present proud position, and the ringers at many towers rang the bells in his honour. Peals were rung at Brenchley and Sittingbourne, and among the touches were the following:—

At St. Nicholas-at-Wade, on December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: A. Prett 1, G. H. Gore 2, P. Gore 3, W. Laws (conductor) 4, H. Beake 5, F. Beake 6.

At St. Martin's, Herne, on December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor by the local band.

At St. Vincent's Church, Littlebourne, on December 2nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Stringer 1, J. P. Cobbold 2, P. W. Smith 3, W. Savage 4, H. Bramble 5, A. Johnson (conductor) 6.

At St. Mary's, Dover, on December 2nd, St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, J. Eagles 3, C. R. Millway 4, H. J. Saunders 5, R. T. Clark 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. Whitehead 8. First quarter of Bob Major by the treble and 6th ringers.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WARD.**A VETERAN LONG EATON RINGER.**

The death occurred on November 29th, at 59, Regent Street, Long Eaton, of Mr. John Ward, who had reached the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Ward was one of the first members of the Midland Counties Association, having joined in 1883. In his earlier days he was associated with Mr. John Taylor, sen., and later with Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., also with the late Sir Arthur Heywood. He was a man with a striking personality, bluff and hearty. He was an able conductor.

He recently had a seizure, from which he never recovered. He attended the last annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association and looked forward to being at the jubilee meeting next year. It was interesting to hear him talk of his old days, and his recollections of men like William Cooter, Murray Hayes, Ted Horrex and other and London ringers since departed.

The deceased was buried in Long Eaton Cemetery on December 2nd, the Rev. T. A. L. Phillips officiating. The bells of Long Eaton Parish Church were rung half-muffled at all services on Sunday, December 6th.

NEW SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD.**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION BAND'S PERFORMANCE.**

The Middlesex Association band that in the last year or two have made history in peal ringing by their Spliced Surprise Major performances carried their records one step further last week, when they rang the longest length on this plan—a 5,760 in nine methods. It is an outstanding performance upon which the ringers and particularly the conductor are to be congratulated; while the ingenuity of the composer, Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, also deserves recognition.

THE COMPOSITION: 5,760 IN NINE METHODS.

23456	M	W	H	Methods
42356	—	—	—	One lead of New Gloucester
63254	—	—	—	*Rutland Superlative Rutland
(23456)	—	—	—	Rutland Pudsey
64352	—	—	—	Norfolk Superlative Rutland
35642	—	—	—	Rutland Superlative Rutland
63542	—	—	—	London Yorkshire London
56342	—	—	—	Rutland Lincolnshire London
(36245)	—	—	—	London Pudsey

Repeat as from 42356 four times, ringing Norfolk at * in lieu of Rutland in each repetition, and ending with a lead of Rutland and a bob H for—

34256	M	W	H	
25346	—	—	—	Rutland Yorkshire Rutland
32546	—	—	—	Rutland Cambridge London
65243	—	—	—	London Cambridge London
26543	—	—	—	London Cambridge London
45362	—	—	3	London Lincolnshire Rutland and New Gloucester

Repeat this part four times, omitting last two bobs at H, and the two leads of New Gloucester, in the last part.

Note.—The course-ends bracketed do not actually appear, the Norfolk cutting out the H lead. Norfolk has to be rung with 4th's place bobs.

KIDDERMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Joseph Davies 1, G. Davies 2, C. H. Woodberry 3, T. J. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, Keith Salter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, A. Wright 8. A compliment to A. Wright and T. J. Salter on their 37th and 65th birthdays respectively.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, Stourbridge, has been appointed by the directors as chairman of Lloyd's South Wales Testing House Co., Ltd., Cardiff. Mr. Mason has had a lifelong interest in ringing, and is a member of many ringing associations and guilds.

Which is the oldest ringing society in the country? The question is asked by a correspondent because he has discovered in the Lancashire Association's report that one of its members was admitted in A.D. 1028. Our correspondent suggests that this ringer might have known William the Conqueror, let alone Fabian Stedman, and, we understand, he is still on the active list.

Among the peals rung to celebrate the Tercentenary was one at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, when Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, and Mr. Samuel Phillips met for peal ringing for the second time in their lives. The first occasion was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Caerleon in 1889—forty-two years ago!

CORNWALL CELEBRATES THE TERCENTENARY.

A HAPPY GATHERING AT TRURO.

A few short prayers, in which the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella mentioned Fabian Stedman, in St. Kea Church, near Truro, on Saturday was the beginning of a happy gathering at Truro in connection with the celebration of the Stedman Tercentenary. Members of Truro Cathedral company were joined by Maj. C. F. Jerram and a few friends from Penryn, and the bells were kept going to Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles and Triples. Afterwards a move was made to Truro, where about twenty sat down in St. Mary's Hall to tea, prepared by Mrs. W. H. Southeard and two of the lady members of the Cathedral hand. There was then just enough time to hand round tobacco pouches and cigarettes (and for the non-smokers to do the washing up) before going to the Cathedral, where over an hour was spent in ringing Stedman Doubles on the back six, Grandsire Doubles on the front six and Grandsire Caters before leaving for Kenwyn Church. The diocesan secretary saw that everyone present wrote their name on a special page in the visitors' book as having taken part in ringing on the day of the Stedman commemoration. At Kenwyn Church more Stedman Doubles were rung and a few touches of Grandsire Triples, and just after 8 o'clock the bells were lowered in peal. Thus ended the programme, which had been arranged to honour one who had given those who took part a method which is delightful to ring and musical to listen to.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, December 5th, when about 20 members attended from Battle, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands, and St. Clement's), Heathfield, St. Leonards, Lewes, Sedlescombe, Rye and Uckfield.

Good practice was had in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Penson) and the Rev. N. E. Hope, the latter giving a most interesting address upon Fabian Stedman, whose Tercentenary was being celebrated at Cambridge that day.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room, the Rector presiding. Following the tea the Rector gave an interesting lecture on the history of All Saints' Parish Church bells, giving the dates when the original peal of five were provided, when they were augmented to six bells, and the provision of the full octave in 1922. He was pleased to record that they now had an enthusiastic band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. Levett.

At the short business meeting the Rector occupied the chair. The local secretary (Mr. G. W. Stokes) announced that the annual meeting of the division would be held at Eastbourne in March next. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for presiding at the tea and meeting. Mr. W. Franks also proposed a vote of thanks to the organist for his services.

The Rev. E. A. Penson, in responding, first congratulated the Rev. N. E. Hope on his address upon Fabian Stedman. He added that he was pleased to welcome the members of the County Association. He considered that they had a good peal of bells, and he hoped that the ringers had found enjoyment in ringing them that afternoon.

The members returned to the tower and kept the bells going up till about 8 o'clock. Two well-struck touches of Stedman were brought round to commemorate the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary.

THE CHAPEL YOUTHS OF STOURBRIDGE.

MISSING RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The above society was the band of ringers attached to the Church of St. Thomas, Stourbridge. They took the name of 'Chapel Youths' because it was originally the chapel-of-ease to the Ancient Parish Church of Oldswinford.

The book containing the full records of the above society is in our district somewhere, and Stourbridge ringers would be very grateful if it were returned to the tower where it belongs. I have scrutinised it many times, but I have lost all trace of it since we buried Mr. A. W. Pugh, the old towerkeeper.

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THE CELEBRATION OF STEDMAN'S TERCENTENARY.

DEDICATION OF THE RESTORED TOWER AND BELLS AT ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH.

A MEMORABLE DAY AT CAMBRIDGE.

The tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman was commemorated on Saturday. The centre of interest was Cambridge, but in many other parts of the country ringers joined in the celebration.

At St. Benedict's Church, where the Saxon tower and the bells on which Stedman rang have been restored, a thanksgiving service was held and the work dedicated in the presence of a large gathering of ringers representative of the whole Exercise.

Ringers came from most of the counties in England and from South Wales; nearly every association and guild had one or more members present, and, having trod the hallowed spot which Stedman himself had frequented, and joined in the inspiring service, those who were privileged to share directly in the commemoration will retain lifelong memories of the wonderful gathering which met to do honour to one of the first and greatest pioneers of the art of change ringing.

THE COMMEMORATION SCHEME.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AT ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH.

Nearly three hundred ringers from all parts of the country made a pilgrimage on Saturday to the church which will for the future enshrine all our memories of Fabian Stedman, a pioneer of the art and science of change ringing, a founder of the Exercise. We know little of Stedman himself, but among the undisputed facts of his life there is nothing more definite than that he was a ringer at St. Benedict's Church. It was here that he practised the art in which he was destined to play so important a part; it was here that first was rung the incomparable principle which bears his name, and it was these bells that enabled him to develop the interest which eventually prompted him to write the first text books on the subject of bell-ringing.

But if to-day we know little of the man himself—we cannot be certain even of the place or date of either his birth or death—we are happily in possession of material things with which he was associated. There are still one or two copies of the original editions of his books; in St. Benedict's tower are five of the six bells upon which he rang, and they hang in the same frame in which they swung when Fabian Stedman was a ringer in Cambridge. The tower itself, which was ancient even in Stedman's days, still stands as a witness to the efficient craftsmanship of our Saxon forefathers. Age, however, had begun to take its toll; cracks had developed in its walls. The bells and the bell frame through years of neglect had also sunk into decrepitude. No longer was it considered safe to ring the bells—except for short periods very occasionally, when it was desired that some signal honour should be shown in connection with a parochial or national event, they had remained silent, and only the tenor was chimed for service by 'clocking.'

A NATIONAL RESPONSE.

Then came the year marking the 300th anniversary of that which tradition has always associated with Stedman's birth; how better could the event be commemorated than by restoring the bells? It was a unique opportunity for the Exercise, and the suggestion put forward in the columns of 'The Ringing World' by the editor was seized by the ringers of the land and responded to with alacrity. Never was any appeal to the Exercise so popular. Associations and Guilds, companies and individuals took up the proposal in a way that at once made its success assured as a national scheme. Carefully the ground was prepared. The sympathy of the church authorities was invoked and readily given, and here it should be mentioned that the Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenwood, not only entered wholeheartedly into the project, but gave invaluable assistance in all the many details into which local considerations entered. In such a scheme, however, there were other bodies to be consulted, and prejudices, if any, allayed. The tower is not merely a parochial possession; it is a national relic. Before any interference with such a building could be made, the agreement of antiquarian authorities was almost imperative if the assent of the Ecclesiastical Court was to be forthcoming. The plans had, therefore, to be very carefully gone into, and it was this phase of the scheme which was kindly undertaken by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, one of the greatest living authorities on the very involved subject of the strains and stresses set up by moving bells upon the structure of church towers. The result of Mr. Lewis' investigations was a scheme to lower the bells 12ft. beneath their old position, and to carry the frame on a reinforced concrete corbel course running completely round the four walls of the building, thus bonding the tower together and spreading the stresses more evenly over the whole structure. In addition, the frame was turned so that the greater strains were taken by the stronger walls, which was not the case before the restoration. While the work was in progress the cracks in the walls were grouted with cement, and the tower is stronger now than it has been, probably, for hundreds of years.

THE RESTORATION.

When the plans had been definitely settled, the Central Council, representing the Exercise, was asked to take over the scheme, with

the result that the following committee was appointed to see the undertaking through: The president, the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (who has acted as hon. treasurer of the fund), Major J. H. B. Hesse, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, J. S. Goldsmith and E. A. Young. The restoration involved two separate contracts. The work upon the tower itself was carried out, under the direction of Mr. Troup, an eminent London architect, by Mr. W. Sindall, of Cambridge. The contract for the restoration of the bells and frame was obtained by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells were removed to their foundry, where they were cleaned by sand blasting; two of the bells, the 3rd and 4th, were slightly tuned in the tap notes (anything in the nature of harmonic tuning having been expressly forbidden), the old clapper staples, which were cast into the bells and were, of course, liable to crack them, were bored out and new independent staples fitted. Entirely new fittings, including clappers, were provided, but in keeping with the character of the scheme, the canons were retained and the bells rehung on wooden headstocks, but with ball bearings.

When the old frame was taken to Loughborough it was dismantled and rebuilt. Only one or two of the ancient timbers had to be replaced, for it was in a remarkable state of preservation. Its massiveness would carry a much heavier ring of bells, and it has gone back into the tower further strengthened by iron angle plates and tie bolts. New main beams of oak of heavy section carry the frame, and most of the old beams have been left in position to add strength to the tower, some of the many openings in the walls having also been stopped up on the inside not only to help reduce the volume of sound outside the church, but to give an added strength to the upper part of the building.

In Stedman's days and up to the time of this restoration the bells were rung from a ringing chamber, above the tower arch. How it was approached formerly we do not know, but in later days it has been reached by a vertical iron ladder, which was both difficult and dangerous to negotiate by those not used to climbing, and which has deterred many from going aloft. It has been a valuable feature of the restoration from the ringers' point of view, and one which has been facilitated by the dropping of the frame, that the ropes have now been brought to the ground floor. A climbing apparatus has been installed, and another incidental improvement, making for the safety of the tower, has been a new iron stove pipe for the church's heating apparatus. This used to pass through the pit of one of the bells and was in somewhat dangerous proximity to the frame. When the tower was inspected it was long past its best days. A new flue has been erected, carried into the wall where it passes the frame, and everything that safety demands has been done to guard against accidental fire.

The restoration has thus been complete. It was designed by men of unsurpassed experience; it has been carried out with superb craftsmanship. The ringers of the world have not only enabled a great task to be undertaken, but they have by their generosity ensured its being done in the best possible way. The commemoration work has been rounded off by placing an explanatory tablet in bell metal on the north wall of the tower, where it will remain imperishable for future generations to read and to bear witness to what the Exercise has done to perpetuate the memory of one of the greatest figures in our art.

A GREAT DAY.

THE SERVICE AT ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH.

Saturday was one of the greatest days in the annals of the Exercise; it was unique in ringing history. Ringers came to Cambridge from all parts of England to share in the event, and, when the great thanksgiving service in St. Benedict's began, the church was filled to capacity, many being unable to find seats. It is estimated that close upon four hundred people were present. There was only one disappointment, and that was that illness prevented the Right Rev. Bishop Price (Archdeacon of Ely) from attending to dedicate the work. His doctor had refused to allow him to leave his bed, and the ceremony, in consequence, was performed by the Rural

Dean, Canon Adams. In addition to the Vicar, the Rural Dean and Canon G. F. Coleridge, the preacher, many clergy robed, including Professor Barnes, D.D., Professor Whitney, D.D., the Vicar of Great St. Mary's, the Vicar of St. Andrew's the Great, Dr. Chaytor (St. Catherine's College), Rev. W. W. Lucas, Rev. E. R. Ostrehan, the Vicar of St. Mary the Less, the Rector of St. Botolph's, the Rev. C. G. Wilkinson (the veteran senior curate of St. Benedict's), the Rev. R. Copeman (formerly hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association), the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (present hon. secretary of the association), the Rev. H. Drake (hon. secretary, Suffolk Guild), the Rev. J. F. Amies (Vicar of Ravenstone), etc. Among the congregation were the Mayor and Mayoress of Cambridge, the Vice-Chancellor, and the Master of Downing, while Dr. Giles, Master of Emmanuel, who was engaged at the Senate House, was represented by Mrs. Giles.

There was no choir, but the volume of the voices that rose with the opening bars of the processional hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' must have thrilled everyone. When the clergy had reached the chancel and the hymn had ended, the Vicar spoke a few sentences of introduction.

'The keynote of this commemoration,' he said, 'is gratitude, gratitude in its fulness; thanksgiving; gladsome recognition of the genius of Fabian Stedman and his clear call to serve the church, every man according to his ability and opportunity. And the people of this parish and congregation join in the tribute paid to one of its most famous men and recognise that a great work has been done for the Church, a work altogether beyond our powers to have accomplished. And so we rejoice together and together give thanks.'

Evening song was said up to the second lesson. The psalms were 122, 'I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of

ring, in the manner in which Stedman gave it to the Exercise, namely, with two 'extremes.' Heard in peal, the bells were decidedly pleasing; and, considering their varied age, by no means a poor ring. At the conclusion of the ringing Canon Coleridge held the rapt attention of the large congregation while he preached the commemoration sermon.

THE ADDRESS.

Canon Coleridge selected an extremely appropriate text upon which to base his sermon. It was from Ecclesiasticus xxxix., 9: 'Many shall commend his understanding: and so long as the world endureth, it shall not be blotted out: his memorial shall not depart away, and his name shall live from generation to generation.' Here, he said, we have reference to one who was truly wise; the words are almost prophetic of him who is so much in our memory to-day: they are well suited to the unique occasion which has brought us here. Such a concourse of ringers, assembled for the commemoration of the life and work of a single man, marked out among his fellows, has never before been seen in our history. We all know why we are assembled here—to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, the father of all true change ringing; to rededicate the bells on which he rang, on which he practised and taught his matchless Principle; to make good for generations to come the old Saxon tower in which the bells have been hanging since his day; to erect a tablet setting forth the occasion: the whole a permanent memorial to that gifted man. It is a memorial such as has commended itself to ringers throughout the land: the ready way in which the subscriptions, big and small, have been voluntarily tendered up to £480 shows in no uncertain way how dear is the name of Stedman, how determined we are to perpetuate his memory in a very tangible way; to see to it that he is no longer 'numbered among those who have no



THE MEMORIAL TABLET, CAST IN BELL METAL AND LETTERED IN RELIEF.

the Lord,' and 150, 'O praise God in His holiness.' The Rural Dean read the first lesson from Numbers x., 1-11, and the second lesson, from I. Corinthians xiv., 1-15, was read by the Vice-Chancellor.

THE CENTRAL ACT.

Then, during the singing of the hymn, 'Lifted now within the steeple,' a procession was formed to the tower for the central act of the service. Headed by the Churchwardens, the Architect (Mr. F. W. Trapp), the Bell Founder (Mr. E. Denison Taylor), the President of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) and other members of the representative band chosen to open the bells, walked to the tower in front of the Rural Dean and clergy. Here the President of the Council drew aside the covering of the memorial tablet and requested the Rural Dean to dedicate the work 'in memory of Fabian Stedman, to the glory and praise of God.'

The Rural Dean then offered prayers and formally dedicated the work in these words: 'In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this work to the glory of God and in memory of His servant, Fabian Stedman, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.'

It was an impressive moment; it consummated the work to which ringers in Great Britain and many parts of the world had set their hands and of which they had individually and collectively borne the cost.

Handing the ropes to the Vicar, the Rural Dean committed the bells to his care as a sacred trust to be ever and only used in God's service and for His Glory, and then, as the clergy retraced their steps to the chancel, the bells pealed out, rung by Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths) 1, Mr. E. H. Lewis (President of the Central Council) 2, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) 3, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) 4, Mr. William Pye (Master of the Middlesex County Association) 5, Mr. J. S. Hawkins (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) 6. An extent of Stedman Doubles was

memorial, 'perished as though they had never been.' 'Honoured in his generation—the glory of his times,' his name and his works do follow him, untarnished through the centuries. We want to show that we hold him in no less honour in our own day than was meted out to him when he composed his Principle and gave it once and for all to his fellows in the Exercise. Knowing the Principle as set out by him on five bells—soon to be extended to higher numbers—knowing how highly it is esteemed among ringers; how frequently peals are rung (for myself, I want nothing better), I can confidently echo the words of my oldest ringing friend, who wrote a book on Stedman, the Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, where he says, 'There is no more delightful method than Stedman: ringers of methods of all degrees of intricacy find in it a continual freshness and charm. If we are to seek for the grounds of such a well-deserved popularity, we shall probably be right in ascribing it chiefly to the varied nature of its work, while at the same time its music has a peculiar, smooth and mellow cadence.'

We know the method, we love to ring it, but do we know the man who produced it? We know something, but not much. 'A printer in Cambridge'—that was his profession—but we do not know where he was actually born: there is no mention of his name in any register in Cambridge: we do not know for certain whether he was baptised, or whether his name was accidentally omitted. Registers in those days were only written up for the most part annually. It may be that his mother gave him birth in some outlying village with better air and more healthy surroundings, for, about the time of his birth the Plague was raging in the town itself. We do not know. If we did, if only we knew the actual date and place of his birth or baptism, much that is obscure might be easily cleared up. Learned men have done their best, they have searched the records and registers and rolls of Cambridge without result. All we are certain about is that he was 'a printer at Cambridge,' of necessity several years after his birth. Of his earliest years we know nothing;

of his latter end we are no better informed. True, some 30 years ago a will was produced, signed by one Fabian Stedman, but on careful examination and analysis we must come to the conclusion that in all probability it was the will of some other man. Our man was 'a printer in Cambridge': this man was connected with the Excise and lived in London. I should like myself to think that they were one and the same. I should like to think that Fabian Stedman, the printer at Cambridge, came to London and was appointed head of the printing office in the Excise and Customs Department; that he held a lucrative post under Government, and 'died in a good old age, full of riches and honour,' but the evidence is too flimsy to admit of such a supposition. The will, however, is full of interest. The testator leaves numerous legacies to his sisters, nephews, nieces and great-nephew and nieces and to cousins; nothing to wife or children, from which we may gather that he lived and died a bachelor—an uncle evidently mindful of his nearest relatives. He leaves smaller legacies to those with whom he came into daily contact—'to the maid who cleans my office,' to 'the four watchmen of the yard,' and, what is of most interest to us, 'to the poor of the parish where I was born, £10, and to the poor of the parish where I shall die, £5.' This £5 was duly paid by his executors to the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft in the city of London. It appears in the churchwardens' accounts. That he died and was buried there is certain. His name is entered in the registers, November 16th, 1713, though no memorial in stone or marble can be traced. But, 'the parish where I was born,' that is the point in question. If only we could discover that, we could supply many after details. We could, moreover, say with absolute certainty whether the Fabian Stedman who was 'a printer at Cambridge' was one and the same Fabian Stedman who was in the Excise in London and left a notable will, whose place of burial we know without any manner of doubt. As it is, the evidence is not sufficient for adequate proof. There is a lesson attaching to this will which ought to be learnt by all of us—the lesson to be perfectly accurate and explicit in the smallest detail when making our last will and testament. We all ought to make our wills, even though the possessions we wish to leave are but of small intrinsic value. 'The place of my birth,' for example, is not sufficient. We should give the name of the parish, the name and situation of the house or number of the street, to be on the safe side. And if, for instance, we should wish to leave a small legacy in appreciation, say, of a valued servant, who had served faithfully for perhaps the best part of a lifetime, we should take care that the name is given in full, that the intended recipient is not described as 'my gardener,' or 'my housekeeper,' otherwise long and faithful service might be passed over, the executors paying the legacy, as in duty bound, to him or her who held those positions on the day of the death of the testator, possibly having held them but a few weeks. The will would take effect to their benefit to the entire exclusion of those whose benefit the testator fondly, but vainly, imagined he had secured. But this is only advice given for what it is worth by an executor who more than once has been puzzled to know and 'do the thing which is right' in the absence of explicit directions.

With this digression let us look at Fabian Stedman as the author of his book, 'Tintinnalogia, or the artes, mysteries and fancies of diffusing of sweet musick.' There is a delightful account given us in Mr. Ernest Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' a book which ought to be in the possession of every ringer throughout the length and breadth of the land—or at least a copy for reference should be deposited in every tower. Experience has taught me that Parochial Church Councils are as ready to supply ringing books for the belfry as they are to provide hymn books and psalters for the choir. Here in this book we can read a most instructive account of a visit paid by Stedman to Leicester in 1669, where not only was our hero honoured by the ringing of the bells, which during his visit 'discoursed sweet musick nightlie,' but was also entertained 'sumptuously,' a large sum, as money went in those days, being expended on 'meates, wines, beere, tobacco and pipes.' After attending morning service at St. Martin's, Fabian Stedman entertained his friends at his inn—a goodly number, for the great hall was filled when, after the midday meal, he addressed his guests at length on 'the artes and mysteries of bell ringing.' An acceptable discourse, we may gather as we read the account, 'for the gentlemen and youth, with many others, clergy and gentlemen, were mightily pleased, all departing for their homes neare seaven of the clock.' Nor did they fail to speed the parting guest on the morrow, not a few accompanying him on his way for a certain distance towards Cambridge.

We pass on to his efforts to disseminate more knowledge in the Metropolis itself. He knew all about the College Youths. He paid several visits to them; he was appointed steward in 1677 and attained the office of Master five years later. Possibly these honours came to him as a signal mark of regard and appreciation, he having dedicated his book to that ancient and honourable fraternity, changing its name to 'Campanologia.' We can well imagine that the London ringers were as quick to recognise his skill and abilities as were the Leicester men, and, seeing how early Stedman was rung there, we might add the Norwich men as well. And there we must leave him—imparting instruction wherever he went. His dust mingles with that of others, we know not of a certainty where. Even his birthplace is not known to us—would that we could discover it. Search, as I have said, has been diligently made in the registers of Cambridge with no

result. Would it be too much to ask the clergy or parish clerks of villages, say within a 15 mile radius of Cambridge, to search their registers for the magic name 'Fabian Stedman' about the years 1651 to 1713 for his baptism or burial, and also the churchwardens' books for an entry made in 1713 as to the receipt of £10 for the poor of the parish? If only such entries could be found, much that is obscure would at once come to light; incidentally the gratitude of the whole Exercise would be tendered to him who makes the discovery; richly rewarded would be he who finds them, he would ever be assured of a warm place in the hearts of all to whom the name of Stedman is dear. I can only say that if I happened to be an incumbent anywhere in this neighbourhood I should at once set to work on an investigation of my church registers and parish books. I am fully persuaded that not a few of my clerical brethren would do the same; should they hear of what is wanted they would at once respond, in the good old words of the Church Catechism, 'Yes, verily, by God's help so I will.' May their search be crowned with success! I have said enough: all our thoughts are on the work of remembrance, which is this day dedicated to the glory of God—the ringers' memorial to one of the greatest among them—the restoration of the old tower and bells, in which and on which he practised and taught; with the tablet of commemoration setting forth the occasion, testifying to what has been done by the ringers of the present day, who, as they leave this hallowed spot, as they think to-day and in days to come of him whose memorial we have set up, will not be unmindful of those words with which I began, and with which I will end: 'Many shall command his understanding, and so long as the world endureth, it shall not be blotted out: his memorial shall not depart away, and his name shall live from generation to generation.'

Special prayers were afterwards offered and the inspiring service concluded with the 'Te Deum' and the Blessing.

Several representative bands next rang the bells, the first being members of the Ladies' Guild: Miss V. Robinson (Wokingham), Miss K. Willers (Trumpington), Miss E. Steel, president (Bedford), Miss H. Bill (Norwich), Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mrs. A. D. Barker (Slough). After them came a band of secretaries: C. T. Coles (Middlesex County Association), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild), J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild), F. M. Mitchell (Kent County Association), E. Morris (Midland Counties Association), G. W. Fletcher (Central Council). Others followed, in which were many men widely known in the Exercise, and the bells were kept going throughout the rest of the evening until shortly before 9 o'clock, by which time everyone who desired to do so had had the opportunity of a ring on the bells.

HOW THE RINGERS WERE ENTERTAINED.

There has probably never been so much ringing in Cambridge on one day as there was on Saturday, for the bells of St. Benedict's, the twelve at Great St. Mary's, the eight at Great St. Andrew's and the heavy ring of eight at the Roman Catholic Church were at times all going together. Facilities for this ringing were readily granted by the various incumbents, and ringers are greatly indebted to them, and to the authorities at many other churches around Cambridge, where the use of the bells was offered, for the kindly spirit of co-operation which they showed in helping to make the event the success it was. Some intensive work was put in during the day by members of the Commemoration Committee, including particularly the president and hon. secretary of the Council and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and they received valuable assistance from members of the Society of Cambridge Youths and the Cambridge University Society, who acted as stewards and directed the activities at the various towers.

The morning of the day was pleasant and fine, and early arrivals made a tour of the many places of interest, while the various towers were filled during all the hours that they were open. Lunch was served to a company of 150 in the handsome dining hall at Corpus Christi College, which had been kindly assigned to the use of the ringers for the day by the Master and authorities of the college. Here there was an amusing incident. The president of the Council, who is a Cambridge man, presented to Canon Coleridge (whose Oxford 'patriotism' is well known) a copy of the Commemoration Souvenir, tied with a huge bow of Cambridge ribbon, at the same time expressing the hope that it would remind Canon Coleridge that Cambridge had done a little for change ringing. This rejoinder to the Canon's speech at the Oxford Guild's jubilee was greatly enjoyed.

There were on view, both during lunch and tea, some unique photographs, showing the inscriptions on St. Benedict's bells in their actual size. These had been kindly produced at the expense of Mr. Denison Taylor, and it is hoped they may find a permanent home in St. Benedict's Church.

A company of about 250 partook of tea in the College Hall. It was a happy and informal gathering, but opportunity was taken by the Vicar of St. Benedict's to propose a vote of thanks to those who had been responsible for carrying out the work.

EDITOR, EXERCISE AND EXECUTIVE THANKED.

Rising during tea, the Vicar of St. Benedict's said he desired to propose a vote of thanks to those chiefly concerned in the commemoration. First, to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who had brought about this commemoration—the ringleader, he would call him. He congratulated him upon his success. It was one thing to

issue an appeal, however, it was another thing to get an answer, and that took him from the Editor to the Exercise. It was the way in which the Exercise had responded to the appeal that enabled them to meet and rejoice that day over the completion of the work. From the Exercise he must pass in his thanks to the Executive, but here he hardly knew where to begin. From the time the proposition was made it would not have been possible for the scheme to have been in better hands. When they learned that the tower was to be in the care of a distinguished architect, that the bells were to be in the hands of the great Loughborough firm and the building part of the scheme in the hands of Mr. Sindall, there was nothing else to be said, but to be thankful that it was in such excellent keeping. He wanted them to understand that the tower and its contents belonged not to them as a parish, but to the universe. The parish were only the guardians and caretakers of the wonderful old tower and of Stedman's bells, and, in a sense, the eyes of the world, especially the ecclesiastical and antiquarian world, were upon them, to see that they kept the tower intact and likewise its contents. Let them suppose—horrible thought—that disaster had befallen their precious relic. What would it mean? It would mean a double disaster. It would mean that not only the casket, but the jewels contained in the casket would be lost to them—the destruction of both the tower and Fabian Stedman's bells. To their immense relief this restoration had taken place, and he could not tell them how thankful they were that the bells could now be rung without trepidation and without the nervousness which they had experienced about their ringing in the past. If they had been unduly nervous in the past it was because, when he came there as incumbent 25 years ago, the diocesan surveyor and architect informed him that there were no less than 20 cracks in the grand old Saxon tower, and it was for that reason they had not allowed the bells to be rung regardless of time and regardless of other considerations. Now there was no obstacle to their being rung in reason, bearing in mind the proximity of the college and surrounding business premises. In conclusion, the Vicar said he would also like to include in the vote of thanks their preacher. It had recently been said by someone that clergy were incapable of speaking sense for more than five minutes at a time (laughter). That statement had been completely falsified that afternoon (applause). He proposed a vote of thanks to the Editor, the Exercise, the Executive and all who had been kind enough to help in making the commemoration the great event it had been (applause).

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' first responded, 'because he was the cause of all the trouble' (laughter). Although the suggestion for the commemoration, with the restoration of Stedman's bells, first came from him, many others had taken a large part in carrying it through, and he desired to acknowledge their help. The response of the Exercise to the appeal had been extraordinary, and it was a source of intense gratification to him that the scheme had proved the huge success which they had seen that day (applause).

The President of the Central Council replied for the Exercise and the Executive. He said they greatly appreciated the fact that they had been allowed to do this important work in St. Bene't's Church and put the bells into ringing order. With regard to the future ringing of the bells—a question raised at the very beginning of the scheme—although no definite arrangements had been made, they believed it would be possible for the Cambridge Youths to ring the bells for service once or twice a month (applause). They also hoped they would be available for visiting hands. The bells had been lowered 12ft. in the tower and some of the openings had been blocked up, but if it was found by experience that the noise outside was still somewhat excessive in the immediate vicinity of the church, the committee would be quite prepared to have the sound modified. It was most important that the sound should be properly moderated both inside and outside the tower, particularly outside, so that the public should have no real cause of complaint (applause). The committee would like to hear the opinion of the college, of the nearby banks and of the general public as to the volume of sound which now escaped from the tower, and they would do their best to get the amount of sound properly adjusted. As far as the Executive were concerned, the scheme had given them great gratification. The Vicar and the parochial officials had been most kind to them and had met their views in every way, so that there had been no difficulties (applause). The origin of the scheme had been entirely due to Mr. Goldsmith, who had done a great deal towards carrying it through as well, and he would also like them to know that as far as the details of the restoration were concerned the work had been done very largely by Mr. Fletcher (applause).

The brief speechmaking concluded with a vote of thanks to the authorities of Corpus Christi College for the use of the hall, and to the college staff for the catering arrangements, proposed by Canon Celeridge.

Heavy rain had begun to fall during the service in the afternoon and continued for most of the evening. This, however, did not deter many from making their way after tea to the various towers, but a large number took advantage of the accommodation provided for their use and comfort at the Lion Hotel, where in one of the great rooms a social gathering was held. Old friends met, new friends were made, healths were pledged, and the time passed happily and all too quickly. Gradually the inexorable calls of train and home thinned

the ranks, but it was getting well towards midnight before the last of the party broke up and an historic day was brought to a close.

It was a matter of sincere regret that age and infirmity prevented the attendance of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, whose work for ringing through the Cambridge University Guild, for more than fifty years, has borne such valuable results; and it was also a disappointment that illness caused the enforced absence of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield, a generous donor to the restoration fund. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Recorder of Lincoln, and Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, was prevented from attending by duties at Birmingham Assize Court.

RINGING FOR THE COMMEMORATION.

At a large number of towers up and down the country special ringing took place on Saturday and Sunday to commemorate the Tercentenary. Perhaps the most unusual ringing of this kind took place at St. Lawrence's Parish Church, Caversfield, Oxfordshire, where there are three bells hung for ringing. Before evensong on Sunday, 720 Stedman Singles were rung in 32 minutes by three members of the Oxford Guild: Cyril Kinch, treble; Leslie Evans, 2; Frederick Sharpe, tenor. This is claimed to be the first 720 on the bells, although Stedman's sixes are rung on them for almost every Sunday service. In addition to the three bells hung for ringing, there is another bell of about 3 cwt. cast between the years 1200 and 1219.

On Saturday, in 47 mins., at Immanuel Church, Streatham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): John Lee 1, W. J. Ames 2, E. E. Bish 3, E. A. Reeve 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, W. Essery 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. J. Anscombe 8. Also touches of Stedman Triples at St. Leonard's Church by the same band, with R. Grater taking part.

After a peal attempt had failed, at Swindon, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,301 changes) was rung in 52 mins.: R. G. Townsend 1, N. Allnatt 2, H. W. Badger 3, L. A. Wilson 4, H. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, J. Berry 6, S. Palmer 7, E. Bishop 8, W. B. Kynaston 9, E. Coombes 10.

The ringers of Wicken Parish Church made an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples on December 5th in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hours 55 mins. with only three more courses to ring. The ringers were all local: J. A. Green (aged 14) 1, T. Roberts 2, T. Read 3, F. Case 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, C. Warner 8. This was the first attempt of Stedman for the treble ringer and the first attempt for a peal by the tenor man.

At St. Mark's, Swindon, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Doubles was rung on Saturday with two 'covers' after meeting short for Triples (owing to illness): N. Allnatt 1, J. Penny 2, S. Hopper 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, J. Woodroff 5, F. Weston 6, G. Lawrence 7.

On Saturday, at St. Giles' Church, Reading, Berks, 672 Stedman Triples: W. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, J. Swain 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, P. Dyke 6, A. Jeffery 7, H. Osborne 8. On the same day at St. Mary's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Osborne 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 3, A. Bailey 4, P. Dyke 5, J. Swain 6, A. Jeffery 7, H. Osborne 8.

For the celebration of the Tercentenary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the St. Mary's Society, Dover, in 45 mins. (Brooks' Variation): S. A. Wells 1, T. W. Robinson 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George 4, C. R. Millway 5, R. T. Clark 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, C. Hardeman 8. First quarter of Stedman by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

At St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on Saturday, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in honour of the Tercentenary: E. F. Hondley 1, H. R. Bennett 2, E. Waters 3, A. V. Dent 4, C. R. Forfit 5, H. A. Mitchell 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, C. Chandler 8. Conductor's first attempt to call a quarter-peal of Stedman.

At Fairfield, Glos, on Saturday, between the hours of 2.30 and 4 p.m., touches of Stedman Doubles were rung with 6, 7, 8 covering, the band meeting one short for Triples: Miss F. M. Hope 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, W. Hayward 3, J. Peyman 4, H. Acock 5, E. Gardener 6, A. King 7, E. Cooper 8.

At Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos, on Sunday, December 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: W. Bennett 1, F. Davis 2, E. Hill 3, B. Phillips 4, R. Hick 5, C. Robbins 6, E. Pardon (conductor) 7, W. Ewins 8.

At Dunstable, Beds, on Sunday, December 6th, for matins, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: A. E. Sharnan (conductor) 1, G. H. Sentance 2, A. G. Matthews 3, G. W. Harris 4, G. Heley 5, C. Rollings 6, A. J. Smith 7, P. Ramsay 8.

On Sunday, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Hewett 1, E. Stith (Port Talbot) 2, F. Digby 3, E. F. Pike 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, H. Belcher 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, J. E. Davis 8.

On Sunday, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Joseph S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, Henry C. Alford 2, Arthur Cutmore 3, Robert W. Green 4, Charles J. Choat 5, Frank H. Crook 6, Albert C. Darrell 7, Richard G. Bell 8. Arranged for Messrs. F. H. Crook and R. G. Bell, of Watford, and rung in commemoration of Fabian Stedman.

At Tunstall, Kent, an attempt for Thurstans' four-part unfortunately came to grief at the half-way single: W. A. Wood 1, S. B. Dobbie 2, E. J. Dobbie 3, W. Wood 4, S. E. Taylor 5, G. Kenward 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. Gorman 8.

To commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary, at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, 504 Stedman Triples at St. Michael's Church: F. Springham 1, Rev. F. W. Lane 2, E. Hayden 3, W. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. T. Prior 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.—On Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') 1,260 changes, in 45 mins.: R. Hayden 1, F. Springham 2, H. M. White 3, E. A. Wacey 4, H. Bull 5, W. T. Prior 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

At Burford, Oxon, on Saturday, December 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. by the local band: T. Bond 1, T. Timms 2, W. Brunsdon 3, T. Midwinter 4, R. Hudson 5, A. Bishop 6, F. Soden (conductor) 7, G. Faulkner 8.

At Pentre Rhondda on Saturday, December 5th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Wines 1, W. Palmer 2, W. Cross 3, G. Palmer 4, T. Hamlin 5, J. Lovett 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

At St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, Staffs, on Saturday, December 5th, for the Stedman Tercentenary, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Minor (1,296 changes), the methods being Killamarsh, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford: W. Edwards 1, G. Hulme 2, H. Carnwell (conductor) 3, E. Wood 4, F. Edwards 5, W. Carnwell 6.

On Saturday, December 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, the local band rang several touches of Stedman Triples in honour of the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, including a 504, which was conducted by the leader of the company, Mr. A. Prestidge, sen.

At Stoke-on-Tern, Shropshire, on Saturday, December 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 26 mins.: F. Price 1, T. Price 2, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 3, W. Lycett 4, G. Berry 5, E. Gregory 6. Longest length by ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor. The 4th ringer hails from Stanton, the remainder are from Hodnet.

At St. Mary's Church, Reigate, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung on Saturday, December 5th, in honour of the Tercentenary commemoration: *R. Fuller 1, *R. Tuffin 2, *C. Hygate 3, *P. Jeal 4, W. Claydon 5, *A. Willett 6, G. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. Stemp 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

At Henfield, Sussex, on Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Parsons 1, Eric Morey 2, C. A. Barnes 3, Willie Morey 4, W. J. Alliss 5, A. E. Baker 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, A. Crutenden (first quarter-peal) 8.

On Sunday for evening service at the Church of St. Edmund, Warkton, Northants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. W. Clarke 1, H. Patrick 2, E. J. Sargeant 3, H. O. Mutton 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

GREATEST SINGLE EVENT IN HISTORY OF EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Stedman Commemoration of last Saturday will stand out for all time not only as a landmark in the annals of ringing, but rather as the greatest single event in the whole history of the Exercise from its earliest beginnings to the present day. As one perforce obliged to take only a passive part in the proceedings at Cambridge, I ask leave to congratulate the author of this magnificent movement first and foremost on the splendid inspiration that prompted its initiation, on the wonderful response to his appeal, the masterly organisation of every detail and the signal success that has crowned the efforts of all those responsible for carrying the project to its triumphant issue. To all those privileged to be present the Tercentenary celebration was a thrilling experience, and I feel confident that the sentiments thus imperfectly expressed are those of every one of your readers.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS,

Hon. Secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

SOUVENIRS.

Two splendid souvenirs of the Tercentenary have been prepared and may be obtained by ringers. One is a daintily got up booklet, which records the details of the Commemoration scheme, has a long and interesting article on Fabian Stedman and a description of St. Benedict's and its tower and bells. In addition there is a complete list of subscribers to the Tercentenary Fund. There are several illustrations, including, as a frontispiece, a fine picture of the Saxon tower. Every ringer should secure one of these souvenirs, which can be obtained post free 8d. each from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey.

The other memento of the unique event is an ash tray. A number of these have been turned up out of an ancient oak beam which was removed from St. Benedict's tower in the course of the restoration, and they form very charming souvenirs. Nearly all that were ready were disposed of at Cambridge, but more will shortly be on sale and will be obtainable at 2s. 3d. post free from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex. Early application for these is desirable, as the number is limited.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables 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 December 17th and 31st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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 GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, December 12th. Tower opened 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on December 12th. A service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Good bus service by the church.—J. Puppelt, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on December 12th.—Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and Dis. Society, the Barnsley and Dis. Society and the Southern Division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (eight) available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Good bus service from Rotherham, Mexborough and Conisborough. Burrowes buses from Leeds, Wakefield and Barnsley pass the church every hour.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, December 12th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea will be served in the Feasegate Restaurant at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following in the Church Hall. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Lindley, Huddersfield, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Taylor will probably give a lecture on 'The Proving of Peals' at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting is to be held at Lancaster on December 12th.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, December 12th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A.—G. Preston, Christchurch.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, December 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagden, Beds.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Notification for tea to Mr. W. Trump, Greyhound Hotel, Bridport.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, December 12th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45 p.m. During the afternoon the unveiling of a peal board will take place. It will help if names for tea are sent to Mr. A. King, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bulwell (8 bells) on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and keep the bells going.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Timberscombe on Saturday, December 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park St., Minehead.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. The bells at Milborne Port (8), Bradford Abbas (6), Bishop's Caundle (5), Lillington (5), Thornford (5), and Yetminster (5) also available. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Please note. Owing to the illness of the Rector's wife at Witherley, the next monthly meeting will be held at Croft on December 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schools 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome, and please turn up for tea.—W. A. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—On Saturday, December 12th, a by-meeting will be held at Gravesend. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at St. George's at 4.30 p.m. to be followed by tea by kind invitation of His Worship the Mayor of Gravesend, in the Church Hall.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, December 12th, at Worksop (8 bells), which will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. A. Johnson, 3, South View, Cheapside, Worksop. Good meeting hoped for. Good bus and train services to and from the town.—R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Meeting and tea to follow in the schools.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at Whittlesey. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, December 12th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, by invitation of the Rector, Canon F. W. Sears. Business meeting after tea.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please send word to Miss G. Burchnall, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by December 16th. Bells open for ringing after the service.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are cordially invited. Subscriptions due, and annual report to hand.—D. Brown, 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Reports now ready.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday afternoon, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach on December 19th. Eight bells. Ringing from three o'clock. Please note: Meetings for 1932 are compiled at Sandbach on this date. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 17th inst?—Richard D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells), on Saturday, December 19th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than December 15th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An annual general meeting of the above district will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 19th. The bells of the Foundry Campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m. Anyone requiring tea please notify secretary by December 18th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The bells of St. Nicholas', Dereham, will be reopened on Saturday, December 19th. A service will be held at 3.30, followed by an invitation tea. All ringers accepting invitation are asked to send postcard to Vicar, Canon Macnaughton Jones, R.D.

YATE, BRISTOL.—Reopening of bells (6) after re-hanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will take place Tuesday, December 22nd. Service 7.15 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Gloucester. Will those intending to be present please advise Canon E. F. Smith, Yate? Bristol ringers please advise me.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport (All Saints') on Saturday, December 26th (Boxing Day). Service at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of both All Saints' and the pro-Cathedral available during the afternoon and evening, excepting during the time of service and meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (5/6 each) obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, Surrey.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—The diamond jubilee will be held on Saturday, February 6th. The secretary (Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent) will be glad to get in touch with all old members, whether able to attend or not.

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GRANTHAM.—At St. Wulfram's Parish Church, on Sunday, November 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): E. Nidd 1, H. Thorpe 2, W. Thorpe 3, J. Royce 4, E. Roys 5, P. Turner 6, A. Parker 7, S. Proctor (conductor) 8, T. Hall 9, A. Ward (Bottesford) 10.

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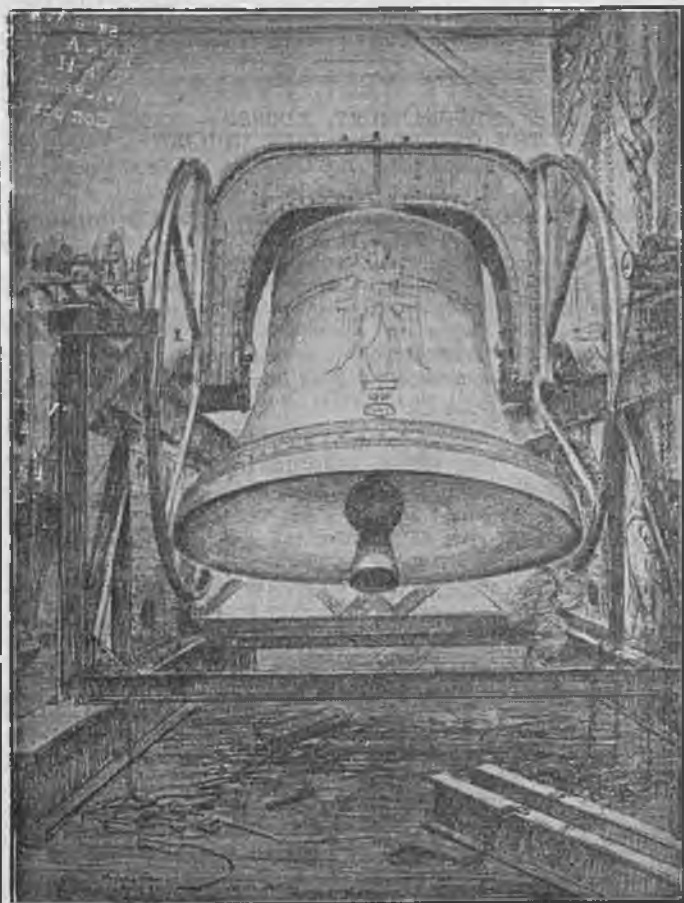
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CAMBRIDGE REFLECTIONS.

The Fabian Stedman commemoration scheme, from start to finish, has been a revelation of what a united Exercise can do. The raising of nearly five hundred pounds for the restoration of the tower and bells of St. Benedict's Church, contributed directly or through the associations and guilds by the ringers themselves, was a magnificent gesture. The presence, at the ceremony of dedication of the work, of representative ringers from something like thirty counties in England and Wales was a further mark of the widespread interest which was taken in the scheme. No single project which the Exercise had undertaken before has ever been so national in its character or so successful in its outcome, and Cambridge, one of the earliest homes of change ringing, will for the future have a new place in the thoughts of ringers.

As the result of what has been done a fresh impetus will, we hope, be given to ringing in Cambridge. It should not be sufficient that St. Benedict's should be merely another tower in which the bells have once more been made ringable. It is important that they should be regularly rung for service, if possible by a band specially created for the purpose; and in this, we have no doubt, the Cambridge Youths will be able to render valuable assistance. Beyond this, however, Stedman's bells ought to play another and not less important part. For fifty years the Cambridge University Guild, by interesting and instructing undergraduates—not a few of whom have afterwards entered the Church, and among whom we number to-day several of the most prominent men in the Exercise—has rendered notable service to ringing. The president of this Guild for over half a century, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, learned to handle a bell at St. Benedict's. Could not this tower be used as the special 'home' of the Guild where the art could be taught to new members, so that, with the inspiration of Fabian Stedman behind them, they might go out to help in carrying on and extending the work which he began nearly three hundred years ago? St. Benedict's bells could be used for no better purpose, and we hope that eventually the tower will, in some such way, become a University ringing centre.

One other thought may well be mentioned; it must have occurred to many, and it is voiced by a correspondent in a letter elsewhere in this issue. The success and the truly national character of the proceedings at Cambridge opens up the prospect that an annual gathering of ringers, somewhat on the same lines, especially if held in the summer, might prove an innovation to which

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the Exercise would be ready to give its support. Our correspondent suggests that it might be held in London, with a service in St. Paul's Cathedral. That, indeed, would set the seal on the recognition of ringers as part of the organisation of the Church, but if that proposal is not practicable there seems no serious obstacle to another pilgrimage to Cambridge, at a suitable time, so that others not able to join in the tercentenary commemoration might have the opportunity of visiting the scene of Stedman's early ringing days and maintaining touch with the church which, more than ever before, will claim a big place in their interest and affection as ringers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 1	GEORGE A. FLEMMING 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	LEWIS W. WIPPEN 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	FREDERICK J. TILLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 200th peal. First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus by the St. Mary le Tower Society. Messrs. Brown, Catchpole, Fleming and H. Symonds were elected members previous to starting the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*SAMUEL QUINTON 1	*CHARLES PULLEN 5
†WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS ROBY M. HAZELL 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
MISS S. ELLA DAVIS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First in method on a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Matthews.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER 1	ERNEST W. FORBANK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
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*HARRY TURNER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

STREET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 1	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	THOMAS J. SETTER 6
H. JIM RALPH 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 7
HARRY J. SANGER 4	GEORGE PHELPS Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor to cwt.

REV. J. R. KING Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 2	ARTHUR BRAINES 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung as a 78th birthday peal to Mr. James George.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

NORTHLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	HARRY OVERTON 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	G. LEONARD HEWITT 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	EDWARD V. RODENEDRST Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal on the new bells.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS 5
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	WILLIAM P. DEANE 7
THOMAS HORD 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	FREDERICK W. DIXON 7
GEORGE W. SLACK 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON 5
FREDERICK LIME 2	JAMES WILLIAMS 6
HECTOR WOODBURN 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
JIM TEBAY 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
JOHN SIMONS 4	RICHARD G. RICE Tenor

Conducted by HUGH J. BALCOMBE.

Rung for the patronal festival. The tenor ringer has now completed the circle at this tower.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE ASTBURY Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
ERIC B. ALLMAN 2	JOHN PARKER 6
JOHN TIMMIS 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN MATTHEWS 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Rung on the eve of Advent. All are members of the local band. 60th peal together by Messrs. A. Allman and J. Brassington.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JACK MEDHURST Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5
HAROLD HUNTLEY 2	HARRY SEAL 6
ARTHUR P. CANNON 3	ERNEST EVEREST 7
PERCY G. DENTON 4	ALFRED H. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt, and first 'touch' on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. This is the 101st peal together by the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

SOUTHGATE.—On Thursday, December 10th, for practice, 1,312 Bristol Surprise Major in 51 mins.: D. Ovington (first quarter-peal of Surprise) 1, S. Wade 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Bowden 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Six Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 11,264 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Longest length by all, in the method for the association, in the county on eight bells, and rung at the first attempt. The average age of three of the band is 66, of the whole band 46, while the conductor has just attained half that age. The one-part composition contains the 102 course ends, tenors together, without the 2-3's, 3-2's or 4-2's, and is rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HAYWOOD Treble	REGINALD PAYNE 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	FRED WATKINSON 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD 3	P.C. ARTHUR PASHLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE HAYWOOD.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN S. ROYLE Treble	† ALFRED MOULTON, JUN. ... 4
* REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 2	† JESSE HORNBY 5
HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT H. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal as conductor in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

* MISS HELEN M. SHANKS Treble	RONALD RAYNER 4
† CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
ERNEST TURNER 3	OLAVE C. BROYD Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE C. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt on tower bells. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to commemorate the safe return of Mr. Augustine Conrthauld from the Arctic regions.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 1½ cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 4
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
* H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Walter Davis, for several years captain of the local band.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael on Thursday, November 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.; Miss D. Wacey 1, H. M. White 2, F. Greasley 3, Rev. F. W. Lane 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST J. BULL Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	S. PERCY MARSON 5
DAVID G. TAYLOR 3	S. GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by S. G. COLES.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBOURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 of St. Simon's, 840 each of Chase and Bob Doubles, and 960 each of St. Dunstan's, Grandsire and Old Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK OSBOURNE Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 3
FREDERICK W. KNOWLES ... 2	BERNARD BAILEY 4

WILFRED RILEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR SMITHSON.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Riley.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER HOOPER ... Treble	WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 3	* P.C. RICHARD STUCKEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

G. SOLEY Treble	F. DOWNES 4
W. EVANS 2	W. DUGGAN 5
W. DOWNES 3	W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE A. NEWMAN Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 5
ARTHUR P. CANNON 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Honess.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY WESTON Treble	* CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE ... 4
ERNEST A. WILSON 2	WILFRED RILEY 5
TOM CLARKE 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. V. Blackburne, recently appointed Vicar of this parish; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 15th, for Armistice service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: E. O. Sharplin 1, F. Wood 2, J. Harridge 3, H. James 4, G. Miles (conductor) 5, F. James 6. First quarter-peal by 4th and tenor. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY COMMEMORATION PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN NEAL Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
HENRY H. FEARN 5	FRANK E. PERVIN 11
FRANK E. HAYNES 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung to commemorate the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary.

CARDIFF, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*REV. F. A. OSWELL Treble	GEORGE LARGE 6
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FRED LASBURY 7
WILLIAM HEATH 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
HARRY PAGE 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, also as a birthday peal to Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Treble	*WALTER S. BEAUMONT ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	FRANK BELSEY 7
HARRY HOVERD 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 8
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
*STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 5	ALFRED HAYLOR Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. Specially rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5163 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	*WALTER SWALLOW 6
*ARTHUR WALKER 2	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
*THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
*HARRY BROWN 4	†JOHN FRYER 9
GEORGE W. STEEL 5	*ALBERT STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters with 'inside' bell. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ALLAN W. RANDE 7
JOSEPH MORRIS 3	JOHN P. FIDLER 8
F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 4	G. SYEDMAN MORRIS 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by E. MORRIS

Specially arranged for the Stedman Tercentenary Commemoration.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in C.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSB ... Treble	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 6
JAMES BULLOCK 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
CHARLES S. BURDEN 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES 9
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5	EDWARD J. SAMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. D. Smith, E. J. Walsom and Major J. H. B. Hessb. Also rung as a tribute to the memory of Fabian Stedman.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBT. W. II. STRICKLAND Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
EDWARD H. KING 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
MISS CONSTANCE HOVERD ... 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
HARRY RAYNER 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
*WALTER J. POOLE 2	S. GEORGE COLES 6
ERNEST J. BULL 3	S. PERCY MERSON 7
ALFRED J. WYATT 4	JACK ROY Tenor

Conducted by S. P. MERSON.

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

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	*CHARLES BROWN 6
HARRY BROWN 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
JOHN FRYER 4	ALBERT STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

TOTTENHAM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Pickering 1, A. Butler 2, J. Taylor 3, K. Taylor (conductor) 4, H. Lockley 5, A. Bennett 6, B. Dalton 7, T. Bate 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Stafford for Confirmation service. First quarter-peal as conducted by K. Taylor, to whom the ringing was a birthday compliment.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 6.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.
ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
JOHN H. B. HESE 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	GEORGE E. CLODE 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* EDWARD BROWN Treble	GEORGE KEMBALL 5
GEORGE WORTHY 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
MISS L. LANCASTER 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
J. REED 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary.

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BOLWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
RAYMOND OVERY 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

WITLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT DEVENISH ... Treble	FRANK RINGE 5
PERCY GREEN 2	JOHN WOOD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
GEORGE GREEN 4	ARTHUR HRAD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. W. ROGERS. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN

Arranged to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary and as a birthday peal for Percy Green. The conductor rang the same bell in his first peal as conductor on December 12th, 1888—43 years ago.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

C. WALLIS Treble	C. KILLICK 4
* J. WALLIS, SEN. 2	F. J. SANDERS 5
J. WALLIS, JUN. 3	H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary, also a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and tenor.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* S. JOYNER Treble	F. PONTING 4
F. CANTER 2	T. PRICE 5
H. NEWMAN 3	H. BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by T. PRICE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the Stedman Tercentenary.

BROMHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 14 callings.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY HILLIER ... Treble	GEORGE W. ENGLAND ... 4
VINCENT E. SWIFT ... 2	FRANK GREEN 5
WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... 3	* ARTHUR J. CULLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. SWIFT.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and first of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, and also to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. P. G. Phillips), whose induction took place on Wednesday, December 9th.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT 4
JOHN H. RACKHAM ... 2	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 5
GEORGE HAWKINS ... 3	BRINLEY J. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary. First peal of Stedman Doubles for the Guild and by all except the ringer of the 4th. Also rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alfred A. Rackham and Miss G. M. Williams, ringer and chorister respectively at the above church, and as a birthday compliment to Gurnos Jones, son of the tenor ringer.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, Bourne, York, Cambridge, Annable's London, Nethersale and Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK PARR ... Treble	GEORGE BORNHAM 4
ALFRED PARR 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. Milner as Rector of the above church, also the Stedman Tercentenary. It was also a birthday peal to the wife of the 3rd ringer.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 10, 1931, in Three Hours.

AT 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	* ERNEST BENNETT 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6	PETER LAFLIN 11-12

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Laflin. Also in honour of the Tercentenary celebration of Fabian Stedman.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, CRANTHAM

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, October 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Mrs. E. King (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, E. H. King 2, H. W. Strickland 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, J. G. Nash 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	HAROLD JACKSON 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4	PETER LAPLIN 7-8

* ERNEST BENNETT 9-10

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Harry Laffin.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.

In St. NICHOLAS' CHURCH BELFRY,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK W. PERRENS 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN 7-8

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

First peal in the method 'in hand' for the Guild and by ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT FOLKESTONE.

VICAR'S GENEROUS GIFT.

On Tuesday evening, December 8th, at a combined practice meeting, a peal board was unveiled at the Parish Church, Folkestone, by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Holden) recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in the tower in April last, the ringers having been J. Coppin (Folkestone) treble, W. Bidnell (Hythe) 2, C. R. Millway (Dover) 3, F. Castle (Elham) 4, W. Kitelin (Folkestone) 5, R. T. Clark (Dover) 6, C. Turner (Dover) conductor 7, T. Anderson (Folkestone) 8. The Vicar said he always tried to encourage those engaged in the work of ringing the bells, and at the close said he wished to defray the expense of the peal board.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery branch took place at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday. There were 50 members present from most of the affiliated towers of the district. Service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ogden) officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. Sweetnam, Vicar of St. Mary's and president of the branch. Tea was served in the schools after service. Amongst those present at the subsequent meeting were the Rector of Norton Fitzwarren (the Rev. F. L. Grosvenor), the Vicar and curate of St. James', Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary of the association), Mr. J. Maddocks (former conductor of St. James'), and Mr. J. Burge (St. Mary's conductor, who has recently recovered from a serious operation).

The balance sheet showed a balance on the right side of £5 15s.

The report of the past year was favourable, although a few of the village towers are short of members. Fifteen peals were rung during 1931, a remarkable fact being that in them all someone had scored a 'first.' A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. James' was the first by all except the conductor (Mr. J. Hunt). Other peals included four of Stedman Triples, one Double Norwich, and two of Grandsire Triples, one of Spliced Treble Bob Minor (the first by all), one of Treble Bob Minor and five peals of Doubles. Messrs. W. Gigg (St. James'), A. J. Wyatt (Wilton) and W. H. Lloyd (St. Mary's) were congratulated on conducting their first peals of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

The officers of the branch were all re-elected, viz.: President, the Rev. J. G. Sweetnam; hon. secretary, Mr. S. P. Merson; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Hunt.

Creech, Wiveliscombe and Wellington (All Saints') were chosen for quarterly meetings. Four new members were elected.

Reference was made by the president to the recent broadcasting of St. Mary's bells, and some discussion followed as to the procedure, time limit, etc., in any future broadcast.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and then the ringers returned to the tower. The ringing varied from Doubles on the back six to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a course of Bristol Surprise.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Sunday, December 13th, at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley (Yorkshire), for evening service, a date touch (1,931 changes) of Kent Treble Bob in 1 hour 6 mins.: S. Keighley 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, W. E. Scrimshaw 4, D. Thompson 5, E. Hudson 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Lee 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th, the latter having reached his 21st birthday. It was also his longest length.

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CHRISTMAS WEEK PUBLICATION.

On account of the Christmas holidays, 'The Ringing World' will be published next week on Thursday.

All matter intended for insertion in that issue must reach 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, not later than Monday.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two new treble bells, increasing the light eight at North Stoneham, Hants, to a ring of ten, are to be dedicated on Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rector (the Rev. T. Salmon). The bells have been given by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams to commemorate their golden wedding.

This will be one of the lightest rings of ten in the country, the tenor being only 9 cwt. 26 lb. Since Winchester Cathedral bells were increased to twelve there has been only one ring of ten in Hampshire, namely, at Christchurch Priory, and these, if all goes well, will also soon be made into twelve, so that the addition at North Stoneham is not only an interesting personal gift from the first man and wife who took part in a peal together, but a timely augmentation for the Winchester diocese.

Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, a well-known member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, of which he was formerly hon. secretary, has just taken his degree of Doctor of Physics in the Faculty of Science at Liverpool University.

The enterprising band at Leiston, Suffolk, have rung peals in no fewer than ten Surprise Major methods this year: Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, London, Guildford, Surrey, Dublin, Rochester, Camdon and Suffolk. A fine record!

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, of Guildford, and their daughter, Miss Jessie Melville, took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday at Epsom, Surrey, to commemorate the anniversary of the parents' wedding day. This is, we believe, only the second time that a peal has been rung in which father, mother and daughter have taken part.

Phyllis Tillett, of Ipswich, aged 12, a daughter of John F. (Ben) and granddaughter of Frederic J., rang the treble at St. Andrew's Church, Rushmore, on Thursday evening last, at the first attempt, to 720 Plain Bob Minor. It would be interesting to know if she is the youngest girl to ring the extent on tower bells.

The name of the ringer of the tenor at Bridstow, Herefordshire, in a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 21st, and a peal of Stedman Doubles on December 5th, should have been given as Harvey H. Winney.

A BURY ST. EDMUNDS INCIDENT.

THE NEED FOR ACCURACY IN RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been suggested that the 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick may be accepted by succeeding generations as a true peal. Without expressing any opinion on this unfortunate matter, I might say that the ringing at Bury St. Edmunds on Monday, May 14th, 1855, seems to have been recognised as a true peal, and a record has appeared in Mr. Morris' book giving the impression that a peal of 5,000 changes, conforming to the recognised standards of ringing, was completed on that date.

According to William Freeman, who rang the 6th in the 'peal,' the bells did not come 'home' (somebody turned round to look at a watch!), the ringing coming to a premature end and a few changes from home. The 'Norfolk News,' recording the performance, uses the phrase 'UPWARDS of 5,000 changes,' when on each occasion before and after the number of changes is definite; and the late Mr. Samuel Slater, well known for his knowledge of local ringing history, on the conclusion of the peal of Kent Royal on Saturday, February 23rd, 1895, at the Norman tower, remarked, 'Well, gentlemen, we have now rung the first peal on the bells.' 'Campanology' of December 23rd, 1896, page 175, also states in an appreciation of Samuel Slater: 'Mr. Slater was the organiser of the band that rang the first and only peal on the ten bells of the Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds.'

I do not think the Norwich worthies of the 1855 peal would have deceived the public intentionally with regard to their ringing at Bury, but the fact remains that they have received the credit for the first peal there; and in writing this letter I am of the opinion that our records should be as accurate as possible.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A pleasant meeting of the Towcester branch was held at Bradden on Saturday. The service was well attended, and after tea, which was served in the Parish Hall, the secretary (the Rev. R. Howes) presented certificates to Miss Grant Ives, Messrs. Richardson, Pilgrim, Hillyer, Johnson, Green and Meakins for first peals. He said that some towers were now getting on to Stedman with the help of the guild instructor.

Votes of thanks were given the ladies for preparing the tea and to the Vicar.

THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY COMMEMORATION.

PICTURES AT CAMBRIDGE.

Below we give, by the courtesy of the 'Cambridge Chronicle,' two interesting pictures taken at the Stedman Tricentenary Commemoration at Cambridge. In

the upper photograph the clergy, the band which opened the bells, the architect, bell founder and other officials are seen at the entrance to St. Benedict's Church; in the lower picture the secretary of the Ladies' Guild is seen actively engaged in selling ash tray souvenirs.



In the top picture are the Rural Dean (Canon Adams), who dedicated the bells (on the extreme left), and the Vicar of St. Benedict's (on the right). Among others in the group are Canon Coleridge, the Rev. H. Drake, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. Troup (architect), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (bell founder), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. C. H. Howard (Essex Association), W. Pye (Middlesex Association), J. D. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council) and J. S. Goldsmith.

In the bottom picture Mrs. Fletcher finds no difficulty in disposing of ash tray souvenirs.

AN ANNUAL NATIONAL GATHERING.

DEAR Sir,—Having been privileged to attend that truly great occasion at Cambridge on Saturday week, and seeing such a vast concourse of ringers from all parts of the country, it struck me very forcibly that a national gathering of ringers might be held once a year, say in London, with a special service in St. Paul's Cathedral and the city churches open for ringing. (I do not suggest that St. Paul's bells should be thrown open.) There are so many organisations recognised in these days, and it would be a grand thing if the bellringers of this country could have a recognised gathering in the great centre of the

Empire; recognised by the Church through a gathering at St. Paul's.

If this suggestion does not appeal to the majority of the Exercise, could a meeting at Cambridge annually be arranged upon the same lines as on Saturday week? I am sure very many would enjoy it.—

Yours sincerely,

W. H. LAWRENCE.

WHERE RINGERS CAME FROM.

It is impossible to mention a tithe of the places from which ringers came to attend the celebration. Durham, Lancashire, Yorkshire,

Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Oxford, Dorset, Wilts, Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Monmouth and Glamorganshire were all represented, to say nothing of a strong contingent from London, and other counties may have had ringers among the big gathering. Several ringers had to leave home on Friday in order to reach Cambridge in time. One ringer travelled all Friday night from South Wales.

STEDMAN DOUBLES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOWERS.

At St. Peter's, Stetchworth, Cambs, on Sunday morning, November 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. C. Sharpe (Newmarket) 1, L. C. Briggs (Stetchworth) 2, J. F. Lancaster (Stetchworth) 3, S. J. Twitchett (Stetchworth) conductor 4, S. Brown (Exning) 5.—At St. Mary's, Dullingham, on November 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. C. Sharpe 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster 3, S. J. Twitchett (conductor) 4, S. Brown 5.—At St. Mary's, Newmarket, on December 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles in 50 mins.: L. Warner 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster 3, R. C. Sharpe 4, S. Brown (conductor) 5, R. Heath 6.—At St. Mary's, Woodditton, Cambs, on December 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles in 45 mins.: S. J. Twitchett 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster (conductor) 3, R. C. Sharpe 4, S. Brown 5.—At the Parish Church, Swaffham Prior, Cambs, on December 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles in 47 mins.: R. C. Sharpe 1, L. C. Briggs 2, T. F. Lancaster 3, S. J. Twitchett 4, S. Brown (conductor) 5, W. Webb (Exning) 6.

On December 5th, at St. Lawrence's Church, Bradwell, Bucks, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes) to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary: C. Alderman 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, A. Justice 3, W. French 4, A. Coley 5, A. Lathall 6.

At St. Michael's, Basingsstoke, on December 5th, in honour of the commemoration, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Ballard 1, F. Wilson 2, E. Austin 3, H. Balaam (conductor) 4, R. Wooding 5, C. Ostler 6, J. Chesterman 7, H. Munday 8.—For evening service on Sunday, December 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples; first in the method by J. Munday.

The local ringers of St. Michael's Church, North Cadbury, rang touches of Stedman Doubles to commemorate the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman on Saturday, December 5th, this being the first time in the history of the church that Stedman has been rung on the bells by the local ringers.

At Christ Church, Southgate, for morning service, 300 Stedman Triples in commemoration of the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. G. Nash 1, E. H. King 2, J. E. Miller 3, D. Ovington 4, W. Pickworth 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, G. Plater 7, A. G. Crane 8.

On December 5th, at Wimborne Minster, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, J. I. Davis 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips 3, A. F. M. Stewart 4, F. Price 5, A. G. Rose 6, W. E. Cheater (conductor) 7, F. C. Hart 8; and at St. James', Poole, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Townsend 1, J. I. Davis 2, V. Stock 3, R. J. Martin 4, A. G. Rose 5, J. P. Vatcher 6, C. F. Turner (conductor) 7, H. P. Davis 8.

At Bridstow, Herefordshire, on Tuesday, December 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 minutes: W. T. Poston 1, R. E. Summers 2, J. J. Webb 3, W. G. Shaw 4, E. H. Foster 5, A. Alford 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, R. Summers 8. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary.

At Hounslow on Sunday for evensong and in honour of the Stedman Tercentenary, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, W. W. Daniell 2, W. Ellingham 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. W. Barrett 5, C. J. Tricker 6, H. Impey 7, W. Sparrow 8. Also a further two courses with Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport (Mon) ringing the 2nd.

At the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Sunday, December 6th, for evening service and in commemoration of the Tercentenary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Swift 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, F. Buckland 4, R. Buckland 5, J. Harrison 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, W. Fletcher 8.

SOUVENIRS.

Two splendid souvenirs of the Tercentenary have been prepared and may be obtained by ringers. One is a daintily got up booklet, which records the details of the Commemoration scheme, has a long and interesting article on Fabian Stedman and a description of St. Benedict's and its tower and bells. In addition there is a complete list of subscribers to the Tercentenary Fund. There are several illustrations, including, as a frontispiece, a fine picture of the Saxon tower. Every ringer should secure one of these souvenirs, which can be obtained post free 8d. each from the 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey.

The other memento of the unique event is an ash tray. A number of these have been turned up out of an ancient oak beam which was removed from St. Benedict's tower in the course of the restoration, and they form very charming souvenirs. Nearly all that were ready were disposed of at Cambridge, but more will shortly be on sale and will be obtainable at 2s. 3d. post free from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex. Early application for these is desirable, as the number is limited.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY ARGYLE. WARWICKSHIRE GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

The ringing fraternity will be deeply sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Harry Argyle, who passed away on Wednesday, December 9th, after a five weeks' illness following an operation. He was progressing favourably until five days before the end, when he had a relapse and passed away as stated.

The interment took place at Nuneaton Cemetery on Saturday, December 12th, and was preceded by a service in church. This was attended by a large number of Freemasons, Mr. Argyle having been a member of both the Nuneaton lodges and hon. secretary of the Abbey Lodge, No. 432.

A number of ringers were present from Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Higham, Leicester and Rugby, with members of the local band. Canon J. L. White, M.A. (Vicar of Nuneaton) officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A. (president of the Warwickshire Guild) and the Rev. J. H. Faulkner (curate).

The service was fully choral, Psalm 23 being sung and hymns, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul' and 'Lead, kindly light.' The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Argyle and Mr. and Mrs. R. Argyle (sons and daughters-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chapman, Mr. Chapman having been associated with Mr. Argyle in the belfry for 42 years. The widow did not attend the service. At the close of the committal service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. A. Fenton 1-2, J. H. W. White 3-4, W. H. J. Hooton 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8. Among the numerous wreaths was one from the Warwickshire Guild, in the shape of a bell in white chrysanthemums and violets, also one from the Nuneaton ringers and one from the Coton ringers.

In the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of Nuneaton Parish Church with the clappers mutilated on the back stroke.

Mr. Harry Argyle was a native of Burton. He rang his first peal at Shenstone, near Lichfield, on Saturday, February 26th, 1878, at the age of 13 (the treble to a peal of Grandsire Major) and his second peal at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent (the treble to Grandsire Triples), the following Thursday. He did no further ringing until he moved to Nuneaton in 1889, where he joined the band at the Parish Church, who were then struggling with Grandsire Doubles and Triples. After several years of hard work teaching young hands with variable success, he, together with Mr. T. W. Chapman, got together a good band of Sunday service ringers, who have rung all the standard methods and the well-known Surprise methods for over 20 years. They continued the good work at Chilvers Coton, and it is largely due to their efforts that there is a promising Sunday service band there.

Mr. Argyle had rung over 190 peals, having conducted twelve. Messrs. Argyle and Chapman have rung 100 peals together on the bells of Nuneaton Church.

Mr. Argyle joined the Warwickshire Guild in 1907, the year of its formation, and had been an active worker in its interests until his death, attending the last quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, October 24th. He has represented the Guild on the Central Council for a number of years. He rang in the first peal of Major for the Guild at Bedworth on Saturday, March 7th, 1908, and rang his 100th peal for the Guild on Thursday, November 7th, 1912. He also rang in the first Masonic peal, Grandsire Caters, at St. Clement Danes, on December 4th, 1919.

The elder of his two sons is an accomplished ringer also, having rung a peal of Stedman Triples on May 27th, 1911, at the age of 14. On December 28th of that year he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples, and a year later rang a peal of Superlative Surprise.

Mr. Harry Argyle will be greatly missed in Nuneaton and district, having been a ringer at the Parish Church for 42 years and for many years a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council.

D. E. B.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division, held at Kings Langley, was attended by about 20 ringers (including two ladies) from Abbots Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Watford, Waltham Abbey, Hemel Hempstead, Maidenhead and the local company. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung in the afternoon. Then the Vicar (the Rev. Lushington) conducted a short service, and in the course of his address emphasised the great need of Christianity in the present world crisis.

At the Vicar's kind invitation tea was partaken of in the Village Hall.

Subsequently it was decided to hold the next meeting at Northchurch in February.

Mr. F. Reeves, president of the society, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his great kindness, and also all others who had helped to make the meeting a success.—The Vicar suitably responded, saying it had given him great pleasure to 'do his bit.' The ringers were a branch of churchworkers whom he greatly admired.

Although not in the highest methods, the ringing which took place was an encouragement to several present.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LINDLEY.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Lindley on Saturday last, when upwards of 50 members attended from Armley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Lightcliffe, Earlsheaton, Batley, Queensbury, Keighley, Birstall, Pudsey, Longwood, Idle, Elland and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were kept going, and tea was served in the Parish Room. Mr. J. Cotterell, vice-president of the association, presided over the business meeting, at which five new members were elected, viz., S. Britton (Birstall), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), H. J. Poole (Leicester), J. A. Brown (Chester-le-Street) and H. Armitage (Longwood).

It was decided to endeavour to arrange the next meeting at Northorham.

The Chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and Parish Room, said it was 38 years since the association last visited Lindley.—The vote was seconded by Mr. H. Lofthouse and carried unanimously.—The Vicar, replying, said he was pleased to welcome the ringers, and was glad to hear they had enjoyed the use of the bells and the Parish Room. There was, he said, nothing finer than a good peal of bells, and he hoped that it would not be 38 years before they visited Lindley again.

A vote of thanks to the local band for providing the tea free was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said he would like to pay tribute to the enthusiasm of the local ringers, and added that there was a Yorkshire saying, 'If the does owt for nowt do it for thisen,' but the Lindley ringers had 'done summat for nowt,' not for themselves, but for the visitors. He also included in the vote the ladies who had assisted at the tea tables.—The chairman, seconding the vote of thanks, said the visit to Lindley reminded him of a peal of Treble Bob he rang there, which was composed and conducted by Mr. Schofield, a member of the Lindley band, who had recently passed away, and in which all the calls were extremes.—The motion having been carried, Mr. Smith, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the association to Lindley. They had had the whole of the parishioners behind them in providing the tea, the Vicar had given them every assistance and the ladies, when asked for their help, were delighted to give it. He had always enjoyed attending meetings at other towers and was glad to be able to return the hospitality.

This concluded the business meeting and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held jointly with the Doncaster and Barnsley District Societies at Rawmarsh on Saturday, when upwards of 30 members attended from Bolsterstone, Conisborough, Doncaster, Arksey, Handsworth, Sheffield (the Cathedral and St. Marie's), Rotherham, Wath, Ecclesfield, Treeton, Wortley and the local company. Touches in various methods were brought round previous to a short service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Scovell, who gave the visitors a very hearty welcome to his church.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local company, and quite upheld the high standard associated with Rawmarsh.

At the business meeting which followed the Rector was voted to the chair, and an apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. A. Panther (secretary of the Barnsley and District Society).

The following were elected members of the Yorkshire Association: Messrs. A. Champion, J. H. Sykes, E. Tyas, H. Dawson, F. Cartwright, N. R. Brownhill (all of Penistone), C. Lyons (Gainsborough), R. Daniels (Stanford) and J. Marshall (Edinburgh).

Subject to the necessary permission being obtained, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 12th.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and his curate, to the ladies for tea and to the local company were heartily carried and replied to by the Rector on their behalf, and this brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

Further ringing in various methods was indulged in after the meeting.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT YORK.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on Saturday, December 12th, and was attended by some 30 members, representing towers at Beverley, Hemmingborough, Hull, Leeds, Market Weighton, Patrington, Pontefract, Selby, Withernsea and the local company.

By courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford), the peal at the Minster was available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the privilege was greatly appreciated by those present.

An excellent repast was served in the Feasegate Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting, the vice-president, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) presiding.

The Rev. R. P. Frost, M.A., Rector of Patrington, was elected an honorary member of the association, and the following as ringing members: Messrs. H. Andrews and R. Culbert (Patrington), Mr. J. W. Schofield (Burler, Leeds), Mr. F. Atkinson (York) and Mr. T. Creasey (Hemingborough).

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THE FIRST PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

MR. CHALLIS WINNEY'S RECOLLECTIONS.

We referred recently to the fact that December 10th was the jubilee of the first peal rung on the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. It was rung by J. Pettit 1, G. Muskett 2, W. Cooter 3, J. R. Haworth 4, R. Jameson 5, G. Mash 6, G. Dorrington 7, W. Tanner 8, M. Wood 9, E. Horroxx 10, J. M. Hayes 11, W. Jones and W. A. Tyler 12.

One of the few ringers who remember this notable performance is Mr. Challis Winney, and he sends us his recollections of the occasion.

The Goose and Gridiron, he writes, stood on the north side of the west front of St. Paul's. The preliminary rounds were rung with M. A. Wood on the 4th and W. Greenleaf on the 9th. Mr. Haworth turned up late and the writer assisted him to climb over the low fence and enter by the west door. He reached the tower through what is now All Souls' Chapel (or Kitchener Chapel). Mr. Greenleaf gave up his rope at once and Mr. Wood gave the 4th rope to Haworth and took the 9th. Mr. H. W. Haley, who, by the way, was never a 'parochial' ringer at St. Paul's, came along after two courses had been rung and at once recognised the peal as one of his compositions, which he had called 40 years previously, and, curiously enough, the date was the actual anniversary of it. It was delightful to see him put down the remainder of the course ends. Just previous to a course end coming up he would adjust another pair of spectacles, put down the figures and then resume his original pair. Then he would go on chatting as before, and as the next course end approached, sink into silence, change his glasses, and go through the same performance. On the same day the Royal Cumberlands rang a peal at St. Martin's, composed and conducted by Mr. John Cox. The writer and Mr. John W. Rowbotham heard this peal run round and skeddaddled back to the Goose and Gridiron to hear the end of St. Paul's peal. Mr. Rowbotham somewhat impetuously entered the upper room where Haley sat and called out, 'They have just finished their Cinques at St. Martin's.' Mr. Haley, very quietly and dignified, said, 'Keep quiet, you will hear them round in a real peal directly.' After the peal, as each ringer came up in turn to the room, he was greeted by clapping of hands.

A picture of this room has lately been discovered by an old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. J. C. Mitchell, who has presented it to the society. The tavern was a rendezvous, in 1710, of the Ancient Order of Freemasons, of which Mr. Mitchell is an ardent member. It was in this room that Mr. Mitchell rang his first handbell peal (Holt's Original) on January 25th, 1887. On February 25th of the same year he took part in the 'Original' rung non-conducted, and on December 29th, at the Goose and Gridiron, was one of the band that rang a strictly non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH HAVE A 'STEDMAN' MEETING.

The last of the monthly meetings of the Devizes branch for 1931 was held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Market Lavington, on Saturday, December 5th. This tower contains a very nice peal of six bells (tenor 15 cwt.), which were rehung and tuned by Messrs. Taylor and Co. about 4½ years ago, and are in excellent going order. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and various methods were rung by nearly 30 stalwarts who braved the weather. The Guild service at 4.40 was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Sturton, the lesson being read by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), and Miss Edkins presided at the organ. Tea followed at the Institute, to which 27 sat down, including the Vicar. The following towers were represented: Devizes St. John, St. Mary and St. James, Southbroom, Melksham, Warmminster, Bratton, Rowde, Urethfont and Market Lavington. A short business meeting followed the tea, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding.

After the usual words of welcome, the Chairman spoke on the life and work of Fabian Stedman, the Tercentenary of whose birth was being commemorated and honoured that day in Cambridge.

It was announced that the annual meeting of the branch would be held in Devizes on Saturday, January 2nd.

The Vicar, who is a very enthusiastic change ringer, also spoke on the Stedman Tercentenary, and hoped all would make themselves efficient ringers of this most musical method. He extended a hearty welcome to the branch at all times.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Ringling was continued till about 8 p.m., the Stedman method being rung as much as possible. During the evening six ringers from Melksham and Devizes visited Potterne tower and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles. Arrangements had been made to ring Stedman at St. John's, Devizes, in the evening, but the weather being anything but pleasant, the band could not get back from the meeting in time.

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The annual meeting in March, 1932, will be held at Selby. On the motion of Mr. A. Walker, sen. (Pontefract), a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Dean for the use of the bells, and to Mr. X. Horner and the local company for their excellent arrangements.—Mr. T. F. Earnshaw responded. Ringling during the evening brought another delightful gathering to a close.

DEVON GUILD.**EXETER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The first annual gathering of the reconstituted Exeter District branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers took place in Exeter on Saturday, December 5th. St. Petrock's Church was kindly made available by the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Bate) for a service which he conducted, and which was marked by much heartiness.

Mr. Bate, in a charming address, congratulated the assembly on being singers as well as ringers, expressed appreciation of the work of ringers, and suggested the possibility of getting a band of youths and young men to ring St. Petrock's bells for Sunday services.

Tea was laid in St. Kerrian's Hall and attended by 58 members and guests, who included the Rev. E. C. Powell (president of the Guild) and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. C. W. Bate and Mr. Cudmore (churchwarden of St. Petrock's). Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Arthur Searle kindly helped with the tea-pouring.

At the annual business meeting Mr. A. W. Searle presided, and announced numerous apologies for absence, including the Bishop of Exeter, Lord Mamhead, Sir Edgar Plummer, Mr. Arthur Thomas, Canon McLaren, the Rev. M. T. Hainsselin (Exminster) and Mr. E. Sawdye.

The annual report reviewed an interesting programme of quarterly meetings and propaganda work, and of excursions (arranged by the chairman), in which ringers' wives and friends were able to participate, including a visit to Mamhead Park, by invitation of Sir Robert Newman (now Lord Mamhead). The year started with a membership of 114; it was hoped to equal, if not exceed, this by the end of the year if arrears of subscriptions were cleared up. The accounts started with about £13 received from the funds of the old Exeter district branch. Ordinary working expenses had been more than met, but outlays on special propaganda and other visits had been heavy, and the prospective credit balance would be about £7 or £8. The report and accounts were adopted.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Biffen and the St. Thomas' band on scoring a peal, especially as four of the band were under 17 years of age.

Mr. Searle was re-elected chairman, Mr. W. Howe hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. W. Wills assistant hon. secretary.

Hearty thanks were tendered to the Rector and organist of St. Petrock's and to all incumbents for use of bells.

Thorverton was selected for a meeting on February 6th, and the question of having collections for funds was set down on the agenda to be dealt with, the bands being meantime asked to consider the matter and report through their representatives.

The Sheriff of Exeter (Mr. C. J. Ross) and the Rev. E. H. Robertson (St. Thomas') were made honorary members, and, at the instance of the Rev. E. V. Cox, it was agreed that congratulations be conveyed to Lord Mamhead on his elevation to the Peerage.

Visits were later paid to the Cathedral and other towers for ringing purposes. At the Cathedral the ringing wound up with a touch of Stedman Triples (called by the chairman) in recognition of the Tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, who produced the method.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The last meeting of the year was held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, and was much enjoyed by all present. Ringers to the number of 40 attended during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Brockley, Camberwell, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Crawley, Dorking, Epsom, Ewell, Guildford, Leatherhead, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham, Mitcham, Shouldham, Norfolk, Streatham, Sutton and Westerham. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock and good practice was obtained by all present during the afternoon.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. I. Clements), who gave an excellent address, his theme being the well-worn subject of ringers attending service after calling other people to church. The presence of the organist and choir at the service was much appreciated.

Tea had been kindly prepared by some of the local ladies at the Church Hall, and 31 ringers sat down to a very enjoyable meal, presided over by the Vicar.

The District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) presided over the business meeting, which was of a very short character. The election of two members was ratified and one new member elected from Benhilton tower.

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 choir for their help, to the ladies for waiting at tea, and to Mr. C. Smith, the local secretary, for making the necessary arrangements.—Mr. Good, the local captain, suitably replied, and added that they would be pleased to welcome any visitors to Benhilton tower either on Sundays or practice night (Tuesdays).

The secretary announced that the annual district meeting would be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, January 23rd.

The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 9 o'clock, when a very enjoyable meeting came to a close. Methods practised ranged from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise and four Surprise methods spliced.

FATALITY TO HUGHENDEN RINGER.**MR. RALPH BIGGS KILLED IN MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.**

A sad fatality occurred on December 3rd, when Mr. Ralph H. Biggs, a popular member of the Hughenden (Bucks) band, was killed while motor-cycling home after leaving his work at the chair and furniture factory in High Wycombe where he was employed. The accident happened about 6.30 p.m.

It is believed Mr. Biggs was temporarily blinded by the dazzling lights of a passing car, and crashed into the back of a stationary lorry, the rear lamp of which was unfortunately obscured by the lowered tailboard. Death was instantaneous.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to the widow and daughter who are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Biggs, who was a ringer at Hughenden for over 40 years, was 60 years of age, and had 156 peals to his credit in the following methods: Stedman Triples 73, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 1, Grandsire Triples 20, Grandsire Caters 3, Double Norwich 18, Bob Major 10, Kent Treble Bob 8, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Alliance Major 1, Forward Major 1, Superlative Surprise 9, Cambridge Surprise 2, London Surprise 7, total 156.

He was a splendid striker, reliable timekeeper and a most regular attendant at both service and practice ringing. His loss is an overwhelming blow to Hughenden. Visitors to the belfry were always certain of a hearty welcome from him, and beginners could always rely upon his wholehearted assistance.

He was in a band arranged to attempt a peal of Stedman on December 5th to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary, but owing to his lamented death the attempt was abandoned.

In addition to his ringing services to the church, Mr. Biggs was also for more than 50 years in the choir, and his fine voice will be sadly missed.

He was also chairman of the Parish Council for two successive years. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place in Hughenden Churchyard on the 8th inst., and a very large congregation, including ringers from neighbouring belfries, gathered to pay their last tribute to a universally respected parishioner.

After the interment a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by S. T. Goodchild 1-2, Harry Wingrove 3-4, R. Buckland 5-6, Roland Biggs 7-8. A well-struck quarter-peal was also rung on the tower bells immediately after the service with fully muffled bells.

On Saturday, the 12th December, a peal of Stedman Triples on half-muffled bells was rung in memory of deceased, the record of which will appear in the peal columns. R.I.P.

DEATH OF CLEWER VETERAN.**A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE CHURCH.**

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Edward Thomas Brown, of Clewer, Berks, who died on November 30th, at the age of 82 years, were laid to rest, with those of his wife, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3rd, in the churchyard of St. Andrew's, Clewer, with every mark of respect. In addition to relatives, ringing friends were present at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. W. Brook, M.A., of St. Agnes' Church. After the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave.

One son, five daughters and six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with the churchwardens, Messrs. Cross and Barlase, carrying wands of office, joined in the service to honour the passing of one of the 'old school'—the last of the five-bell band that existed before the treble bell was added at Clewer. The handbells used were an old set by H. Symondson, with boxwood clappers, more than a century old, and rung in slow time by Messrs. Farr, Stilwell, Fussell and Smith. After the service six-scores of Stedman Doubles with muffled clappers were rung on the church bells by Messrs. Smith, Fussell, Leader, Stilwell, Farr and H. Belcher, the last named now succeeding Mr. Brown as steeplekeeper. Later on the home band met again and rang another touch for their deceased foreman.

Mr. Brown's parents came to Clewer from Bristol by road about 1840. He left home at an early age for Bath, his occupation being that of a gardener, and he first learnt to pull a bell at St. John's Church, Bathaston, in 1867—just rounds and call changes; as he once told the writer, 'There wasn't much half-pull about in those days.' He rang at many towers in Wilts, Gloucestershire and Somerset, and recollected an occasion when the six-bell team from Larkhill did some Grandsire at Bathaston and the treble ringer collapsed and died in the belfry. His migrations took him to Felixstowe, Denham and Slough, and he returned to Clewer in 1881, when he joined the band there, and has acted as foreman for some 20 years past. During the last decade he rang the treble to six-scores and encouraged the successful attempts by Berks and Bucks ringers for the first peals of Doubles and Minor upon his beloved bells.

This contribution is sent to 'The Ringing World' as a record of the faithful and constant duty rendered to the church by a humble call-change hand—'through all the changing scenes of life' and a half-century of belfry reform. W. H. F.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake has not yet told us what his resolution means. Although he may exclude me from the punishment it threatens (because I sit on the fence), yet there must be a large number of members of the Suffolk Guild who have quite definite but differing views on what are rows and what are changes. Mr. Drake says that certain things are a matter of arithmetic, and that we have to accept them. If nobody can have any opinions other than those he puts forward, and if people who sit on the fence (including myself) are excluded, then there remain none who come within the scope of the resolution. Therefore, it falls to the ground as being meaningless, useless and ridiculous, and I hope that if it comes before the Suffolk Guild annual meeting it will meet the fate it deserves.

One of my several correspondents on this matter has given a good illustration. If Mr. Drake when he goes to church on Sunday morning dons his clerical garb he 'changes.' Then when he gets back into his ordinary clothes he 'changes' again, i.e., two changes. Now he would have us believe that when he repeats the operations on Sunday evening there is NO CHANGE!

However, as I have said before, I do not wish to discuss rows and changes, but hope I have shown that the Suffolk Guild resolution is nonsensical, and that it ought to be consigned, with the Painswick false peal tablet (referred to by the aforesaid correspondent as the 'Great Hoax of Painswick'), to oblivion.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ROWS ARE CHANGES.

Sir,—I don't need arithmetic to prove it. Two Ringers have a Row. Row denotes a difference. Difference denotes Change. Thus: Row x Difference = Change.—Yours,

A FIAT.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The 'high water mark' in enthusiasm was reached at the Cheritsey District meeting held at Weybridge on Saturday. The number of members of that district interested enough to attend for the purpose of nominating next year's officers reached the staggering total of three. Had the Rector of Weybridge, who kindly provided the tea, relied on his own district he would have had any number of stale cakes on hand this week. However, thanks to visitors, representing the youth of a neighbouring district, the Rector's dining table was saved from collapse.

'Churchyard Bob' and Grandsire were rung before tea, but in the evening, thanks to the arrival of visitors from Leatherhead and Maidenhead, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples were accomplished.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the district secretary, the duty of bringing the business meeting to a successful conclusion devolved on Admiral Walker (chairman) and a visiting scribe.

Messrs. H. Hancock and D. Sleet were both nominated for the office of district secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne as Ringing Master, and the Rev. P. E. Robinson and Messrs. H. J. Chaffey and P. Wallis as members of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Guildford District were going to consider a suggestion that that district should be divided into two, and after some discussion a resolution was passed 'That the Cheritsey District recommends to the Guild that a sub-committee be appointed to consider the question of the rearrangement of the districts.'

The members present expressed the unanimous wish that the Master and general secretary of the Guild would continue in office for another year.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the tea, service and use of the bells and to the organist were carried with applause.

A SOMERSET DINNER.

ENJOYABLE PARTY AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

The second annual dinner of the Axbridge Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Weston-super-Mare, was a most enjoyable affair. Eighty ringers, representative of 15 towers, were present, the company being presided over by the Rev. F. S. C. Lock, Vicar of West Pennard. As last year, the speech of the evening was that of the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar, Vicar of Kewstoke, who, in proposing the toast of 'The Axbridge Deanery,' kept the company interested and amused, and more than one was sorry when they realised that his excellent speech had come to an end.—The president of the branch, the Rev. L. T. Powys David, responded.

The Rev. A. P. Wickham, East Brent, submitted 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) replied.

The toasts of 'The Artists' and 'The Chairman' were also honoured. An exceedingly pleasant programme of music was provided by the Misses Price and Hale and Mr. H. Cottell, with Mr. H. Minifie as hon. pianist.

Soon after 9 p.m. the party adjourned to the dance hall, where those who wished to danced, and those who did not moved about among their friends, or sat and chatted as the 'spirit' moved them. Midnight came all too soon, and many had to travel weary miles through a nasty fog before they reached home, and so to bed.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY TOWERS REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, when there was a very good attendance. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Rev. H. McCarthy (Vicar), who welcomed the visitors and assured them that there would always be a warm and hearty reception for them at his tower. Tea was served to 32 members in the adjoining Parish Rooms, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) took the chair. The retiring District Master (Mr. G. Dent) and retiring secretary (Mr. H. Wacey) were both unanimously re-elected, and were thanked by Mr. Howard for their past services.

The next meeting will be held at Roydon in January.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., to the organist and to the steeplekeeper. Further ringing was afterwards indulged in. No fewer than 20 towers were represented at the meeting, and the collection in aid of the bell restoration fund amounted to 9s. 8d.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS GRANT, DUBLIN.

LOSS TO IRISH RINGERS.

The St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, has suffered a severe blow in the death of Mr. Thomas Grant, who passed away on November 13th, after an illness of about six months, at the early age of 47 years. 'Tommy,' as he was affectionately called, joined the St. Patrick's Society at the end of 1899, when only 15, and early in 1900 piloted the treble through the first peal by that society, Grandsire Caters.

Up to the time of his death, with the limited opportunities at his disposal, he had scored some 40 peals, the last of which he conducted and was the first peal by a band composed entirely of Irishmen, viz., Grandsire Caters on December 30th of last year.

He was laid to rest in Martry Churchyard, Co. Meath, on November 16th, the following ringers attending to pay their last tribute of respect: R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., W. H. Wilson, J. A. Atkinson, R. Lynch, G. Lindoff, E. Lutman, G. G. Lindoff, G. Booker and G. Wilmet.

Deceased leaves a widow and two children in bereavement, and the St. Patrick's Society mourn the loss of a great Irish ringer; a man respected by all who knew him.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, on Saturday, December 5th, when a fair muster was present, considering the inclemency of the weather. The beautiful peal of eight bells was placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock. The Guild's beautiful form of service was conducted by the assistant priest (the Rev. K. P. Goodison), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. At the outset he apologised for the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Marley), who was confined to his room with a chill, and on his behalf he gave the members a cordial welcome to Sedgley.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness. Much regret was felt that there were not more members present to partake of the good things provided.

At the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the Rev. K. P. Goodison. It was decided to hold the next meeting, which is the annual, at Dudley, the date to be fixed by the secretary. It was also proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Sedgley, subject to the consent of the Vicar and ringers being given, the necessary arrangements for the same are left with the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

The chairman was asked to convey the Guild's sympathy to the Vicar with the wish that he would soon be restored to health, also the best thanks of the members for permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley, for the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. K. P. Goodison for conducting the service, for his address and for presiding at the business meeting; also to the donors of the tea; to Mrs. B. Fullwood and her band of assistants in preparing and serving the tea and for looking after the wants and comfort of those present; to the organist and choir for the musical part of the service, which was greatly appreciated; to Mr. B. Fullwood for the great part he played in making the necessary arrangements; and to all others who had assisted in any way to make the meeting a success.—The Chairman briefly replied on behalf of himself and others concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

The ringers then returned to the belfry and indulged in further ringing in various methods. The Sedgley members gave selections on the handbells, which were enjoyed by those present.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, November 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: O. Amos 1, F. Bullock 2, F. Millard 3, H. Forbes 4, T. Ford 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, W. Hall 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and rung on the occasion of the 2nd ringer's birthday.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables 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 December 31st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—The two new trebles to complete the octave will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southwell on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Bells open for ringing after the service.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are cordially invited. Subscriptions due, and annual report to hand.—D. Brown, 140, Hulton Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, notify Mr. Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Reports now ready.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach on December 19th. Eight bells. Ringing from three o'clock. Please note: Meetings for 1932 are compiled at Sandbach on this date.—Richard D. Langford, 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells), on Saturday, December 19th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting of the above branch, which was to have been held at the Saviour's Church on Saturday, December 19th, has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday afternoon, December 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An annual general meeting of the above district will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, December 19th. The bells of the Foundry Campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The bells of St. Nicholas', Dereham, will be reopened on Saturday, December 19th. A service will be held at 3.30, followed by an invitation tea. All ringers accepting invitation are asked to send postcard to Vicar, Canon Macnaughton Jones, R.D.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—The ring of three bells restored and augmented to five by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday afternoon next, the 19th inst.

BUGBROOKE, NEAR WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—The bells rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will be dedicated on Sunday, December 20th, by the Rev. J. P. de Putron, Vicar of Kingsthorpe, Northampton. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

YATE, BRISTOL.—Reopening of bells (6) after re-hanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will take place Tuesday, December 22nd. Service 7.15 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Gloucester. Will those intending to be present please advise Canon E. F. Smith, Yate? Bristol ringers please advise me.—Edgar Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport (All Saints') on Saturday, December 26th (Boxing Day). Service at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of both All Saints' and the pro-Cathedral available during the afternoon and evening, excepting during the time of service and meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Staveley (8 bells) on Saturday, January 2nd. For tea, please notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than December 31st. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 2nd. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

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, January 2nd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Start the new year with a good resolution and come to Baldock on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made by Mr. A. H. Bray, 39, Pembroke Road, Baldock, so please notify him if you require tea. All ringing friends welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (5/6 each) obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, January 9th. St. Michael's bells will be available in the evening. Full particulars next week.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present notify me by Monday, January 11th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—The diamond jubilee will be held on Saturday, February 6th. The secretary (Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent) will be glad to get in touch with all old members, whether able to attend or not.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. D. Vincent is now 76, Victoria Road, Urmston, Manchester.

GREETINGS.

WISHING all members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in general, 'the South and West District in particular,' and all ringing friends near and far, a merry Christmas and a happy new year.—J. A. Trollope, Vice-President; F. W. Goodfellow, Ringing Master; Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., South and West District.

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DEATH.

BAKER.—On December 15th, at Guildford, Emma Susanah Baker, widow of the late Henry Baker, of Lewes, and mother of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, aged 84 years.

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UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening, November 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Lucas 1, P. E. Jones 2, F. Gorke 3, E. Hancox 4, C. Nicholls 5, G. E. Swift (first 720 as conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: *Miss G. Church 1, W. J. Ellis 2, *A. House 3, E. H. King 4, W. J. Bowden 5, E. A. Hull 6, J. G. Nash (conductor) 7, *C. Davidson 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.—On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Dickinson 1, H. W. Strickland 2, Mrs. E. H. King (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, F. H. King 4, H. Ellis 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, C. Davidson 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 29th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of London Surprise (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, T. Grenhall 3, W. Brown 4, E. Forrest 5, J. Cox 6, W. Webb 7, A. Hackott (conductor) 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, October 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes): J. S. Hawkin (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, E. W. Green 4, C. J. Choquet 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pennington-Bickford.

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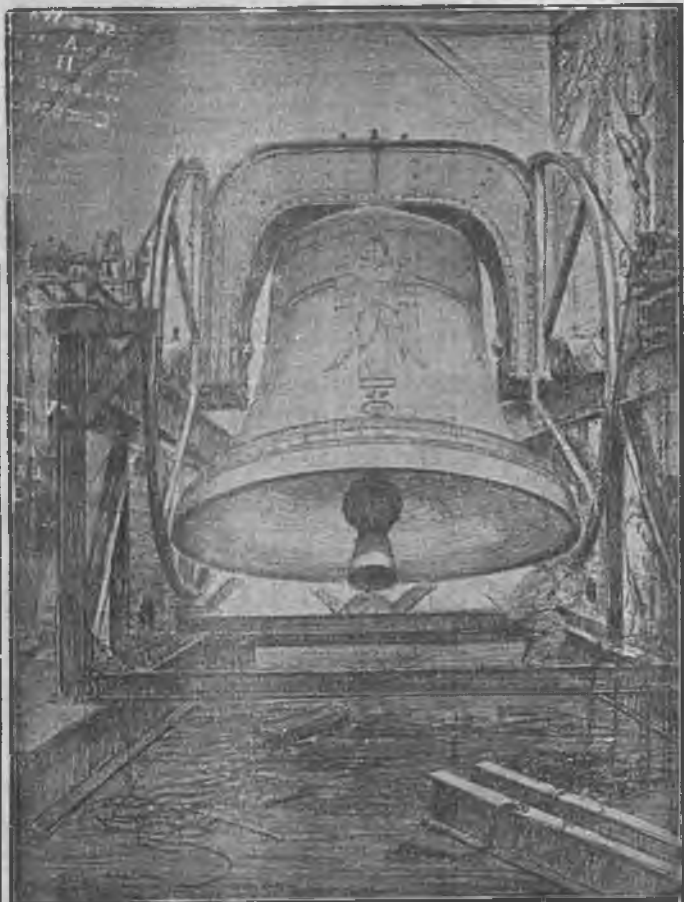
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It is hardly likely, however, that ringers will need any urging. The Christmas season is always one of great activity among members of the Exercise, who are ready to seize any and every opportunity to indulge in their art. But in the exercise of their craft it must not be forgotten that this is also a time when the public themselves are keenly listening for the bells and in ringing for their own pleasure, therefore, it would be well if ringers did not forget that they were ringing also for the pleasure of others, and that it is, consequently, essential that the bells should be rung well. Because it is Christmas time do not imagine that anything will do. The public are expecting to hear the bells; the public's expectancy is the ringers' opportunity. It is one of the occasions when a chance is afforded of popularising bells, and the surest way to do this is to give only of the best.

As long as Christmas lasts, and it will last as long as the Christian faith, we hope the bells will play their customary part. For centuries they have rung out the message of peace and goodwill, for centuries more may they continue to share in disseminating this spirit; of helping to dispel gloom; of helping to remind the world of the Prince of Peace. We believe that to the part they

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Bells and chimes of Motherland,
Of England green and old
That out from gray and ivied towers
A thousand years have tolled.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES:

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST BERTY 7
HORACE BELCHER 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 8
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. R. BERTS ... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS

This is the first peal of Duffield Royal by the society, and the first peal of Duffield Royal rung in the city of London, and the first peal of Duffield Royal by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURGHILL, HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES:

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	JOHN BOURNE 5
THOMAS E. DAVIES 2	IVOR J. RAWLINGS 6
GEORGE R. HANKS 3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 7
HAROLD T. BEBBS 4	JOSEPH T. RAWLINGS Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

First peal on eight by ringers of 2nd, 5th, 6th and 8th. First peal with bob bell by 3rd and 4th. First as conductor. The above, with the exception of treble ringer, are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

MILES PLATTING.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES:

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*PERCY RUSHTON Treble	CHARLES OLLIER 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	ERNEST SEDDON 6
EDWARD F. MAWHY 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
ALLEN F. BAILEY 4	JOHN FERNHEAD Tenor

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the Stedman tercentenary, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th, and a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall. Mr. Hall has been a ringer at this church for over 20 years, and was secretary of the Manchester Branch for ten years.

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANCES:

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES HEMMING Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
THOMAS HEMMING 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal marks the 40th anniversary of Mr. W. Short's first peal of Cambridge. He and Mr. J. Barber were the first Worcestershire men to ring a peal in this method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
FRED BIGGS 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
GEORGE SWIFT 4	RALPH BIGGS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. MARTIN.

This was the last peal rung by the late Mr. Ralph Biggs.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2	CECIL BARRETT 6
GODFREY WALPOLE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal in the method.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	PERCY JERVIS 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

MADRICE R. HAYNES Treble	ARTHUR F. WARREN 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY 6
*WILLIAM J. NORTON 3	CHARLES H. MARTIN 7
ALBERT TURNER 4	REGINALD T. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method away from treble. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. T. C. Ralph, B.A., who was inducted on November 25th.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sunday, November 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5060 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
BERT HORTON Treble	LESLIE C. TRUBSHAW 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
*CHARLES F. COTTRILL 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
EDWARD V. RODENBURST 4	† REUBEN SIDEBOTHAM Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung for the Stedman Tercentenary, also to celebrate the appointment of Rev. Scott Rogers, M.A., of Willenhall, as Vicar of Pattingham.

PINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, September 29th, for the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): J. R. Main 1, T. Abbott 2, C. Richardson 3, G. Clapham 4, A. Boddington 5, H. Pettit 6, T. Garley 7, G. Basford (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, and the first quarter-peal of Major by 6th and 7th.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.)

On Wednesday, December 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

W. A. CAVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

C. S. DURBIN Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 2	HENRY B. BURT 6
BERTRAM S. WORSDELL 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

The annual B.U.R.G. peal, and rung by members of different towers as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leaker, of St. Thomas'.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*CHARLES H. MOORE Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	ARTHUR C. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for Double Norwich.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
*JOHN J. BASSETT 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	ARTHUR P. CANNON 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by ALEX. RICHARDSON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who celebrated his 80th birthday on the above date.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM J. WOOD 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY B. DOBBIE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Arranged for John W. Jones, of Newport, and was his first peal in the method, his 350th peal, and rung on the eve of his birthday.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, September 27th, for the harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Polling (first quarter-peal) 1, B. Saunders 2, F. S. Hart 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, A. Causly 5, F. Weller 6, J. H. Hart (conductor) 7, J. Balcock 8.

THATCHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*GEORGE LIMMER Treble	†ALBERT H. SMITH 5
D. CECIL-WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
MISS ESTHER MATTHEWS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
CHARLES PULLEN 4	SAMUEL QUINTIN Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

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

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	ALEC RICHARDSON 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	FREDERICK WHITE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band with the exception of the conductor.

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

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
JOHN W. ENGLAND 2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM H. WAIN 7
FRED W. KNOWLES 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS MCMORRAN ... Treble	ARTHUR L. MURRAY, B.A. ... 5
ERIC GEORGE 2	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON ... 6
EDWARD LUTMAN 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
WILLIAM H. WILSON 4	ROBERT TAIT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal was rung muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Col. Douglas James Proby, of Elton Hall, Peterborough, Huntingdonshire. Col. Proby, who was a brevet-colonel in the Irish Guards, succeeded to the Glenart Estate on the death of the late Earl of Carylfort, who built and equipped this beautiful church.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
*MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
†SIDNEY R. COOMBER ... 4	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* 20th peal this year. † First peal of Stedman. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Major Collyer, for many years churchwarden and a member of the Church Council at the above church.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
LESLIE G. BREIT 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Rung at the first attempt.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE HUTCHINSON ... Treble	JOHN R. RODWELL 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	GEORGE GRANT 6
*JOHN A. HILL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	*EDWARD C. WHEELER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal and first attempt.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

HARRY BAKER Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM BOTTON 6
CYRIL W. A. BROWN 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
*WILLIAM DURHAM 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	GEORGE KNIGHT 5
LIONEL JONES 2	EDGAR W. LUFF 6
GEORGE WENT 3	GEORGE HAWKINS 7
EDWARD H. STRADLING ... 4	ARTHUR HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*RICHARD ATHERTON ... Treble	FRED COCKSHOTT 5
†ALBERT YATES 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
*JOSEPH RILEY 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
FRED READ 4	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by R. BALDERSTONE.

* First peal in the method. † Proposed a member previous to starting. First peal as conductor. Rung on the 26th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7
LEWIS CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

PAIRFORD, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOPE Treble	HERBERT R. ACOCK 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. ... 2	FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. ... 6
HARRY S. PARSONS 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 7
H. CHARLES BOND 4	ERNEST TELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the third anniversary of the reopening of the bells.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	* JAMES ELDRIDGE 6
CYRIL BARBER 3	EDWIN R. GOATE 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to G. Wilson. By ringing the above peal the local band has taken part in ten different Surprise peals this year.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

* MRS. W. R. MELVILLE ... Treble	BERNARD W. WELLS 5
† MISS JESSIE MELVILLE ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
FREDERICK G. WOODIES ... 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob on a working bell. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville. The ringer of the second is their youngest daughter.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 26 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK NEALE Treble	JOHN NOBES 5
* SYDNEY TAYLOR 2	* RICHARD A. POST 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	* WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE HENRY DAYNES ... Treble	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM BERRY 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 7
JOHN JAMES LAMB 4	HENRY THOMAS WILLSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. THORNTON.

The first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in celebration of the birthday anniversary of the Right Hon. the Lord Wakefield, of Hythe, by whose munificence these ancient bells were restored and augmented in July, 1929.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
MRS. GEORGE W. FLETCHER 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

HANDBRIDGE, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAS. SWINDLEY 5
* HARRY LEWIS 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
MARTIN HARRIS 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JOHN HAYES 4	† ARTHUR H. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.

* First in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones, sen., of Eccleston, father of the ringers of the 7th and 8th.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method in the county, by the Guild, by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 1 Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
ERNEST STONE ... 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 7
JOHN THOMPSON ... 4	WALTER THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of esteem to Mr. Harry Aygyle, for 42 years a ringer in this tower, who was interred in Nuneaton Cemetery earlier in the day.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, 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 12½ cwt.

PERCY NEWTON ... 1 Treble	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 5
FRANK WEST ... 2	JAMES W. WILKINS ... 6
ARTHUR G. JAMES ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	VICTOR EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Ralph H. Biggs, who was fatally injured in an accident on the 3rd December.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD ... 1 Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
JOHN WITHERS, JUN. ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW ... 1 Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	WILLIAM H. LOWE ... 6
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
HERBERT T. PIPER ... 4	ALBERT TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.

Rung as birthday compliments to Messrs. H. Knight and G. A. Baker, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

FRANK BUCKLAND ... 1 Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Arranged and rung to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church of England Schools, well and truly performed on this day by the wife of the Rector of Beaconsfield. A contract involving the expenditure of £5,000 has been made possible entirely by voluntary subscriptions.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... 1 Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	†FRED HAWKES ... 6
*FRANK LAWRENCE ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... 7
CYRIL TANSSELL ... 4	*HAROLD F. MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, D

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS ... 1 Treble	ROBERT SWIFT ... 5
*GEORGE F. HOAD ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 1). Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FULCHER ... 1 Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	JAMES ELDRIDGE ... 6
CYRIL BARBER ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
STANLEY COPLING ... 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Milburg,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD SADLER ... 1 Treble	*FREDERICK W. ANDREWS ... 4
CHARLES H. PRICE ... 2	FRANK SADLER ... 5
*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... 3	STANLEY TEAGUE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SADLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 1 Treble	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 3
GEORGE W. CLARKE ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS

First peal in more than one method on the bells, the one and only other peal having been rung on them in 1925.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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.

REGINALD ROWE ... 1 Treble	JAMES WOODYATT ... 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	JOHN NEAL ... 5
WALTER H. RAXTER ... 3	*ALFRED REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
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 11 cwt.

DENNIS R. MO-KIS Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (SOCIETY OF BRAUGHING YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,880 Grandsire, ten callings, and 2,160 Plain Bob, four callings.

Six six-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob, rung alternately.
 Tenor 17 cwt.

*FREDERICK E. BARKER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE ... 4
HERBERT E. WRIGHT ... 2	WILLIAM K. NORTH ... 5
OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 3	WILLIAM E. BARDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal of Doubles on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Braughing.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
 (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, November 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD E. TIDY Treble	JAMES W. KNIGHT 4
H. F. HYLTON TIDY 2	*JOHN O. WELLER 5
*CHARLES W. CLINCH 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	JOSEPH LAWRENCE 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court and Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... Treble	FRANK DEWEY 4
HARRY JOHNSON 2	GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 3	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

The ringers of treble and tenor have now rung a peal on each bell in this tower. Rung on St. Andrew's Day in commemoration of the patronal festival.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

GEORGE EVANS Treble	JACK ANDREWS 3
*GEORGE ALLARD 2	THOMAS WISE 4
GEORGE PARKER Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal, first attempt.

(Other peal reports will be found on page 833.)

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According to the annual report of the Lancashire Association recently issued, there is a membership of 1,514, made up of 95 honorary, 283 non-resident, and 1,136 resident ringing members. Ninety-one new members were elected during the year. The number of peals rung was 122.

The composition rung at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, was Cave's transposition of Washbrook's peal.

The peal at Worsley, Yorks, on November 28th, was the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

We often read of 'the quickest peal on the bells,' but very seldom of the slowest. However, a peal of Minor at West Deeping, Lincs, rung with the bells half-muffled, and 'well struck throughout,' in 3 hours 30 minutes, is recorded as the slowest 5,040 on the bells.

The peal was rung in memory of the late Mr. William Tilley, who was a ringer at West Deeping for nearly 40 years. It was largely due to his untiring efforts that a treble was added to make a ring of six in 1923. He was also one of the band who rang the 10,080 of Minor at West Deeping in August, 1927.

The peals of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Lamberhurst and Kildown, Kent, on September 19th and December 5th respectively, contained the fourteen possible 720's with the 5-6 the right way behind, taken from 'The Mad Hatter's' tables.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Neath and was attended by 30 members from eight towers. The bells, a ring of six, very much in need of the attention of a bell hanger, were rung until 4.30, when a service was held, conducted by the curate, Rev. — Jenkins, who gave the members a hearty welcome to Neath, and a very helpful address. Tea was afterwards served in St. David's Room, where the Rector, Rev. Gwilym Francis, met the ringers and saw that everyone was provided for, although nine more had come than had sent in their names, the Rector pointing out how very unfair to all concerned this was.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. C. Morse was voted to the chair.

Mr. E. Stitch and Mr. G. W. Hollis were again re-elected secretary and auditor respectively. Morriston was chosen for the next meeting.

A suggestion was made that in the next ringers' directory the Guild officials' names should be printed. The secretary pointed out it was not in order for the district to deal with this matter, and it was left over until the next meeting, when a notice of motion will be moved to go to the annual meeting of the Guild.

Six new members were elected from Llangyfelach and one from Morriston.

The secretary gave a brief outline of what had been done at Cambridge and of his visit on December 5th. Mention was made that all the details of what had occurred had been given in 'The Ringing World,' but, unfortunately, every ringer did not take the paper. Mr. Stitch also referred to the souvenir book and ash trays which could be obtained post free 8d. and 2s. 3d. each respectively. To those who rang Stedman, said Mr. Stitch, there was no need to praise the method, but to those who could not ring it, it was well worth while to learn, and they would never regret any time they spent on it.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman, the Rector, the curate, the organist, the donors of the tea, who were unknown, to the ladies and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The bells were kept going until 8 p.m., when they were lowered in peal. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon.

RINGING IN RUTLAND.

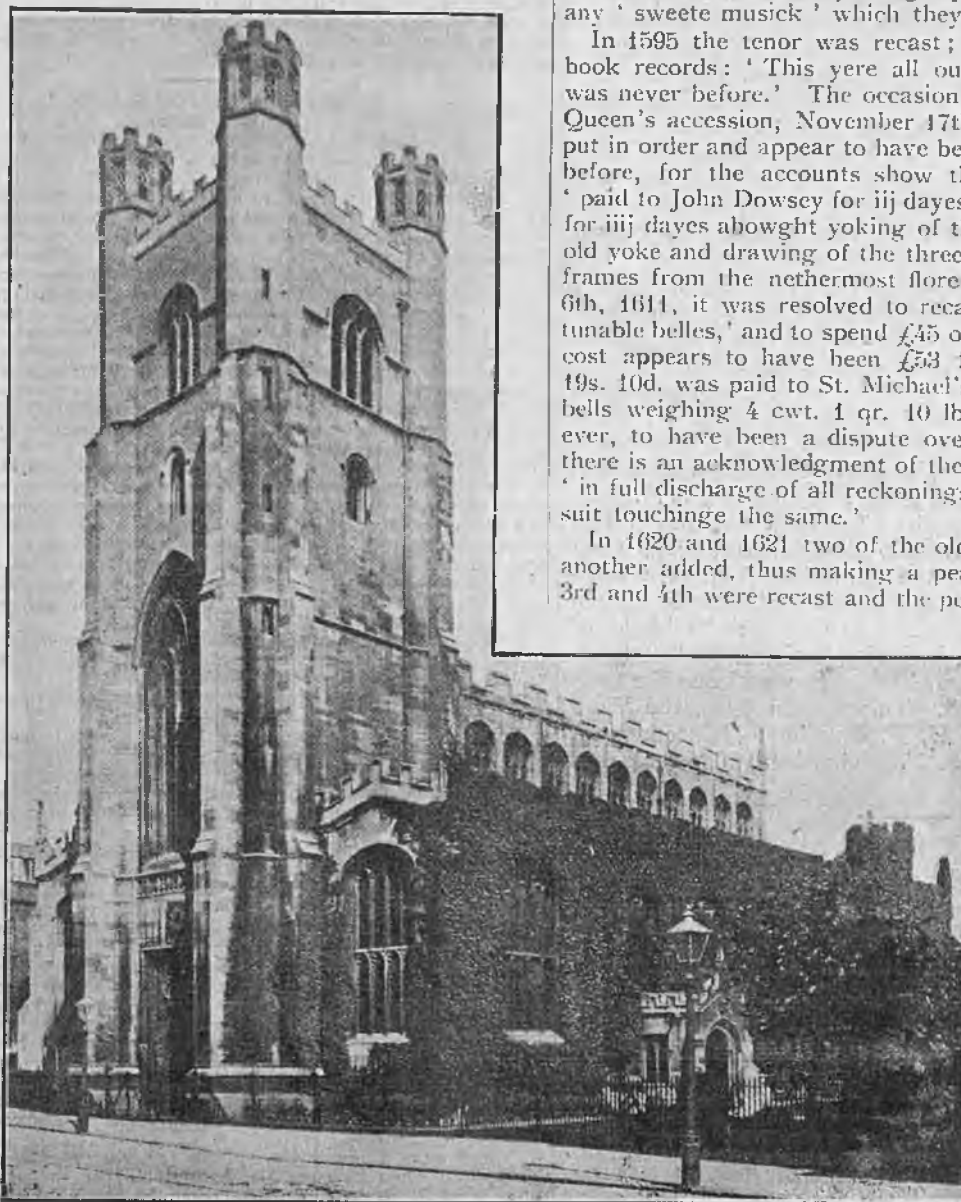
Mr. W. J. Tugwood, of Wing, Rutland, took part in a peal on the bells of his Parish Church on November 28th, and although the bells were installed 28 years ago he is the first local ringer to ring a peal there.

In Rutland, change ringing is at a rather low ebb, and as a consequence peals are few and far between, despite the fact of there being over twenty towers with rings of five and six bells and two rings of eight bells. It is the hope of members of the band who rang the peal at Wing to ring (if conditions will allow) a peal in every tower in Rutland, and wherever possible to include a local ringer in this way, in order to create a new interest in the county.

Of the five bells at Wing, the tenor is by Thomas Newcombe, cast some time between 1560 and 1580. The treble, second, and third are by Robert Taylor, cast in the old foundry at St. Neots about the year 1800, and the fourth is by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1903.

ANOTHER FAMOUS CAMBRIDGE TOWER.**ST. MARY THE GREAT.**

With all the attention which has been focussed on Cambridge during this year, it is not uninteresting to learn something of the bell history of the very fine old church of St. Mary the Great—not so old as St. Benedict's, but still venerable even as churches go—which has been the home of the Cambridge Youths. It had a peal of six in



Elizabeth visited Cambridge in 1564, St. Mary-the-Great was fined 'ijs. ijd.' for not ringing. Good Queen Bess was probably fond of bells, for we know she was so delighted with them when she visited Bristol that St. Stephen's Guild of that city eventually received a royal charter. The absence of the sound of the bells when she went to Cambridge was evidently a source of annoyance to her, but we imagine the fine was inflicted more from a sense of offended royal dignity than from the loss of any 'sweete musick' which they might have diffused.

In 1595 the tenor was recast; and in 1596 the parish book records: 'This yere all our bells are rung out as was never before.' The occasion seems to have been the Queen's accession, November 17th. The bells had been put in order and appear to have been finished only the day before, for the accounts show that on November 16th 'paid to John Dowsey for iij dayes and half and his sonne for iij dayes abowght yoking of the greates bells with the old yoke and drawing of the three greates bells into neu frames from the nethermost flore vijs vjd.' On October 6th, 1611, it was resolved to recast four bells into 'five tunable belles,' and to spend £45 on the frame. The total cost appears to have been £53 13s. 7d., of which £14 19s. 10d. was paid to St. Michael's parish for one of their bells weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. There seems, however, to have been a dispute over the matter, for later there is an acknowledgment of the receipt of £16 10s. 4d. 'in full discharge of all reckonings about our bell and the suit touchinge the same.'

In 1620 and 1621 two of the old bells were recast and another added, thus making a peal of six. In 1667 the 3rd and 4th were recast and the peal augmented to eight,

Stedman's early days, and these were augmented to eight just before he published his 'Tintinnalogia.' It is fairly safe, therefore, to assume that some of his ringing was done, and probably his first acquaintance made with eight bells, at this church.

The earliest knowledge which we have of bells at Great St. Mary's is in the fifteenth century, when there were three bells, known as the 'forebell, myddell bell and great bell.' To these a fourth was added later. When Queen

the weight of the tenor being given by Dr. Mason as 18 cwt. 2 qrs. These bells bore Latin inscriptions, the translations of which were:—

Treble. If you don't wish to come when I call, you will never wish to go to church at all.

2. O mother of God, remember me.

3. O Christ King of Heaven may that sound be pleasing to Thee.

4. John Yorke made me in honour of Blessed Mary.

5. Untouched I am silent; strike me and I sweetly sing.

6. Glory to God only; peace to men.

7. Music is the medicine of that worry which is brought on by toil.

Tenor. I being struck am called Mary, Rose of the world.

In 1721 it was decided to recast all or such of the bells as was thought proper, and in 1722 it was, in addition, resolved to increase the weight of the eight bells so that the tenor should not exceed 28 cwt. and to rehang the bells in a new frame. Later in the same year the contract was given to Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and it was finally concluded to add two more bells to make it a peal of ten. The total cost of the bells, fittings and hanging amounted to between £500 and £600, exclusive of the allowance for the metal of the old bells. The sum of £419 2s. 2d. was raised by church rates and the rest by voluntary subscriptions. The heads of all the Colleges gave two guineas each.

The tenor of this peal was recast in 1770 by Pack and Chapman, who at the same time added two more bells to make a ring of twelve. The trebles being too heavy were recast by Taylor and Co. in 1911. These bells recorded their original casting in the following inscription: 'These two tribbles to make them a compleat peal of twelve was raised by subscription at the interest of Chas. Day and Jno. Paris, ringers of this Society, in the year, 1770.'

The earliest recorded peal on the bells was one of Bob Major in 1779. In 1788 6600 Bob Maximus was rung there in 5 hrs. 5 mins. by the Cambridge Youths, who in 1790 rang a 6000 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, and in 1791 7002 Grandsire Quaters. Other peals have, of course, been rung there, including the first peal of Stedman Cinques which a Vicar had taken part in on the bells of his own parish church. This was in 1912, the Vicar being then the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. His curate at that time (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson) also took part in the peal.

ESSX RINGER'S DEATH.

By the death of Mr. Harry Redgwell, of Rayne, which took place at the age of 64 years on November 30th, the Essex Association has lost a loyal and devoted member. For some long time the deceased had suffered from heart affection, which compelled him to relinquish ringing. When in good health he was a regular service ringer at his parish church and a frequent attendant at the association meetings. By his unostentatious manner he had made a large circle of friends, as evinced at his funeral, which took place on Saturday, December 5th, conducted by the Rev. O. Hutchinson (Rector). Among those present, in addition to his three sons (two of whom are ringers), his daughter and brother (Mr. A. Redgwell) and other relatives, there were present Messrs. G. Wiffen and W. H. Hammond representing the St. Michael's Guild, Braintree and the Essex Association (the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, being unavoidably absent), Mr. A. Shuttleboth (Braintree) and Mr. F. Radley (Bocking). In the evening two extents of Bob Minor with the clappers half-muffled were rung by B. Redgwell 1, A. Redgwell 2, J. Claydon 3, H. Gentry 4, G. Wiffen 5, B. Redgwell (conductor) 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 20th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,344 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, W. H. Hewett 3, F. Digby 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Sanders 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, December 13th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Ciss 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, J. Lovett 4, H. Page 5, W. Page 6, F. Lasbury 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers.

STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

FIRST PEAL ON RESTORED BELLS.

On Thursday of last week the first peal on the restored bells at St. Benedict's Church was rung by members of the Ely Diocesan Association, conducted by Miss Kitty Willers. It consisted of seven 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A BAND FOR SUNDAY RINGING.

It is hoped to form a band of ringers for Sunday service ringing at St. Benedict's Church immediately after Christmas. Members of the Ely Diocesan Association have offered to give voluntary instruction, and we understand that nine boys and one lady have expressed a wish to learn change ringing. The arrangements are in the hands of Miss Kitty Willers, hon. secretary of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch of the association, and Mr. G. Hibbins.

WHEN WAS STEDMAN BORN?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the memorial at Cambridge has been so happily and so successfully completed, it is well to point out two things in the interest of historical truth.

1. It is entirely incorrect to call Stedman the 'father' of change ringing, or to say that he was the first to produce regular methods or peals. The art was firmly established and all its essential features fixed before he was born; and though he did invaluable work in its development, it would have been substantially the thing it is if he had never lived. In 1658 he published his 'Tintinnalogia.' In it he gives a description and explanation of ringing as it then was. The book was the earliest, and in some respects remains the best that has been written on the art, but not one of the methods or peals in it is his own composition. They are all by older men, and, although they appear at first sight to be very crude, they contain the germs of all the development of the last three centuries and recognise (at least by implication) most of the standard laws of ringing, such as truth, symmetry, continuous movement, etc.

Nor is it correct to say that scientific ringing began at St. Bene't's. So far as we can form an opinion on a matter where necessarily direct evidence does not exist, change ringing sprang up simultaneously and spontaneously in all parts of the country and grew out of the peculiar religious and social conditions of the sixteenth century. In the subsequent development, Cambridge and its University bore an honourable and prominent part, but not a larger one than was borne by London, Oxford, Nottingham and, perhaps, other places.

2. It is impossible to accept 1631 as the exact year of Stedman's birth. He was born somewhere about three hundred years ago, and this is near enough his tercentenary, but if we study what we do know about his life we shall, I think, be compelled to put the correct date at somewhere about 1642.

The authority for saying it was 1631 is a man named John Alfred Parnell, who supplied Shipway with the very scanty material he used in writing his chapter on the origin of change ringing. Parnell was living at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and, of course, had no further information than tradition to go on. Actually we do not know what he did say; we have only Shipway's paraphrase of it. At that time probably less was known of early ringing than at any other time in the history of the Exercise. All the books of the College Youths had disappeared, the copy of the early peal book and list of members which the society now possesses then lay hidden and forgotten in a Gloucestershire library. Stedman's two books were rare, so rare that it is quite certain that Shipway had never read either. All that really was known of Stedman was a vague memory of a great personality and the method bearing his name, which not very long before had practically been rediscovered by the College Youths at Norwich. Of the other men of the seventeenth century—Roan, Tendring, Patrick, etc.—the very names had been forgotten.

The name of Patrick in some sort survived, but he was confounded with another and later John Patrick and with George Partrick, the first Master of the Cumberlands. Thus you will find Partrick's twenty-two-course peal of Treble Bob given in Snowden and other books as by Patrick.

Parnell gave Shipway three dates referring to Stedman—1631, his birth, 1656 when he gave his Principle to the College Youths, who rang it at St. Bene't's in 1669, when he published the 'Campanalogia.' The last two can definitely be proved to be wrong, and that casts grave suspicion on the first. This suspicion is confirmed by the fact that a thorough search in the Cambridge registers of that year failed to find any record of Stedman's birth or baptism. Still more convincing is the fact that it does not fit in with what we do know about Stedman. We have (though Shipway and Parnell had not) absolute proof of the dates of some of the events of his life, the dates of the publication of his two books, of his election to the College Youths and to the offices he held in that society. And then we have the will, though that cannot yet be said definitely to be the will of our Fabian Stedman. If Stedman was born in 1631, he would have been about forty years old before he turned his attention to composition. Not an impossibility, of course, but we should have expected an earlier date. If we take 1642 as the more likely date of

his birth the difficulties about the will disappear. It would have been most unlikely that a Cambridge printer should be appointed to a position in the Audit of Excise after he had turned fifty. But we have no difficulty in believing that a man who by his books had shown that he possessed a first-class mathematical brain, and who had influential friends in London—judges, lawyers and men connected with the Royal Court—should have received a post in the public service when he was barely forty. It was quite a natural thing at the time and under the circumstances.

If you ask how did Parnell get the date 1631 if it were not the right one, I cannot answer. I can only point out that in these things mistakes seem very easy to make. For instance, Osborn, Snowdon, Mr. Daniell and Mr. Morris tell us Stedman was steward to the College Youths in 1667. Actually the year was 1677.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

MORE COMMEMORATION TOUCHES.

At Landulph, Cornwall, on December 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hosking 1, F. Hosking 2, H. M. Brown 3, H. J. Clark (conductor) 4, C. C. Clark 5, W. Luke 6. The band has only taken up change ringing during the last 12 months.

At Cirencester, Gloucester, on December 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted to mark the Stedman Tercentenary, but unfortunately failed two courses from home: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, J. C. Eden 3, F. Edwards 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. J. Lewis, jun., 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. P. J. Roberts 8.

At St. John's, Kirdford, on Saturday 5th, to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: M. Stenning 1, S. Sopp 2, S. Kilner 3, G. Sopp 4, P. Duneton (conductor) 5, H. Charman 6.

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, on Saturday, December 5th, 240 and 360 Stedman Doubles with 4, 6, 8 covering: H. Keeley 1, C. Powell 2, Rev. C. C. Cox 3, G. Whitmore 4, F. Blackmore 5, W. Sartin 6, F. Ash 7, J. Philbrick 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples: H. Keeley 1, C. Powell 2, J. Philbrick 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, G. Whitmore 5, F. Price 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. Sartin 8. This is the first tower in West Dorset in which Stedman has been rung by a local band.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was attempted at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, December 5th, to celebrate the Stedman Commemoration, but was lost after ringing an hour: K. A. Nicholson 1, J. Anderson 2, C. L. Routledge 3, R. S. Anderson 4, H. J. Davidson 5, J. E. Ken 6, W. Goffon 7, R. A. Goffon, jun., 8, A. Deas 9, W. H. Barber (conductor) 10.

At Sowton, near Exeter, Devon, on Friday, December 4th, for the Stedman Tercentenary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins. was rung on the bells conducted by A. G. Betts. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the band.

At Farnham, Surrey, at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, the following touches were rung to commemorate the Fabian Stedman Tercentenary: For morning service, 672 Stedman Triples: J. Read 1, J. Beagley 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, E. J. King 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. J. King 1, T. Upshall 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

On Sunday, November 29th, at the Parish Church, Braintree, the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Eddleston) read at matins an extract from 'The Ringing World' with reference to the Stedman Tercentenary celebration. On Sunday, December 6th, for matins, two extents of Stedman Doubles were rung with two extremes: G. W. Melbourne 1, C. H. Howard 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, A. Wiffen 4, H. C. Reason 5, S. Warne 6; and for evensong, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, F. Ely 5, H. C. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, S. Warne 8.

At Corston, near Bath, a peal attempt was made for Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after two hours' ringing: H. W. Brown 1, T. F. King 2, W. H. Crocker 3, C. W. Bell 4, G. Cross 5, F. S. Merrett 6, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 7, H. Ellis 8.

SOUVENIRS.

Two splendid souvenirs of the Tercentenary have been prepared and may be obtained by ringers. One is a daintily got up booklet, which records the details of the Commemoration scheme, has a long and interesting article on Fabian Stedman and a description of St. Benedict's and its tower and bells. In addition there is a complete list of subscribers to the Tercentenary Fund. There are several illustrations, including, as a frontispiece, a fine picture of the Saxon tower. Every ringer should secure one of these souvenirs, which can be obtained post free 8d. each from the 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey.

The other memento of the unique event is an ash tray. A number of these have been turned up out of an ancient oak beam which was removed from St. Benedict's tower in the course of the restoration, and they form very charming souvenirs. Nearly all that were ready were disposed of at Cambridge, but more will shortly be on sale and will be obtainable at 2s. 3d. post free from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex. Early application for these is desirable, as the number is limited.

CHANGES OR ROWS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Surely Mr. Coles' letter is merely perverse. He says that I have not yet said what my resolution means. I began my first letter by doing so, and have done so more than once since. For the nth time I must tell him that it means that the Suffolk Guild will not (any more than any other change ringing society) have any members who want to claim that they have rung, say, 5,000 changes, when they have actually rung only 5,000 rows. On this point is Mr. Coles with the Churchyard Bob ringers, or with the change ringers? If, as I suppose, the latter and he really means that he wants the resolution differently worded, he will have no difficulty in having his wishes carried out, if he will only express them. He says that 'there must be a large number of members of the Suffolk Guild who have quite definite but differing views on what are rows and what are changes.' I cannot believe this. As far as I can tell, everyone thinks as I do, that a row is something written on paper, and a change is a difference between rows, whether written on paper, or when rung on bells. I have pointed out that these are facts, not opinions, either Mr. C. T. Coles', or mine, or anyone else's.

If Mr. Coles thinks there is any difference, let him give us the two sides. I think that when he tries to express them he will find that the difference disappears. At any rate until he does so, I must be excused for not believing that such a difference exists. Mr. Coles may rest assured that there is no possibility of anyone being excluded from the Suffolk or any other Guild owing to a difference of opinion. His illustration does not illustrate, for three reasons. In the first place, I do not wear clerical garb on Sundays and lay attire, or ordinary clothes, in the week; and if I said I did it would not be a false change but a false statement. Secondly, if I did, there would not be two changes, but one change, and a replacement. An observer who saw me on Saturday, and next on Monday, would correctly report, in spite of Mr. Coles' correspondent, that there was, in fact, no change. Thirdly, a change of suits and a change in ringing are not the same thing. To change suits requires a fresh suit of clothes each time. But one does not need a fresh ring of bells every time one makes a change.

What Mr. Coles and his correspondent have got hold of is a fact which can be explained thus. Take the two rows:—

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Here are two different rows, and from them we can deduce that there are two changes and only two, on two bells. But these rows are not the changes, any more than they are the actual bells. Moreover, as written above, they only represent one change. To get another change we must write another row:—

12

21

12

This does actually represent two changes. So we get the rule that 'To make two changes we need three rows.' If it were suits of clothes we were dealing with, we might say there was one change and a replacement, but we are not. And in order to count the number of changes easily, we draw a line either after the first 12, or before the second. We then see that this rule is universal: 'To make n changes, we need n+1 rows.' It is hardly necessary to warn Mr. C. T. Coles that these are not my opinions, but facts—facts which cannot be spoken against.

Mr. Coles suggests that both our resolution and the Painswick tablet should now be consigned to oblivion. This, unfortunately, cannot be done in either case. The Suffolk Guild must be protected from those who would ring 5,000 rounds and then claim to have it recorded as a peal because it consisted of 5,000 rows, especially now that Mr. Coles has championed their cause. And the tablet is not only the 'Great Hoax of Painswick,' but it is a solid fact, in wood or stone, and, moreover, protected by a faculty. This means that it requires a lawsuit (expensive even if successful) to remove it, let alone to forget it. Who is anxious to waste this money? I am not.

To alter the word 'changes' into 'rows' on the tablet seems both possible and practicable. I cannot say the same of any other suggestions that have been made. Can we not agree on this?

There is a wider question. Some people have expressed the opinion that such a feat, though it was not a peal, deserved such a record as a tablet. With this opinion I have the very greatest sympathy. Moreover, in your columns the opinion has been expressed that records should be kept of attempts as well as successes. This would become impracticable if we are to use the word 'changes' indiscriminately, as Mr. Coles seems to desire. If, however, we agree to reckon up the number of 'changes' only when true changes have been rung, and in other cases merely to count the number of 'rows,' then we should know where we are, and it would be safe to record unsuccessful attempts.

Best wishes of the season to you and all my other fellow-ringers.

HERBERT DRAKE.

AN EVENING AT WILL COSTER'S.

MR. J. A. TROLLOPE CONJURES UP GHOSTS OF THE PAST.

There is (or there was) an impression in the Exercise that the College Youths of Annable's time were men of wealth, dignity and position. Once, according to the old tale, after they had rung a peal of Bob Maxims at St. Bridget's in Fleet Street, they departed to their own homes in pomp and state, each in his own carriage. Who first invented this tale, I cannot tell; at the best it is but a silly fable, for, whatever the College Youths of those days may have been, and whatever else they may have done, of this at least we may be sure, that when they finished that peal they went to the Barley Mow (or wherever their club house then was) and made a night of it. There was a time (but that was in earlier years still) when the College Youths were men of good social position. Whether they were ever quite respectable is another matter. There was, even in their best days, a certain Bohemian atmosphere about some of their proceedings which would hardly meet with the approval of the really respectable. What they were like in Annable's time I have tried to hint at in the following sketch. Much of the detail is, of course, imaginary, but all the persons, most of the incidents, and a lot of the dialogue are strictly historical.

WILL LAUGHTON ENTERS.

One evening towards Christmas, in the year 1733, a man was groping his way through the narrow, ill-paved and ill-lit streets of Moorfields. There was a touch of early winter in the air, and the east wind blew sharply, dimming the few lamps that here and there served to make the dark lanes seem darker still. The wayfarer turned down Angel Alley and, stopping at the Bell Tavern, lifted the latch and prepared to descend the few steps into the parlour. As he did so he caught his foot on some obstruction and fell sprawling into the middle of the room.

'Curse that step!' he muttered. 'The devil fly away with the man who made it!'

Five or six men were sitting round the fire smoking. At the clatter of the newcomer's entry they turned, and, seeing who it was, greeted him with a shout. 'What, Will! What, Laughton! Is this the way to come into the company of gentlemen?'

Laughton picked himself up, a bit ruffled in temper. 'Gentlemen!' he snarled. 'I know how to meet gentlemen. You're only a pack of— Here! Coster! Will Coster, bring me a dram to keep this cold out.'

The landlord came into the room at the moment. He was a big, burly fellow, between forty and fifty years old, once evidently an athletic man, but now grown fleshy and red faced as a publican will.

'Look 'ee here, Will Laughton,' he said, 'when you come into my place, try and pretend to be a man and walk on your hind legs, and not like the ass you are on all fours.'

'Ass!' snapped the other. 'I'd sooner be a well-bred ass than an old fat-sided pig like you.'

Coster regarded him with a grin. 'If I have much more of your lip, I'll take you by the scruff of the neck and drop you outside in the gutter where you belong.'

'All right, Coster,' said one of the others. 'Let him alone. He's all right, only Ben's been upsetting him again.'

'Who?' said the landlord. 'What, Annable? What's he bin doing to you, Laughton?'

'Me?' said Laughton. 'Nothing. I care no more for Ben Annable than I do for you lot, and I'll tell him so, too,' a boast which which greeted with a derisive laugh.

'Ben's a good ringer, anyhow,' said a tall young fellow, John Trenell by name.

'He ain't the only one,' said another. 'There's better than him.'

'You shut up, Jerry Gilbert,' said Coster. 'You don't know a good ringer when you meet him. Not that you'll get the chance, for the College Youths won't have the likes of you.'

'They can wait till I ask 'em,' rejoined Gilbert, 'but I say again, there's better men ringers than Ben Annable.'

'Who is?' asked Trenell. 'Well, Matt East for one,' said the other.

'I don't know about that,' said Coster. 'Matt's a good chap, but he ain't as good as Ben.'

'He called the Gran'sir Cinques at Bridget's, anyhow,' said Gilbert.

'Ay,' rejoined the landlord, 'and Bill Jackson pricked the peal. And both of 'em had to go to Ben to show 'em how. Did you ever see the peal they started for at first? Big bells mixed up something awful. No wonder they couldn't ring it. Jackson said that that was how Doelman used to prick Gran'sir, and what was good enough for him was good enough for anybody. They wouldn't let Ben call, of course; said they didn't want boys to show 'em how to do things. He was only a youngster then, but soon as he got the chance he showed 'em how to ring peals. I will say this for Matt East, he wasn't a bit jealous, and let Ben have his own way soon as he knew how good he was.'

'The worst of Ben is that he always wants his own way,' said Laughton. 'He thinks nobody can prick a peal except him, nobody can call bobs and nobody else ring a big bell.'

'Ben's a bit masterful, I grant ye,' said Trenell, 'but where should we be without him? They say the London Scholars are all sixes and sevens because they haven't got anybody to lead 'em.'

'The London Scholars are finished,' said Coster. 'they'll break up any time. More's the pity. They were better chaps than over the College Youths was.'

'Who told you that, Coster?' asked another man, who had not yet spoken.

'Never you mind,' was the answer. 'I knows a lot, and did afore you was born, Dick Spicer.'

'All right,' said Spicer, 'we all knows you're an old man and know'd all the old 'uns. Tell us who's the best ringer you ever met?'

'Old be d—d!' answered Coster. 'But it's true I've rung with every one of the old ringers—Doleman and John Patrick and John Gartlon of Norwich—but I never come across one man so good that there wasn't a better. But if you ask me, I say the cleverest ringer that ever lived was Bob Baldwin. In them days we had a hand at Duustan's that 'ud beat anything you lads could do. Pity Baldwin dropped ringing; he'd ha' done more'n ever Ben'll do.'

THE 'RAMBLING RINGERS'

'I ain't a saying anything against Ben as a ringer,' said Laughton. 'What I say is, why don't he keep his mouth shut and not go finding fault with everyone like he do.'

'You shouldn't make trips, Bill,' said Trenell. 'Ben likes good striking, and ye know when you've got a drop too much you do flounder about a bit.'

'That's nothing to no one,' said Laughton. 'I takes my drink like a man. Ben don't care about good fellowship. He don't drink. What I say is: What's the good of finding fault? For whoever rings as well as he can shouldn't be blamed by anybody. If Ben could tell a mistake before it's made I should say he'd great, good luck. But he don't know no more than the Pope o' Room, who's going to make a fault before it's done. And what signifies it calling out when it's over and the man who made it knows it as well as he does. It only sets 'em a fretting and making more mistakes; and the consequences we've seen too often when we've bin ringing. What do you say? Let's make up a friendly party of our own and have a bit of friendly ringing by ourselves.'

'You daren't do it,' said Spicer. 'Where are you going to get a hand and who's going to get leave for the towers? D'ye think they'll let you go to Bridget's or Saint Martin's? And who's going to ring the big bells at Cornhill? What'll the College Youths say if you start a new company?'

'I ain't a-thinking about starting a new company,' said Laughton. 'We're all College Youths here, ain't we? All except Jerry, and we're going to stop College Youths. We han't any design to affront any soul on the earth. What I say is, Let's have a little diversion and go and ring at the different towers in the City. I say: Let's have variety. Because there's peals of twelve in town, that's no reason why we shouldn't have a go at fives and sixes. Let's meet next Thursday. Where shall we go? I'll stand you a hang-up here at Will Coster's afterwards.'

'Who are you going to get?' asked Spicer.

'What about Jack Cundell and Hardham?'

'We don't want Cundell,' said Laughton. 'There's too much of Ben Annable's style about him, and Hardham won't come. We've got enough. There's me and Jerry and Spicer and Trenell. Harrington and Tom Clark and Jack Dearmore'll come. What about you, Coster?'

'Not me,' said the landlord. 'I'm not a-going traipsing about in dirty five-bell towers with you lads. You can come here afterwards if ye like, and one day I'll give you a sea pie that you'll talk about as long as you live.'

'All right, ye fat pig, stop at home! Me and my friends is going to do some famous exploits in the art of ringing. Let Ben and the others take it hainously if they like and endeavour to ridicule folks behind their backs. That's what they'll do, you mark me. But I say, hang all these Snarling Criticks! Where shall we meet first? What about Benet Fink?'

'What about Peter Poor?' said Coster.

The others laughed. 'There's a dear old she-sexton there,' said Gilbert, 'that loves Laughton. You know her, don't you, Bill?'

'I know her all right,' answered Laughton, 'and I know how to get the keys all right. I'll bring Pogg Crabb's haughty stomach down if she makes any trouble. I did a job for the warden 'tother day; mended his clock, and he likes me. Well, then. Meet at Benet Fink Thursday next. Then we'll go to Hart Street and Shadwell and Peter Poor and wherever we want. Here, Coster! fill up these glasses and I'll give you a toast. "Success to the Rambling Ringers and confusion to all Snarling Criticks!"'

NOTES.—Angel Alley was where the Metropolitan Railway Station, Moorgate, now is. St. Benet Fink Church was at the back of the Royal Exchange, St. Peter la Poor was in Broad Street. Both have since been pulled down. 'Hang-up' was Laughton's slang term for a treat. I do not know if it was a common expression at the time.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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WINTERBOURNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, all different callings. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER Treble	FRANK SKIDMORE 4
THOMAS JAMES 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. Two days after this peal was rung Canon C. J. Burrough, Rector of Winterbourne, and Rural Dean of Almondsbury, passed away at the Rectory after a long illness.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALDWIN FIELDING Treble	WILLIAM STEELE 4
†WILLIS DYSON 2	ERNEST BROOKES 5
†RAYMOND CROSSLAND 3	LEONARD A. FIELD Tenor

Conducted by E. BROOKES.

First peal. † Third peal. Average age of first four ringers is 16 years, the youngest being 14. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the miners who lost their lives at Bentley disaster.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST E. WOODAGE Treble

JAMES BASSETT 2

ANDREW MARSHALL 3

JAMES WAGBORN 4

ALBERT RELFE 5

KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Wagborn and Miss F. Pattenden, which took place at the above church on this date. This peal, with the one rung at Lamberhurst on September 19th, was taken from 'The Mad Hatter's' tables, and contain the 14 720's with 5-6 the right way behind, which are possible in this method.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. A. C. MOULE Treble

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2

MISS KITTY WILLIERS 3

*ARTHUR WILSON 4

HAROLD J. HAZELL 5

EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob.

Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD V. FROST Treble

*THOMAS A. BLOW 2

JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 3

JOHN MALYAN 4

HARRY D. HOLLICK 5

FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal in four methods. First in four methods as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob,

Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR RIGGALL Treble

GEORGE LADD 2

HORACE M. DAY 3

JOSEPH O. LANDAN 4

WILLIAM NEAL 5

JOHN C. AMES Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung half-muffled in memory of William Tilley, who was a ringer at this church for nearly 40 years.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR MACKEARS Treble

WILLIAM G. THORPE 2

REV. C. J. STURTON 3

SIDNEY WHALEY 4

HENRY SQUIRES 5

ARTHUR W. WARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

Rung to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the dedication and reopening of the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

VIOLET E. SHORTER Treble

KITTY WILLIERS 2

CHARLES W. COOK 3

FRANK HARPER 4

JOHN W. WARD 5

EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by KITTY WILLIERS.

First peal on the bells since their restoration in commemoration of the Stedman Tercentenary.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At 48, King's Road,

On Wednesday, December 4, 1931, in Two Hours Twenty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Size 16 in B.

JOHN MALYAN 1-2

*WALTER AYRE 3-4

Composed by GRO. H. CROSS. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witness. Mrs. F. KIRK.

* 100th peal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Miss Richardson (Surfleet) and the conductor.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, December 8, 1931, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

At 9, PEMERROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2

PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (157). Conducted by WM. BARTON.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. W. Baxendale and S. R. Myers, of the Pudsey company.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, about forty members and friends being present. The bells were rung in various methods before the choral service, which was held in the church, conducted by the curate (the Rev. R. Donne), who presided over the tea which followed the service.

The curate, on behalf of the Vicar and himself, extended a hearty welcome to the Guild and all ringers—Mrs. Scott proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the curate, the organist and choir, the Mothers' Union and Mr. Measures.—Mr. Measures suitably replied.

After the tea the business meeting was held (the gentlemen adjourning to the belfry while this was in progress). Members were present from Bramley, Dewsbury, Leeds, Dore, Norton, Rotherham, Eastwood, Thurncroft and Handsworth. Mrs. Thomas (the Vicar's wife) was voted to the chair and two new members were elected, viz., Mrs. Parkin, of Eastwood, and Miss Dugdale, of Dore.

Workshop was selected as the place of the next meeting, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Thomas for taking the chair. The ladies then joined the gentlemen in the belfry, where ringing was continued till 9 o'clock.

HOUSLOW.—On Sunday, December 13th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: C. Gooch 1, W. Sparrow 2, H. W. Barrett 3, F. G. Goddard 4, W. W. Daniell 5, C. J. Tricker 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by ringer of the treble.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, A. J. Smith 2, B. Wilson 3, H. Walker 4, E. Shann 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

WOODFORD.—On Sunday, December 13th, at St. Mary's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins.: A. Bass (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Cousins (first on 'inside' bell) 2, F. Corney 3, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 4, E. Holman 5, C. R. Morss 6, J. A. Waugh 7, W. R. Morley 8.

GREAT TEY.—On Sunday, December 6th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung (1,260 changes), at St. Barnabas' Church, by the following ringers: E. Percival 1, B. Webb 2, T. Evans 3, G. Evans 4, S. Piper 5, J. Dyer (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 29th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): Miss V. Shorter 1, A. E. Pistow 2, R. Lathbury 3, B. D. Buttress 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, L. E. Simmonds 6, F. Denon 7, J. W. Ward (conductor) 8.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, November 29th, for morning service, 720 Durham Surprise: H. Parry 1, Miss D. I. Leatham 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, W. Dean (conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6. First 720 of Durham by all the band and on the bells. For evening service, 720 Beverley Surprise: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, H. Parry (first 720 of Beverley) 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, J. Leslie 4, W. Dean (conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday evening, November 29th, for the 71st birthday of Mr. J. A. Dart (prevented by fog from attending to ring), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Dickinson 1, E. A. Hull 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, E. H. King 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Ellis 7, C. Davidson 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 48 mins.: Doris E. Lidbetter 1, A. Cutmore 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, C. F. Hunt 4, E. C. Turner (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Cook 6, P. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, W. H. Wood 9, P. Norton 10. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 3rd. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Whiting, one of the local ringers, on the birth of a son and heir.

5,536 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

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For 5,088 omit 3 bobs *

Rung as 5,088 at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, Saturday, October 31st, 1931, conducted by Edward Jenkins.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The last meeting of the year was held at Worksop on Saturday week, when members attended from Anston, Creswell, Edwinstowe, Blyth, Warsop, Misterton, Shireoaks, East Markham, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Collington, Gamston, Wheatley and the local band who gave the association a hearty welcome.

Tea was partaken of at Davy's Cafe, and then the belfry was again visited for the business meeting.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided, supported by Mr. H. Haigh. The chairman mentioned the opening of the two trebles to complete the octave at Sutton-on-Trent, which was to take place on December 19th.

The following non-resident life members were elected: Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, of Folkingham, and Mr. H. M. Day, of Market Deeping.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuxford on February 6th.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the Vicar and the ringers for their hearty welcome. Ringing afterwards continued during the evening.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables 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 December 31st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport (All Saints') on Saturday, December 26th (Boxing Day). Service at 4 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in All Saints' Mission Room, Lyne Road. The bells of both All Saints' and the pro-Cathedral available during the afternoon and evening, excepting during the time of service and meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Staveley (8 bells) on Saturday, January 2nd. For tea, please notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than December 31st. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 2nd. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3.30 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea can be obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street.—Geo. Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

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, January 2nd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Start the new year with a good resolution and come to Baldock on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made by Mr. A. H. Bray, 39, Pembroke Road, Baldock, so please notify him if you require tea. All ringing friends welcome.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Devizes (St. John's) on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) bells also available. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brislington on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will tower secretaries and individual members please note all subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, or sent to: Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Cathedral bells available at 1.30. Guild meeting in St. Maurice Hall at 3.30, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in the Cathedral at 5.10. Address by the Dean.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Barton on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (5/6 each) obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, Surrey.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wood Green Jan. 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. G. A. Stokes, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Jan. 5th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, January 9th. St. Michael's bells will be available in the evening. Full particulars next week.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Lindfield on Jan. 9th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 6th. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service at 4, tea and business meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. Please send names for tea not later than Jan. 4th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Eleventh Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 6 p.m. Afternoon arrangements will be announced later. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Dyke (Bath), C. Mogford (Pensford), L. Tanner (Weston-super-Mare), or from officials and representatives of the Guilds.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present notify me by Monday, January 11th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Feltham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at the Railway Hotel, at 1s. Church adjoins station.—All ringers and friends welcome. Send a card to Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—The diamond jubilee will be held on Saturday, February 6th. The secretary (Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent) will be glad to get in touch with all old members, whether able to attend or not.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. D. Vincent is now 76, Victoria Road, Urmston, Manchester.

GREETINGS.

WISHING all members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in general, 'the South and West District in particular,' and all ringing friends near and far, a merry Christmas and a happy new year.—J. A. Trollope, Vice-President; F. W. Goodfellow, Ringing Master; Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., South and West District.

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